

SPORT

MEL O'MARA - GYMNASTICS

As a result of her successful performance at the 2015 Australian Gymnastics Championships, Year 11 student Mel O'Mara had the opportunity to represent Australia in a trans-Tasman series against New Zealand.

During the tournament, which took place in Auckland over the October school holidays, Mel competed in artistic gymnastics, performing on the vault, bars, beam and floor.

"It was good, it gives you a proud feeling because you get to represent your country," Mel said.

"While I didn't have the best preparation due to injury, I had a good competition - my routines were solid."

Ultimately, Mel hopes to represent Australia at a higher level - such as the Commonwealth Games - which she is working towards by training six days a week.



Australian Representatives



REBECCA CROSS - SWIMMING

Year 10 swimmer Rebecca Cross has had a lot of success over the years, and 2015 turned out to be her best year yet, after she was selected in the Junior Australian Talent ID Squad, which aims to prepare swimmers for the 2020 Olympic games.

The breaststroke and medley swimmer was selected at the end of July after an impressive showing at a NSW camp.

The Australian squad had its first camp in October, where she received talks on nutrition and self-management, and received a personalised exercise program. She also took part in ten pool sessions under the guidance of the best coaches in the country - including some former Olympic games coaches.



JESSICA SKEEN - KARATE

Jessica Skeen of Year 7 was one of two Australian representatives in her division at the GKR Karate World Cup in Liverpool, England, during July. Jessica performed well, finishing in the Top 10 in the fighting event and 15th in kata. She wasn't the only Skeen representing Australia at the World Cup - her father became World Champion in his division in kata.

The World Champion

TYLER HAYS, TOM SEAMAN + ADAM SEARY - INDOOR CRICKET

Three MacKillop students represented Australia at the Indoor Cricket World Series during the October school holidays, with Adam Seary of Year 11 becoming MacKillop's latest World Champion.

Thomas Seaman (Year 10) and Tyler Hays (Year 9) represented Australia A in their respective age groups, while Seary and former MacKillop student Benji Floros helped steer the Australian Under-18 side to victory.

Seary played an important role for the Aussies, with his batting performance in the final setting the platform for Australia's successful run chase against South Africa.

"It was one of the best feelings I've ever had in my life, there was so much emotion put into the ten days and to come out on top was really good," Seary said.

"My goal was to get picked in the Top 8 for the Australian team and play the final, and to be able to represent my country in the final and win was a great honour."

Hays (U16) and Seaman (U18) also enjoyed success in the tournament, with Hays' performances against the other Australian side and Seaman's two victories over eventual finalists South Africa among their biggest highlights.

The World Series in Brisbane became the second time Hays had represented his nation after he and his team won the U12 World Cup



in South Africa in 2012. While Seary and Seaman were reserves for the U16s in 2012, the experience in 2015 had them wanting to represent Australia again in the future.

"Now we are going to turn our attention to the World Cup in Dubai in 2017," Seary said.

"Ultimately, the goal for all of us is to represent Australia at the Open level."

MacKillop was also represented by former student Jake Floros, who was assistant coach for the World Champion side.

"It was one of the best feelings I've ever had."

-ADAM SEARY



BREE PAYTEN - SOFTBALL

Breanna Payten of Year 9 was selected for the U15 Aussie Sparks National softball development squad, which toured the United States in September. Bree, like the rest of the squad, was selected upon the recommendation of state coaches. The tour involved a number of games, as well as training with coaches from the famous Firecracker Organisation.



SARAH PURCELL - WATER POLO

Sarah Purcell (Year 9) took part in the Water Polo Australia Talent ID Development Camp midway through the year. Sarah was selected for the squad of 30 on the back of strong testing results. She described the camp as a 'whole new level' but held her own as she took part in the intense skill and tactics sessions.



JOSH DEZMAN - MUAYTHAI

While he hasn't yet represented his nation, there's a good chance it'll happen. MacKillop student Joshua Dezman became the Junior Male Australian Muaythai Champion, winning the gold medal at October's National Championships on the Gold Coast.

At the time of writing, the Year 8 student was five years and six fights into his Muaythai career, with a record of five wins.

He is also looking into the very real possibility that he could represent Australia in 2016.

Savannah and Sebastian's SPORTING SUCCESS

This brother and sister duo had an extremely successful 2015.



SAVANNAH KRIS - AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS NETBALL REPRESENTATIVE

Year 12 student Savannah Kris earned herself a call-up to an Australian Indigenous Netball team this year.

Savannah's performance at the National Netball Championships in January was enough to interest selectors, who picked her in an Australian Indigenous team for the World Sports Carnival on the Gold Coast in July.

Describing it as an 'honour' to be chosen, Savannah said she gained a lot during her time with the team.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent an indigenous team," Savannah said.

"I didn't think that I would get in, it was a surprise.

"I learnt new skills and it was new and different. I learnt that people can be good at sport and be good sports at the same time.

"Overall it was actually really good, I became friends with lots of people, including people from New Zealand."

Savannah's side finished the tournament in 8th position.

"I learnt people can be good at sport and be good sports, too."

-SAVANNAH KRIS



SEBASTIAN KRIS - NSW JUNIOR STATE OF ORIGIN REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Year 11 student Sebastian Kris, who represented the NSW U16 State of Origin side in the curtain raiser to Origin I at ANZ Stadium on Wednesday 27 May.

In the lead up to Origin, the Canberra Raiders Junior was able to learn from the likes of Danny Buderus, Jamie Feeney, Andrew Ryan, Paul Sironen and Brad Fittler in their training camp.

NSW Blues icon Andrew Johns presented Sebastian with his team jersey prior to the biggest match of his promising rugby league career.

Unfortunately, Sebastian's influence wasn't enough to stop his side from going down to Queensland 10-6 in a tight, physical encounter.

It was a year of real opportunity for Sebastian, who, prior to his Origin selection, was chosen to attend the NRL Indigenous Youth Summit on the Gold Coast in February.

The Summit, which looked at career paths outside of sport, involved group activities, classes at Griffith University, and talks from Jessica Mauboy, Preston Campbell, and Jharal Yow Yeh.

"I learned a lot," Sebastian said.

"It will help me in the future. Sport isn't forever; you've got to have a career afterwards."

The Sports Review

Well it was another big year in sport for St Mary MacKillop College in 2015. This year we again competed in a wide variety of team sports and individual events, giving each student the opportunity to take part in their chosen sport as well as some that they may not have been so familiar with. As a College we had over 450 individual students participate in over 80 different team and individual competitions.

