



Riding to the TOP



DON'T LET HER diminutive frame fool you: when it comes to BMX, this girl means business.

Despite having only just turned 13, Mikayla Rose of Year 7 made her second appearance at a BMX World Championship when she represented Australia in New Zealand in July.

Judging by Mikayla's performance at the championships, it is not likely to be the last time we see her in the green and gold.

If not for a minor collision on the last corner of her semi-final, Mikayla would have qualified for her first World Championship final. While she is slightly disappointed with the way her championship ended, Mikayla knows that she can compete with some of the best riders in the world and will aim to

follow the footsteps of her idol, Caroline Buchanan, as she aims to race at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Mikayla got to the World Championships by becoming ACT champion for the fourth-consecutive year before finishing in the top four at the Australian Championships in May.

"In my first moto, I was racing a lot of people who made the top eight last year so I thought I would come last but I finished third and it was really exciting," she said.

"Just making it to the quarters was surprising and then to make the semis was even more exciting.

"Hopefully I'll get an even better result at the next World Championships in the Netherlands."



Water Warriors

Brad battles the elements

IT'S A HARD ENOUGH thing to have to take on the world, but imagine doing it in a sport where even the elements are out to get you.

That's what Bradley Elliott-Boo of Year 10 had to face when he took on the raging white water at the World Freestyle Kayaking Championships in North Carolina in September.

Ranked as Australia's Number One U18 kayaker, Brad was selected for the Australian team to compete in the United States after dominating at the National Junior Championships at Penrith's White Water Stadium in May this year.

Having only just turned 16 in the lead up to the World Championships, Brad faced a number of competitors who had the advantage of two extra years of experience. He more than held his own, however, ending the competition with an impressive World Junior Rank of 25.

"I didn't know what to expect heading into this competition," Brad said.

"I mainly used this as a test so I would know how I'd go on the world stage and whether or not it would be worth pursuing kayaking further.

"It was also a good experience to see what competing at this level is like."



Rebecca Crosses off Australian record

IS THE NEXT Leisel Jones or Stephanie Rice a MacKillop student?

Rebecca Cross of Year 8 broke the School Sport Australia record for 13-14 years Breaststroke at the National Swimming Championships in Adelaide during September. While that was the highlight of Rebecca's meet, her haul of five gold medals and one silver meant there was plenty more to cheer about, including her dominance of the 400m individual medley where she beat second place by over five seconds.

Rebecca wasn't the only MacKillop student to pick up medals, however. For the full report, check out page 194.



SPORTS OVERVIEW

WELL IT WAS ANOTHER BIG YEAR in sport for St Mary MacKillop College in 2013. 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, in particular our Year 7/8's who won the Girls' Softball and also the Boys and Girls T20 Cricket Competitions. We had many teams finish as runners up and making the finals, which is an indication of how strong we are as a College.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the College Executive for their continued support of sport at the College and to the many staff who have given up their time and expertise to coach and or manage the many teams that we take from the College each term. All of these staff go above and beyond to give the students attending St Mary MacKillop College every possible opportunity to represent in such a wide variety of sports. I would also like to give special thanks to the staff and relief staff, Mr Sam Walton, Mrs Pauline Hannon and Mrs Rachel Lemon who covered the lessons for staff who took all of our teams out this year.

Congratulations to Ngadyung who completed the first ever clean sweep of the House Spirit and Championship Trophies for Swimming and Athletics. This is something to be very proud of and it all now turns to our other three houses to challenge for next year's trophies.

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 sons and daughters at the venues and supporting the College at all of these events. It is greatly appreciated by the 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 2013. A big thank you to the Year 12 Student Leaders and College SRC for their ideas, support and help to make our carnivals a success.

Nathan Wood, Sports Facilitator

Sam picks up ARU Scholarship

MACKILLOP STUDENTS are good at laying down the law. That's according to the Australian Rugby Union, at least, which this year named Sam Quirke of Year 11 as the latest MacKillop recipient of an ARU Refereeing Scholarship.

These scholarships are aimed at promoting refereeing as an athletic pursuit and as a tool to develop leadership skills. Sam will receive mentoring and support as part of the scholarship, as well as the appropriate apparel for his work as the man in the middle.



MacKillop & the Giants

DUE TO OUR connection with Eastlakes ACTFL (and the Calwell Swans in particular), we might be seeing the GWS Giants around MacKillop a bit more often.

The College deal with Eastlakes brings several thousand dollars a year into MacKillop for AFL goal posts, oval maintenance, and sporting equipment. In return, MacKillop provides a home for AFL in the Valley; the Calwell Swans train at our Isabella facility and have other access to our facilities.

Eastlakes is affiliated with GWS and, in a sign of support, the College became foundation members when GWS arrived in Canberra.