Congratulations to all of our teams who competed in the various competitions this year. We had a very successful year, with many teams winning or coming runners-up in their competitions/events. In particular, I would like to congratulate

the following teams and their coaches who were ASC, Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese, or ACT Champions:

- 7/8 Girls Football (Soccer) – Mr Roberston
- 9/10 Girls Football (Soccer) – Mr Belcher
- 7/8 Boys Touch Football – Mrs Sullivan
- 9/10 Girls Netball Archdiocese – Mrs Durham
- 7/8 Boys Rugby League – Mr Longo
- 9/10 Girls Softball – Mrs Mansfield
- 7/8 Boys ASC Hockey – Mr Camus
- 9/10 Boys ASC Hockey – Mr Webster
- 7/8 Boys Cricket – Mr Lee Rose
- 9/10 Boys Cricket – Mr Belcher & Miss Fahey

- 7/8 Boys Oz tag – Mr McCombe
- 7/8 Boys Rugby Union – Mr McNicol & Mr Seivers

Two teams that deserve special mention are the 7/8 Girls Cricket and 7/8 Girls Netball Teams.

The 7/8 Girls Cricket team made a three-peat, winning the ACT Title in 2013, 2014 and 2015. As winners of this year's competition, the team was invited on an all-expenses paid trip to play on the MCG in the first ever National Finals Competition that is to be held in mid-December and, no doubt, will be reported on after the event. Congratulations to Mr Lachlan McNicol

The Sport Portfolio

SPORT IS AN important part of the culture of St Mary MacKillop College and I was honoured to lead that in 2015. I had an amazing SRC behind me, with all of them putting in hours of unnoticed effort into every event at the College. Thank you to all the other students who helped me with ideas or in running the programs.

This year the carnivals were both successes with the competition being tight for the first time in a few years. The weather didn't stop us all having a great time as a full College with the participation levels from all grades and houses being very high this year. For the first time ever, we, attempted to have a whole school theme of *Survivor*. Although the doubts were there, on the day it worked out great with MacKillop really looking and feeling like one big community. However, this did not hinder the competitive spirit with Gurabang (Championship Cup) and Meup Meup (Spirit Cup) knocking the defending champs, Ngadyung, off both cups.

This, however, was a bitter-sweet taste as this kicked Ngadyung back into gear for the Athletics Carnival in which they won both cups (again). Weather played a massive part in the Athletics Carnival, causing a few events to be cancelled. This, however, didn't stop the participation as hundreds of kids still competed and joined the novelty events. I am astonished and proud of the spirit shown on that day to still have fun in horrible weather. Throughout the year Mindygari defined the norms and came second in almost every cup and by a slim margin, so I think next year is the year they break the drought.

The After-School Sports Program was run again this year at the junior

who has coached this team for the past three years.

The 7/8 Girls Netball team went through the year undefeated in their 29 matches, being named Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese, ASC and NSW CCC Division Champions for 2015. Congratulations go to the girls in the team and their coaches throughout the competitions Mrs Rhonda Senti, Miss Sally Cunningham and Mrs Kate Gervink.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the College Executive for their continued support of sport at the College and to the 40+ staff who have given up their time and expertise to coach and/or manage the many teams



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JAMIE TAYLOR

campus. The one-hour session is run completely by Year 12 students and is for Year 7-9 students to attend. This year we did oztag, basketball and indoor soccer. Thank you to Tim Broom and Emily Borgo for helping to run the program throughout the year. I found the program a huge success in its second year and think it's a great way to get Year 12s interacting with the younger students.

This was the first year that a dodgeball competition was held, taking place in the final few weeks. Although it was a late idea and was a little rushed, it was a good competition that involved three teams. With more time to plan, it could really be a great annual thing *"cough Joseph cough"*. This year's competition had no undefeated team with many games going to sudden

death; however #GoBears came out triumphant - which also happened to be the team I was playing for.

In all, the final year of my schooling was made better by sports at MacKillop and the role I had in it. It was a great joy and honour to be the representative for the class of 2015 and I hope I fulfilled the role that I was entrusted with. The heart of MacKillop lies in the students and teachers and sport can bring out the best of our community.

Jamie Taylor
Sports Captain

"Sport can bring out the best of our community."

- JAMIE TAYLOR

staff and students of the College. Finally I would like to thank all of the students who have participated in all sports this year. The pride, passion, commitment and sportsmanship you demonstrate prior to, during and after games is a credit to you. Congratulations to you all for your participation in the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals in 2015. A big thank you to the Year 12 Student Leadership Team and College SRC for their ideas, support and help to make our carnivals the success they were.

Bring on 2016!!!

Mr Nathan Wood
College Sports Coordinator

A BIG thank you to all of the parents who have supported the College this year in the area of sport by filling out all of the forms, dropping and picking up their son / daughter at the venues and supporting the College at all of these events. It is greatly appreciated by the



CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

GURABANG

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



THE SPIRIT CUP

MEUP MEUP



WHAT A GREAT DAY we were met with for the 2015 College Swimming Carnival that was held at the Dickson Aquatic Centre. With the unfortunate cancellation of last year's carnival, students were eager to make up for the missed opportunity and, with the introduction of the new House Songs the day was set to be bigger than ever.

Students arrived at the venue in their house colours, chanting loud and proud. There was a sense of anticipation and the House Captains and SRC had done a great job building their respective house's spirit. The competition was some of the best that I have seen, with many students competing in all that the carnival had to offer, including championship races, novelty events and Caritas Corner.

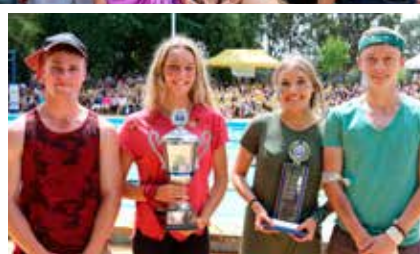
In a hotly-contested and lead-changing affair at the conclusion of the day we were able to advise the College of the winners of the Spirit Cup and Championship Trophy. Everyone waited with anticipation as the winners were announced and to everyone's surprise, some would say even their own, Meup Meup were announced as the 2015 Spirit Cup winners, a first in my personal time at the College. Mrs Darley presented House Captains Sophie Pieper and Bailey Dark. It was then on to the announcement of the Championship Trophy where it was Gurabang who were victorious on the day and the trophy was presented to their House Captains Adriana Rajic and Matthew Wallace. Big congratulations to both houses on their success.

The MacKillop Marlin was also run for the fourth year with Ayrton Kiraly of Year 12 making it a three-peat, defending his title from last year and 2013 in the boys and Rebecca Cross of Year 11 taking the honours in the girls for her third time, previously winning this prestigious event in 2012 and 2013. Congratulations to both on their significant accomplishments.

Congratulations must go to all of the students whose behaviour and participation were exemplary on the day. The staff at the Dickson Aquatic Centre were in awe of our students and said it was one of the best carnivals that they had hosted this year.

Well done MacKillop!!

Mr Nathan Wood – College Sports Coordinator



THE 2015 SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Year Male: Noah Vanderpol
12 Year Female: Ashley Bond
13 Year Male: Oliver Holdway and Jack Mackie
13 Year Female: Tiana Alchin
14 Year Male: Jarrod Lee
14 Year Female: Zoe Strzelczykowski
15 Year Male: Joshua Ball
15 Year Female: Alexie Boulton and Jessica Curren
16 Year Male: Benjamin Stokes
16 Year Female: Rebecca Cross
17+ Year Male: Ayrton Kiraly
17+ Year Female: Chloe Ironside





CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

NGADYUNG

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



THE SPIRIT CUP

NGADYUNG



IN WHAT CAN only be described as trying conditions, the 2015 College Athletics Carnival went ahead in true MacKillop style. The day itself consisted of scattered showers with heavy downpours at times, but this did not dampen the spirit of students and staff and the competition was fierce for both the Championship Trophy and the Spirit Cup.

In 2014 Gurabang were successful in winning the Championship with Ngadyung winning the Spirit Cup. Could these two houses defend their titles or would Meup Meup and Mindygari upset everyone with victories?

The lead for both trophies changed throughout the day, demonstrating how competitive the students were. Some may say that the conditions suited the winners on the day, Ngadyung (Water House), who rose above the other three houses to win both the Championship Trophy and Spirit Cup. The proud history of Ngadyung was continued and Mr Lee presented House Captains, Kieran Jones and Raili Koskinen, with their trophies and this was celebrated by Ngadyung singing their House Song loud and proud.

The Melissa Breen MacKillop Gift, in honour and recognition of former student Melissa Breen, who competed at the 2012 Olympics, was run again for the fourth year. In what were two very close races, we saw Sebastian Kris of Year 11 and Lauren Frost of Year 10 win their respective races. Congratulations to you both!

Thank you to the PE Staff for their assistance in setting and packing the venue up and also to all of the staff for their valuable contributions prior to, and during, the day.

Thank you to the staff and students who, in the trying conditions, made the day the success it was through their cooperation and participation! We look forward to 2016 being bigger, better and dryer!

Mr Nathan Wood – College Sports Coordinator

NEW COLLEGE RECORDS 2015

17+ Girls Discus: Taylah Grady, 30m
17+ Girls Javelin: Taylah Grady, 34.38m
17+ Boys 200m: Christopher Shingles, 23.57s
17+ Boys 1500m: Sam Roestbakken, 4m 35s
16 Girls Javelin: Kelsey Barsley, 29.02m
14 Boys 1500m: Nathan Corkery, 4m 57s
13 Girls 400m: Coby-Lee Maguire, 1m 6.87s
13 Girls 1500m: Coby-Lee Maguire, 6m 15s
13 Boys Long Jump: Zachary Robb, 5.27m
13 Girls High Jump: Madison Lustri, 1.47m

THE 2015 ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Year Male: Jack Armstrong
12 Year Female: Anna Hoang
13 Year Male: Zachary Robb
13 Year Female: Coby-Lee Maguire
14 Year Male: Kye Henson
14 Year Female: Emily Jensen
15 Year Male: Bailey Greenwood
15 Year Female: Renee Hayter
16 Year Male: Sebastian Kris
16 Year Females: Amy Daniel, Lauren Frost and Nicola Williams
17+ Year Male: Jamie Taylor
17+ Year Female: Hirari Ishikawa



GURABANG



HOUSE CAPTAINS: MATT WALLACE + ADRIANA RAJIC

IT HAS BEEN an unforgettable year filled with priceless memories and experiences, which wouldn't have been possible without the spirit and willingness of our wonderful House. Right off the bat, Gurabang began the year with immeasurable enthusiasm and drive that not only saw us perform incredibly at the Carnivals, but furthermore, inspired us to strive to be the best House Captains we could possibly be for the students of Gurabang.

Gurabang demonstrated their house pride, determination and survival skills by taking out the Championship Cup at the "Survivor"-themed Swimming Carnival, as well as tying second with Mindygari for the Spirit Cup.

The Athletics Carnival saw us face some wild weather. Nonetheless, the pouring rain and cold did not put a dampener on our house's "I scream for green" theme, which witnessed Gurabang House don their wackiest green outfits, forming a powerhouse collective group of Luigis, Mike Wazowskis and Hulks, among many other creative costumes. This year we were fortunate enough to debut the House Songs, which we embraced willingly, with our whole house clustering together arm in arm to belt out "We are Gurabang" in the chilly rain. Although Ngadyung stole both the Cups, we were champions in our minds, as Gurabang made us proud that day with their determination to keep going and pushing themselves.

During our Charity Weeks/Days we were overwhelmed with the amount of generosity of all of the houses and their willingness to help our House Charity - The Indigenous Literacy and Numerous Foundation - whether it be through donations or lending a hand with organising and running activities.

The success of 2015 would not have been possible without the support and contributions of our Earth House Reps, our Year Coordinators, Mr Durham and Ms Keppel, Mr OC, Mr Moyle, Mr Wood, Mr McNicol, Ms Esposito and especially, Mr Nulley, who is the pillar of support which holds up the whole of the SRC. It has been a privilege to be Earth House Captains for 2015, we've had the best time and have made life-long friendships along the way, and we hope we've made Earth House as proud as they've made us. To our Earthlings: may your hearts never be mean but instead forever green, all the best for the years to come!

Adriana and Matt



MEUP MEUP



HOUSE CAPTAINS: SOPHIE PIEPER + BAILEY DARK

IT WAS A very successful year for Meup Meup with records and droughts being broken left, right and centre! The year began with a much-anticipated Swimming Carnival, after 2014's was washed out. However, raising the entire College spirit even higher, all House Captains decided to have a universal theme of *Survivor*. Seeing the Meup Meup tribe dressed up in torn red T-shirts, red bandanas and exciting tribal makeup. Spirits were on fire during the day with our tribe doing us proud in the many championship and novelty events along with the ridiculous amount of cheering we had behind us!

So we must *ASH* the question... Who broke the drought of the "Meup-Meup -inability-to-gain-any-carnival-trophies?" THE MEUP MEUP TRIBE OF 2015 DID!

So as you can imagine, after 11 years of not winning a trophy at the Swimming Carnival, once we started, it was impossible to extinguish our burning passion!

What felt like right around the corner, we then had the 2015 Athletics Carnival. Moving away from the universal themes, each house decided to go with individual themes once again, with Meup Meup's theme as *Straya*. All of the House Captains worked incredibly hard to put together a catchy House song for each of their Houses, which will hopefully be used in the many years to come! The average weather didn't put out our flame as we rocked the flannies, mullets, and our bogan spirits were on a high! Even though we were in the lead for both trophies at different points, we were unable to steal another win for our House!

Like last year, we decided to stay with our House charity New Hope Cambodia. As many students have travelled over and spent time with the children in the orphanage on World Challenge, it is a very close charity to many of our students. We raised a considerable amount of money for our charity by hosting events such as a pizza lunch, sausage sizzle and Goodberry's, along with a successful raffle and other events at the Junior Campus.

We would like to sincerely thank Mr Nulley for being such a fantastic House Patron and SRC Coordinator and for always supporting and encouraging our decisions. Also a big shout out to Darcy, Tamara, Nick, Jas, Jack and Tim for all of your hard work and support across both campuses all year round - we couldn't have done it without you! We wish the very best of luck to the 2016 Fire House Captains and hope to see our house striving even greater in the years to come!

Sophie and Bailey



MEUP MEUP AT THE CARNIVALS



MINDYGARI



HOUSE CAPTAINS: BROOKE COOPER + DECLAN CLARK

IT HAS BEEN an exciting year for Mindygari. Although we did not win any of the trophies this year, we came closer than the years before and we still strongly believe Mindygari brought the most spirit to the carnivals and fundraising events, with exciting new cheers and a House song that we hope stays for many years!

It was evident to us in the very first House meetings that Mindygari was ready to take on the Swimming Carnival with full force. Our theme was Survivor, spread across all four houses; Air House definitely showed a prominence of ripped up yellow clothing! There was a lot of dancing, singing and cheering for the yellow caps in the pool, as each person who participated in a race was supported by the whole of Mindygari. The heat of the day did not take away the efforts that Air House was willing to put into the cheer-offs, especially the finals, as we were worried that many of us would no longer have voices by the end. A close second in the spirit cup only made us more excited for the Athletics Carnival.

The Athletics preparation was just as energetic, the theme for Air House was Minions, inspired by the newly released movie, and how easy it would be for people to dress up! We were not surprised by the turn-out and how many people really got involved on the day; the Mindygari Minions were once again ready with full force to take on their other competitors, regardless of the cold weather and rain. Air House cheered their way through the day, showing their endless support for those participating and singing our new House chant, which they quickly adapted to!

We could not have been happier with the generosity of the senior campus throughout the fundraising events. We had a fun-filled week with many different opportunities to donate to our selected charity, Solider On, a charity about Australians coming together to show their support for our physically and psychologically wounded. We would like to thank all of those who were involved.

The Mindygari Captains would like to thank our House for the support and effort they have given us this year! We are so proud to have been your House Captains and encourage you to continue to keep up the spirit and determination you all have, and we wish you the best of luck for 2016.

Brooke and Declan



NGADYUNG



HOUSE CAPTAINS: KIERAN JONES + RAILI KOSKINEN

THE YEAR 2015 was a blast, kicking off with a new concept for Swimming Carnival House themes. Introducing the school-wide theme of Survivor saw the students getting behind their House in a new way and encouraging a greater sense of family within the tribes. Although Ngadyung swam away from the first carnival somewhat empty-handed, our tribe had grown to identify with one another and our diversity spawned greater enthusiasm collectively.

With Ngadyung's trophy reign under threat we banded together to introduce a House Song, something that had never been done before, reminding our House that, "We are Ngadyung, we're number one!" The song was received extremely well, reigniting our unbeatable enthusiasm. Our new House theme was 'Thrift Shop', which saw students kicking it old school and bringing back trends and hipster vibes. We strolled into the Athletics Carnival confident of our ability to make a roaring come back. Our participation and chanting spoke for itself and definitely reminded Mackillop why Ngadyung was able to secure our spot as champions winning both the Athletics and Spirit cup! The rainy weather merely put us more in our element and the incredible spirit emitted from our house seemed only to increase. We are so proud of all the personal boundaries that have been pushed by individuals in their event participation and the excitement that our house delivered on the day.

For our House Charity week, we channelled our competitive nature into a significant cause; raising money for The Snowy Hydro SouthCare team. This organisation saves lives everyday and relies solely on community donations. Thus we decided to establish the school's relationship with them by raising funds in a variety of ways. Some of the charity events included food events, a charity auction, lolly guessing and the junior campus saw Mr McNicol's car raided with balloons! We would like to deliver our thanks to all students and teachers who made the fundraising week a great success and for getting into each day's events. Special thanks also to Mr Brunskill and Ms Henry for their continual assistance in House matters.

Thank you to all those who have embraced our ideas and helped tremendously in keeping our house spirit alight. Being your House Captains has been a true privilege and opened our minds to how many excellent ideas and how much potential you all possess. We are excited to see what the 2016 captains have up their sleeves and wish them good luck!

Raili and Kieran



NGADYUNG AT THE CARNIVALS



Cross Country + ASC

The following students represented St Mary MacKillop College at the ASC Cross Country carnival on Wednesday 20th May: Abigail Adera, Mackenzie Alcock, Alex Amon, Ben Anderson, Lachlan Arnold, Emma Bignell, Maddison Black, Connor Brownlie, Jenna Cattanaach, Emily Croft-Sharp, Maddison Crossman, Nicholas Dibbley, Georja Dickie, Andrea Fallshaw, Cameron Fidge, Ebony George, Megan Giudes, Tyler Hays, Renee Hayter, Kye Henson, Sophie Highmore, Thomas Hill, Oliver Holdway, Abbey Jameson, Caitlyn Keen, Madison Lustri, Coby-Lee Maguire, Ben Miller, Abeny Nhial, Demi Nikias, Eilish Packer, Harrison Palic, Lauren Phillips, Harrison Piper, Adelaide Quayle, Lauren Quayle, Otis Roylance, Zac Rob, Zac Selems, Daniel Skazlic, Charles Stephens, Ally Thornton, Braydon Toms, Katie Whitecross, Emma Turton, Miriam McLaren, Hirari Ishikawa, Kelsey Shakespeare, Rachel Dean, Tim Fraser, Riley Shield, Joseph Simpson, Michael Caruana, Andrew Bartell. It was a beautiful sunny day at Weston Park and all students represented St Mary MacKillop College with pride. Several students finished in the top 20 and qualified to compete at the ACT Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to Coby-Lee Maguire for placing 2nd in the 13 Years Girls 3km race.

CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Boys - Noah Vanderpol	12 Girls - Tori Martin
13 Boys - Zachary Robb	13 Girls - Coby-Lee Maguire
14 Boys - Harrison Palic	14 Girls - Katie Whitecross
15 Boys - Timothy Fraser	15 Girls - Adelaide Quayle
16 Boys - Joseph Simpson	16 Girls - Rachael Dean
Senior Boy - Andrew Bartell	Senior Girls - Emma Turton

Teresa Miller



Swimming: ASC + ACT + PSG

The ASC Swimming Championships was a successful day for St Mary MacKillop College. Our relay teams did exceptionally well with the following results:

- 16 years girls medley relay - 1st
 - 14 years boys medley relay - 1st
 - 15 years boys medley relay - 2nd
 - 14 years girls medley relay - 3rd
 - 17 & over girls freestyle relay - 3rd
 - 15 years boys freestyle relay - 3rd
- Several students excelled throughout the day, achieving a top 3 place for Age Champion. Well done to the following students:
- Jarrod Lee - 14 years boys - 1st
 - Ethan Lowey - 14 years boys - 2nd
 - Josh Ball - 15 years boys - 3rd
 - Alexie Boulton - 15 years girls - 3rd

Nineteen students qualified to compete at the ACT Swimming Championships on 7 and 8 May at the AIS. Seventeen of the students achieved personal bests, and the following students won medals: Joshua Ball (3rd 100 breast), Alexis Cross (2nd 100 breast, 3rd 200 IM), Oliver Holdway (1st 100 Free), Chloe Ironside (3rd 200 IM & 50 breast), Jake Mackie (1st 200 IM, 3rd 100 breast & 200 free). Jarrod Lee (six first places and two seconds), Ethan Lowey two firsts, three seconds and two thirds) and Benjamin Stokes (five firsts and one third). Tiana Alchin, Ashley Bond, Alexie Boulton, Kimberley Fehringer, Jackson Holdway, Kobi Kiraly, Jessica Lee, Mikaela Mbonzi-Geach, Sabina Morgan, Ellen Squire and Zoe Strzelczykowski missed out on medals but finished in the top 20 in their events. All students are to be congratulated on their behaviour as well as their swimming.

There was more success at the Pacific School Games in November, with Rebecca Cross winning gold and setting a new School Sport Australia record in the 200IM, gold in the 400IM, and silver in the 100 and 50 breast. Ben Stokes won bronze in the 200 fly (multi class).

Cathryn Thomas



SPORTS TEAMS



7/8 Girls Aussie Rules

On 1 May, a group of 7/8 MacKillop girls participated in the U14 Girls Giants Cup. We competed against other teams from around the ACT. Although we only won two games, we tried our best, had a great time, encouraged each other, and all got along really well. Our coach, Mr Hennequin, taught us new skills and encouraged us throughout the day. Overall, it was a fun day. The team was: Abi Adera, Shawna Gray, Taylah Matesa, Aidan Perry, Jade Penny, Erynn Hamley, Haylee Bell, Kendall Oakman, Nadia Hatzismalis, Maddy Garfath, Emma Bignell, Bella Piskuloska, and Eilish Packer.

Shawna Gray and Abi Adera



9/10 Boys Aussie Rules

Another successful year for the 9/10 boys Australian Rules team, winning the Southside division and only narrowly being defeated in the ACT final. Led strongly by Jack Adamson, and supported by Cameron Laing, Tom Seaman, Bradley Crowe and Liam Kennedy, the team overcame some tough opposition and represented the College superbly, demonstrating courage and perseverance.

Dale Argall



BASKETBALL



7/8 Girls Basketball

On 14 September, a team of 10 very talented Year 7 and 8 girls, who play for a range of clubs outside of school, were chosen to represent MacKillop in basketball.

We started off the day with an amazing win against St Clare's. The next game we played was against CGGS and we played well even though we lost. Our next game was against Merici, where we only lost by one point. Then came Trinity Goulburn, and again each player played their best. However, the game ended in another loss.

Our last game of the day was a heated game against Daramalan. However, at the end of game we showed pride, fabulous sportswomanship and acted with respect. Overall, the ASC Girls Basketball Day was a fantastic day filled with new friendships, fun memories and great basketball! We all played our best throughout the whole day and continuously represented our school with pride. It was an unforgettable day!

Rebecca Murphy



9/10 Girls Basketball

The 9/10 Girls ASC Basketball Competition was held on Monday 14 September at the Tuggeranong Basketball Centre. Although our preparations were limited, the girls brought their skills in netball, touch football, dance and soccer to the game of basketball. All girls played with enthusiasm and team spirit. With some close losses under our belt, we continued to improve. The team came fourth in Pool A and played their final game against Trinity. It was a hard fought game with both teams taking the lead at various times. We saw impressive shots, outstanding defence, and awesome teamwork. MacKillop came out as the victors. Congratulations to the team: Phoebe Holmes, Jasmine Fraser, Abeny Nhial, Naomi Schirmer, Brooke Smyth, Rachael Dean, Grace Bower, Maddie Banks, Laura Kalsbeeck, Brittany Landon and Amber Brophy.

Donna Anderson



7/8 Girls Cricket - ACT Champions!

On 16 March, three teams represented MacKillop in the ACT Year 7/8 Girls Cricket Competition. We all had to attend trials and there were over 30 students who showed up. We did a few weeks of training before the tournament commenced to prepare ourselves, in order to give us the best chance of success on the day.

We were aware that in the past two years the MacKillop Year 7/8 Girls Cricket Teams have won the competition, so we were feeling some pressure to do well but we knew that it would be fun nonetheless.

Our first game was against St Clare's; we won this by over 100 runs, scoring 119 against our opponents' score of 20. Our second game was against Trinity, which we won by 43 runs. The third game was against our friends in the MacKillop White team and we won this game by 176 runs. With other teams also playing well we had to score as many runs in our fourth game as we could and come out on top to advance to the Grand Final. We did this with a win of 88 runs.

The Grand Final was against Merici. They were to be our toughest opponents yet. We won the toss and elected to field. We bowled well, taking some early wickets but Merici fought back hitting some 12's, 8's (bonus runs for boundaries in particular areas), 6's and 4's. We batted well with everyone putting in a solid effort. We were unsure of the scores but both teams knew it was close. There was a lot of tension between the two teams after the game because there was a 10 minute wait to hear the final score during the presentation. All teams sat down and the scores were announced, 127 runs to Merici and 142 runs for MacKillop!

This was the third competition victory in a row for MacKillop in Year 7/8 Girls Cricket! We were all super excited and had an added bonus as the prize for winning was a free trip to Melbourne to compete at the Nationals at the end of the year. We would like to thank Mr McNicol for coaching us and Mr Johnson and Savannah Kris in Year 12 for giving up their time to help the three MacKillop teams on the day and at the trainings.

The winning team comprised: Giann Rosin, Charlette Polmanteer, Abigail Adera, Tamica Chifley, Georgia Opie, Madeleine Garfath, Samantha Bowles, Alanah Smith, Lauren Phillips, Maddyson Watson.

MacKillop Teal: Alli Bruce, Jamie Quayle, Samantha Williams, Keely Harrison, Bella Ralston, Alexandra Owen, Eilish Packer, Nadia Hatzismalis, Vanida Kiraly.

MacKillop White: Olivia Pereira, Chloe Osborne, Sarah Boyd, Isabella Piskuloka, Jasmine Harvey, Jade Penny, Taylor Paterson, Chloe Summerfield.

Samantha Bowles

Senior Boys Indoor Cricket - ACT Champions!

The extremely experienced Senior Boys indoor cricket team boasted two Australian and a number of ACT representatives in their challenge for the ACT title. Unsurprisingly, and with only a minor scare in the semi-final, the team came away as champions. Assisted by the big hitting of Alex Floros (aka Panda), sharp commentary by Lummers and tight bowling by Wil Seaman the team performed superbly and played in the true spirit of the game. Well done.

Dale Argall



Senior Boys Hockey

The Senior Boys Hockey team played at the Lyneham Hockey Centre on Tuesday 11 August. We played well but unfortunately ended the day with three losses, 5-0 to Marist, 1-0 to Trinity and 1-0 to Grammar. It was, however, an improvement on last year's devastating loss to Marist 15 - 0 and shows that next year we have a fair chance of winning a game, or at least scoring a goal!!

Congratulations to the following boys: Corey Banks, Thomas Bermingham, Conner Brown, Joshua Cauldron, Declan Clark, Bailey Dark, Kieran Jones, Samuel Long, Conner McAlpine, Kieran Monger, Matthew Wallace, Jack Williams, Alex Prescott and Jayden Lumley.

Sam Long



9/10 Boys Hockey - ACT Champions!

In early August, the Year 9/10 Boys Hockey team participated at the ASC Hockey Championships. A win over Marist and a draw with Trinity gained the team entry into the semi-finals. A convincing win, 5-0 against Grammar, gave the team a rematch against Trinity in the final. MacKillop won 1-0, to be named ACT Champions!



Rugby League 'Try' Day

On 26 March, selected girls from Year 7 to 10 attended the Girls Rugby League 'Come and Try Day'. It was a great day for skills training, informal games and an opportunity for the girls to be trained by Canberra Raiders. The girls participated in the day with enthusiasm. A big thank you to Savannah Kris and Taylah Grady, who helped train the girls.

Millicent Henry and Sally Cunningham

Senior Girls Hockey

Hockey and having fun was the name of the game for the senior girls, with a number playing for the first time. Caitlin and Jamie Riley were fantastic at opposite ends of the field and Gabby Mann was strong in defence. Chelsea Tippet was also splendid and Taylah Grady was a rock in goals, only allowing 2 past for the day. Great effort, girls.

Dale Argall



7/8 Boys Rugby League - ACT Champions!

The St Mary MacKillop Year 7/8 boys rugby league team had an outstanding campaign in 2015. On Tuesday 10 March, 17 boys from Years 7 and 8 went to the ACT Schools Southside rugby league competition in Braddon. The team played six games on the day, winning all of them convincingly and only conceding one try all day. This meant the team was off to the finals to play the top two teams from the north side competition on 17 of March at Raiders West Belconnen.

The semi-final was played against Belconnen high, where the boys won 58-10. They would progress to the grand final, where they played St Francis Xavier College. The boys started off well and quickly took the lead out to 22-0 in the first 10 minutes, St Francis hit back just before half time making the score 22-6 at half time. The boys started the second half slowly but found their rhythm towards the end, with the final score MacKillop 32, SFX 12.

Team: Tyson Kelly, Josh Henderson, Dylan Blewett, Mitchell Leighton, Adam Slingsby, Harry Grant, Jackson Gallagher, Josh Guthrie, Liam Dredge, Ash Laing, Khi Langridge, Jayden Newsome, Jordan Van Aalst, Heath Baran, Kayleb Waterson, Will Granger, Stephan Ficovic

Braden Longo



On Friday 28 August, CORC (Canberra Off Road Cyclists) held the ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships. Over 150 teams participated in this team event. As I looked around I could tell that we had some good competition, with many kids suited up in extreme bike gear ready to race at Stromlo National Park. There were three categories: boys, girls and mixed. Teams of four took it in turns tackling a lap of the track at a time, rotating through our team; if we had enough energy we could choose to do three laps in one hit. Teams were powering through the track, overtaking their opponents and, in the end, it was all up to the overall times and the number of laps each team completed.

The Mixed Juniors for MacKillop were close behind Lyneham High school, who took out first place in the Junior mixed division. Lyneham High finished with a total of 17 laps, and close behind in second place was MacKillop, with a total of 16 laps. I must say I was pretty happy to accept second place in our division.

I am also happy to say that we were not the only MacKillop team to come home with a medal; the male MacKillop team also finished up with second place, one lap behind Dickson College. Well done to all of the MacKillop participants, a great effort all round. The day overall was great fun and I enjoyed racing in the championships. Thanks to Mr McCombe, parents and carers for supporting MacKillop on the day.

Haylee Bell



7/8 Girls Netball - ACT Champions!

On Wednesday 2 September, the Year 7/8 MacKillop Netball team took part in the ACT Netball Championships at Lyneham. They had won the ASC Netball carnival in July, and the top two teams were invited to play. The girls had also participated in the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocesan Carnival and the NSW Catholic Combined Championships. These carnivals were an excellent lead-up to the ACT championships.

During the ACT Netball finals, the girls played in round games against a variety of schools in Canberra, in which they were undefeated. The girls demonstrated expert reading of the game, superb defence, excellent shooting in the goal circle, amazing driving through the centre court and impressive teamwork. The final was a hard fought game against Merici, in which the lead changed at various times in the game. Due to the girls' skill, determination, and fitness, the girls brought the game home and won by two goals to be crowned the 7/8 Netball Champions. During the four carnivals the girls played, they came out with an astounding record of 27 games undefeated.

A huge congratulations to the girls on this tremendous achievement.

Rhonda Senti



7/8 Boys OzTag - ACT Champions!

On Monday 4 May, Year 7/8 boys represented the school at the ACT Oztag Gala Day. The team started the day with a strong win over Lyneham High.

Throughout the day the boys demonstrated some very potent attack, finishing our pool games undefeated and qualifying in first place for the semi-finals. The semi-final saw them take on local rivals Wanniasa High in a game that proved to be our toughest task yet. Wanniasa took an early lead but MacKillop showed true character to come back and win the game convincingly.

The grand final was a rematch against Lyneham High, who had shown tremendous improvement since our first encounter but the MacKillop boys were switched on! In their seventh game of the day, they finished the way they started, beating Lyneham High and taking out the tournament.

Thank you to all the players - every single one of them made great contributions and is to be congratulated for his effort: Jordan van Aalst, Jackson Gallagher, Adam Slingsby, Will Granger, Harry Grant, Tim Breitkopf, Tom Hill, Khi Langridge, Oscar Schmidt, Harrison Piper, Dylan Blewitt, Harrison Palic.

Sam McCombe

9/10 Boys OzTag

During Week 12 of Term 2 the Boys Year 9/10 Oztag team ventured to the ACT Schools Oztag Tournament in Kaleen. The MacKillop side featured some very talented players and during the day they showcased their skill in front of a large school contingent at the event. The side competed with 13 other schools for a spot in the semi-finals, and, despite some exceptional efforts throughout the day, finished in 5th place overall. The team had wins against Stromlo High, Telopea High and Harrison School - and had losses against Erindale High and Campbell High. All the students in the team are to be commended both on their high sense of fair play and their immaculate behaviour all day, representing the College as best as possible throughout. A big thank you to the students for their efforts.

Cheyne Webster

9/10 Girls OzTag

A harsh, swirly wind greeted us at Kaleen International Stadium as the Year 9/10 Girls Oztag team began their bid to take the title. The side possessed some excellent raw talent, staunch, and one pretty decent boom box. Game one was a local derby against Wanniasa. A lack of respect for the ball and some basic defensive errors saw the game in the balance 2-all at the half. The girls dug deep and showed the first glimpses of the incredible spirit that would endure throughout the day, running out victors 3-2.

Game two against Telopea saw the team click into action and start to put in place our game plan. A consistent start had us out by three at the break and the momentum continued, with the side running out comfortable winners, 6-0. We were able to maintain this intensity against Calwell in game three with a 5-0 win. Undefeated Lyneham High proved just the challenge we needed and poor decision-making saw us turn over the ball on tackle two, allowing the Lyneham side a 1-nil lead. A refocused MacKillop took it to their more fancied opponents in the second half not only bringing the sides level but pulling off a miraculous comeback victory, 2-1. Stromlo stood in the way of a spot in the playoffs. We knew we would need to be at our best if we wanted to continue in the competition, and at our best we were, as a first half onslaught had us comfortably ahead 3-0 at oranges. We stayed composed to take home an impressive win 5-1.

Enter St Clare's. An Oztag juggernaut, the Clare's side had never missed out on a place in the championship final in tournament history. Despite plenty of attacking raids, the Clare's defence held and some flashes of brilliance saw us down 1-nil at the break. It was at this point we had some soul-searching to do and, coming to the epiphany that St Mary MacKillop would tag until she dropped, we left it all on the field. When the dust settled, history had been made as two pieces of second half magic saw MacKillop take down the St Clare's machine.

SFX greeted us in the finals. Fatigue saw us stray from our game plan and we trailed 1-nil at the break. There would be no fairy tale ending as a lack of possession saw SFX run out eventual winners 3-1. The effort by the girls to the final siren was outstanding and it prompted one of the greatest post-tournament speeches by Mr Margosis the world has ever seen.

A massive thanks to assistant coach and statistician Sara Taylor and huge double thumbs up to the greatest Year 9/10 Girls oztag team to never win the comp in 2015. The team: Sophia Arcus, Maddie Banks, Emma Benson, Kaitlyn Gallagher, Gabbie Hardie, Abbey Jameson, Claudia Keyes, Taylah Megallii, Molly Philpot, Mikalya Polmanteer, Georgia Quirke, Natasha Randall, Jesse-Lee Regan, Gaby Scerri, Brooke Smyth, Nikala Speed.

Jeremy Margosis



9/10 Boys Rugby Union

During Week 14 of Semester 1, the Boys Year 9 & 10 Rugby Union team ventured to Phillip Oval in Woden to compete in the 2015 Brumbies Shield. A strong squad assembled for the event, with 23 students from both Years 9 & 10 taking part. MacKillop was pooled with John Paul College, St. Francis Xavier College, and Monaro High. Despite playing some excellent running rugby, the boys unfortunately lost all three matches on the day (all close results) - however, they did gain some pride back in the playoff for third in the group, defeating John Paul College 15-10 in the final match of the event. All of the students were extremely well behaved and represented the College with pride. Thank You to Nicholas McDonald and Cameron Muir, who assisted the students on the day as part of their Year 12 Sport & Rec. volunteer work.

Cheyne Webster

7/8 Boys Rugby Union - ACT Champions!

On 27 May, we played in the Year 7/8 Brumbies Shield Rugby Union Competition. Our first pool game was against SFX and we had a good start, getting a few quick tries on the board through Tyson Kelly and Patrick Langron. We stuck to our game plan and it really showed. The final score was 24-0 in our favour with a couple more tries through Jordan Pallamountagne and Jackson Gallagher and two conversions from Jayden Newsome. After the game, the boys felt really positive, but we knew our next game was going to be a real challenge against Saint John Paul II College.

We were really focused on sticking to our game plan and, hopefully, keeping them from scoring. We were so pumped heading into the game and the first half was a battle. It was 17-12 our way at half-time and we knew what we needed to improve. In the second-half, we stayed ahead and came away with the win 29-22, with three tries scored by Tyson and a try each to Jayden and Pat.

That win led us to finishing on top of our pool and qualifying for the Grand Final against the 1st placed team in the other pool, which was Monaro High. The ref blew his whistle and it was kick off. They got the ball straight up and we nailed them in their end of the field, and they couldn't get out. After a couple of minutes we had already scored a few tries but it was still tough. Jackson Gallagher was carving these boys up through the middle, the forwards were making serious ground, and everyone played their best. The final score was 45 - 5 our way, with four of our tries scored by Jackson Gallagher.

We all did our part to make the win possible and I don't think any of us believe this would've been possible without the brilliant coaching from Mr McNicol and Mr Seivers. It was a great day and I'm sure we all had fun. It was an honour to captain the talent we had, and lead the team to win the Brumbies Shield and be ACT Champions!

Jordan Van Aalst



9/10 Girls Softball - ACT Champions!

MacKillop girls have once again demonstrated superior athletic prowess in the recent ACT schools Softball carnival. Our teams finished runners up in the Year 7/8 division and champions in the 9/10s. This outstanding result comes at a time when women's sport is being pushed into the spotlight, supported by the national campaign "Play like a girl". Our girls were beacons of skill and talent. Brave with the bat, fearless in the field and never once looking like dropping a match. Special thanks to Simone Marks for her diligence and organisation and Kirralee Nolan for her wisdom and energy. Congratulations to Year 9s Breanna Payten, Sarah Nolan, Katie Buxton, Lauren Thomas, Amber Brophy, Abbey Jameson and Year 10s Tahlia Howard, Nicola Williams, Felicity Spratford, Grace Bowyer and Maddie Banks.

Petrina Mansfield



7/8 Boys Football

On 20 August, the Year 7 and 8 boys football team competed in the Southside Football Gala Day. During the day all the boys played with passion and determination. Coming into our first game against Lanyon we were nervous, because we didn't know how we would play in our first game together. We came away winning 5-0 with Dylan Blewitt (2) and David Rodriguez (3) scoring a hat trick. Our second game was a close one drawing 1-1 with Alfred Deakin. Our third game was a scoreless draw against Telopia. Jayden Virtue saved a penalty in the last 5 minutes of the game. Our fourth game was a 7-0 smashing against Calwell. We all played really good possession football and were able to convert in front of goals. Goal scores were David Rodriguez (2), Will Granger (2), Dylan Blewitt, Harrison Palic and Noah Vanderpol. Coming into our last game we needed a win to advance through to the second stage. Unfortunately we drew 0-0 and were unable to advance through due our points on the ladder.

Jacob Leonard

9/10 Boys Football - ACT Champions!

On 28 August, the 9/10 boys soccer team, led by master tactician Mr Belcher, set out for Mawson playing fields to compete in the ACT Southside Soccer Gala Day. The team consisted of fifteen players: Matthew Purcell, James Nasr, Jack Severs, Liam Nagel, Charlie Williams, Josh Mitchell, Riley Shield, Kyle Howson, Jack Wright, Martin Waltman, Jarrad Bain, Zach Cossettini, Daniel Fisher, Jakeb Wiseman and Ritesh Goundar.

Overall, the day was a great success for MacKillop, ending in an undefeated run and qualifying for the finals leg of the tournament the following week. A brilliant diving header from Jarrad Bain opened the scoring for MacKillop in the first match and set the tone of, 'we are here to win', for further games ahead.

The finals leg of the tournament played out in similar style to those in the group stage, MacKillop undefeated throughout the day and winning on penalties in a nail biting semi-final against Telopea. We were then victorious in another nerve-racking penalty shoot out against Stromlo to bring home the silverware.

Credit to Mr Belcher for making the days so successful and fun.

Riley Shield

7/8 Girls Football - ACT Champions!

On 20 August, the Year 7/8 girls soccer team played in the Southside Schools Soccer competition at Mawson. In this tournament we played against St Clare's 2, Chisholm, Calwell and Alfred Deakin winning each of our games 4-0, 7-0, 4-0 and 1-0, respectively. We finished top of our pool without conceding a single goal. Our training sessions in the lead-up to the competition, led by our coach Mr Robertson, prepared us well for the day and made us fierce competitors.

We then played the ACT Soccer Championship held on 9 September. In our first game in the finals, we beat Daramalan 3-2 in the final minute of the game. We then went on to finish top our pool after two further victories against St. Francis Xavier (2-1) and then Telopea (2-0). Next up, we had Lyneham in the semi-finals. By full time it was nil-all which meant a penalty shoot-out would determine the winner. It was a stressful situation, but MacKillop won on penalties, 4-2.

In the Grand Final, we played against St Clare's. Yet again, the game finished 0-0 meaning we had to take penalties. The victory was ours when we won 3-2 in penalties. We were so excited to win the 7/8 Girls ACT Soccer Championships for the SECOND year in a row.

We were undefeated throughout the two carnivals. Well done to everyone in the team. Thank you to Mr Robertson for his work with the team. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support the team. Finally, congratulations to all the girls: Mackenzie Alcock, Emma Bignell, Danita Brittain, Kate Caruana, Sophie Ceraulo, Tamica Chifley, Abby Curry, Stevie D'elboux, Georja Dickie, Maddy Garfath, Emily Jensen, Demi Nikias, Tayla Patterson, Ashley Scensor, Emma Wells-Hutchinson, Abby Taunton, Brianna Deskar.

Demi Nikias and Georja Dickie

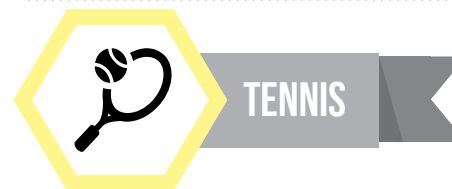


Senior Boys Football

The MacKillop boys performed magnificently in a friendly against Erindale College prior to the Gala Day, having not played together before, stringing the ball around the park nicely, with lethal combinations leading to a dominant 4-0 victory. On the day of the gala the boys performed well, winning a few, drawing a couple but what cost them was the loss to Narrabundah College. The results didn't reflect how well the boys played, dominating all over the park, just failing to hit the target. The team consisted of Kyle Ormeno Figueroa, Sasha Vujic, Mitchell Kaye, Ryan Moxon, Wil Olim, Reilly Gibbs-Patterson, Daniel Jones, Ismail Hammoud, Ryan Cawley, Daniel Little, Sam Roestbakken, Harrison Shield, Reece Gurney, Remi Guglielmin, Jamie Taylor, Kieran Jones, and Jok Nhial.

The boys deserved better on the day and everyone gelled well together, forming a bond through the love of football, with many of us representing MacKillop in the sport we love for one last time. It was a shame we couldn't bring the title back to MacKillop but it shows the quality of athletes MacKillop has and hopefully, future teams can take it out.

Sam Roestbakken



ACT Tennis

In Term 1, 33 students represented the College at the ACT Secondary School Singles Tennis Championships. Owen Levings reached the semi-finals of the U14 Boys (A grade), Sam Roestbakken the final of the Open Boys (B grade) and Holly Nolan won the final of the U14 Girls (B grade) tournament.

Olivier Camus



Senior Girls Touch

On Wednesday 20 May, at Deakin Playing Fields, senior girls turned up to what we thought was an 11-player team, soon to find out that there were only six of us. On this overcast day, four games were played and four games were lost. Although we left with the title of the wooden spoon, in the end we were the true winners as we got to leave early due to not playing in the finals, instead we were united with warmth and a well-deserved feast. Well done to Jamie, Rose, Brooke, Gabby, Kartyja, and Aysha for participating. Thanks to Mr. Kelly for taking time to take the team out on the day.

Gabby Mann and Kartyja Megic

9/10 Boys Touch

A cool and breezy Canberra autumn morning greeted the team. To win the title at the end of the day was the dream. We played all our games on oval five. Our best try was scored on the blind side with a dive. We lost one game and won two, and into the semis we went through. The morning games were our best. Good passes, fast play and cover defence like a pest. All that changed in the afternoon, and we were out of the comp far too soon. Early dropped balls and missed defensive calls occurred early in the game. But through to the whistle we played all the same. In the semis we were defeated and out. Watching the other MacKillop teams, we hung about. The day over and we showed great team skills, watching 7/8 boys win in the drop off was one of the biggest thrills. Thanks to the parents for the transport and moral support.

7/8 Boys Touch

The MacKillop 7/8 touch team won the South Canberra Touch Competition, making it to the finals to play against teams from all over Canberra. Our first game we won well against Gold Creek and also won another close game against Canberra High. We then met Lyneham and unfortunately lost to a good team. Then we were in the finals and first played Lyneham and had our best game, beating them to make the grand final. We took on Daramalan, who are known as a good touch school, and unfortunately lost by one point. We had a very good day and everyone played very well.

Liam Dredge

7/8 Girls Touch - ACT Champions!

Throughout the year, the 7/8 girls touch football team competed in two gala days against several ACT high-schools for the title of ACT Champions.

Our first carnival was held at Deakin Playing Fields. Our biggest competition was St Clare's. We played them in our second game and just came out with a win, 3-2. Throughout the day, as the girls adjusted to the pace of the game, we all played more confidently and made our way to meet St Clare's again, this time in the Grand Final.

Feeling anxious going into the match, our nerves were calmed when our young gun Coby-Lee carved them up through the middle and scored our first try and Erynn Hamley scored on the wing for our second try, setting the dominant tone for the rest of the game. We ended with a win, beating St Clare's 7-3.

At the ACT School Championship carnival there were more schools, which meant more competition. Even though our rivals Trinity Christian School were present, we were confident, knowing that we had trained and improved prior to the carnival. Being undefeated most of the day, we soon met with Trinity and

drew with them, 1-1. We channelled our negative energy from that game into the rest of our games, until we met Trinity again in the Grand Final.

At half-time we were tied at 1-all. We were very disappointed as we had made it over the line three times but had only converted it into one try. We pulled together as a team and won the title 3-2.

We are all really proud of each other, especially since most of the girls in this team had never played before.

Congratulations to the 7/8 Girls ACT Touch Football Champions!

Gabrielle Petersen and Lauren Phillips



MacKillop in Action