From time to time, coaches and players from the Giants will visit the College, our PE staff will adorn themselves in GWS orange and match fixtures and other events will be advertised in the newsletter.

THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



FRIDAY 15 MARCH saw the annual College Swimming Carnival take place at the Dickson Aquatic Centre in very warm conditions. The atmosphere was electric and students had the opportunity to take part in numerous competition and novelty events throughout the day as well as raising money for Caritas in "Caritas Corner".

In Caritas Corner, there was a Teacher Dunking Tank, Sponge Throwing and a Lolly Guessing Competition, with the added incentive of raising \$3000.00 to have Mrs Lois White, Assistant Principal Pastoral Care at the Isabella Campus, thrown in the pool at the day's end. Unfortunately we didn't reach that target, but did manage to raise close to \$1500.00 and Mrs White agreed that that was enough to get her in the pool. Well done, Mrs White!

This year saw the second running of the MacKillop Marlin with Ayrton Kiraly of Year 10 taking the honours in the boys and Rebecca Cross of Year 8 defending her 2012 title. We also saw a new event, the MacKillop Ironman/Ironwoman event, which was a spectacle that all were able to enjoy. The inaugural winners of this event were Jack Morris of Year 12 and Rebecca Cross of Year 8.

Rebecca rounded off a fantastic day in the pool by breaking a couple of College Records in backstroke and freestyle, while Mikaela Mbonzi-Geach broke the 12 Year Female 50m freestyle record.

Competition for the Spirit Cup and Championship Trophy was tight all day and in the end Ngadyung (Water House) took out both honours. It must be noted that they won the Championship Trophy by only 4 points. Well done to Taylah Fellows, Tom Burgess, and their House on their achievements.

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
Sports Facilitator



SWIMMING CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Year Male	Leo HELDON
12 Year Female	Mikaela MBONZI-GEACH
13 Year Male	Alexis CROSS (tie)
13 Year Female	Jackson HOLDWAY
14 Year Male	Charlotte EGAN
14 Year Female	Nathan NEMEC
15 Year Male	Rebecca CROSS
15 Year Female	Jack KINSMORE
16 Year Male	Chloe BOYD
16 Year Female	Taylah GRADY (tie)
17+ Year Male	Ayrton KIRALY
17+ Year Female	Chloe IRONSIDE
	Samuel BANHAM
	Emma REDMAN

THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



THE ANNUAL MACKILLOP Athletics Carnival took place yet again at the Australian Institute of Sport Athletics Track. In what can only be described as another miracle from St Mary MacKillop, the weather, after a very shaky start, turned out to be excellent. Everyone was dressed in their house colours, excited as to what the day would hold.

The enthusiasm of the students and staff was amazing, with the house cheers being loud and proud, each house lots of points towards the Spirit Cup. This is attributed to all of the work of the College House Patrons who worked tirelessly with the College Leadership Team and SRC members from both campuses to make the day the best it could be.

All the pressure was on Ngadyung to defend the Championship Trophy from 2012 and be the first house ever to take a clean sweep of the Championship and Spirit Trophies from both the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. To the absolute credit of Ngadyung they were victorious and able to complete the before mentioned clean sweep. Our College Principal, Michael Lee, presented House Captains Taylah Fellows and Tom Burgess with both trophies.

Many College records were broken in 2013, and a big congratulations to the following students: Kye Henson (12 years boys 1500m), Stratton Kris (12 years boys 400m), Benjamin Jacob (12 years boys 100m), Keira Jones (13 years girls 200m), Daniel DeSmet (14 years boys discus), Nicola Williams (14 years girls 1500m and 800m), Taylah Grady (15 years girls javelin, shot putt, and discus), Nikola Cotric (15 years boys 100m), Kieran Carew (16 boys 200m), Meghann Griffin (17+ girls discus), Morgan Rosin (17+ girls 1500m), Riley McGown (17+ boys 1500m), Hayley Ngametua (17+ girls 400m).

2013 saw the second running of the MacKillop Gift under its new name, The Melissa Breen MacKillop Gift in honour and recognition of former student Melissa Breen who competed at the 2012 Olympics. In what were two very close races, we saw Sebastian Kris of Year 9 and Jade Ewart of Year 8 take out 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 made the day the success it was through your cooperation and participation and I look forward to 2014 being bigger and better.

Mr Nathan Wood, Sports Facilitator



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Year Male	Kye Henson
12 Year Female	Lauren Crispin
13 Year Male	Jarad Clarke
13 Year Female	Jenna Cattanach
14 Year Male	Sebastian Kris
14 Year Female	Samantha Thomas
	Nicola Williams (tie)
	Jordan Nicholls
15 Year Male	Taylah Grady
15 Year Female	Jamie Taylor
16 Year Male	Abigail Maminimini
16 Year Female	Riley McGown
Senior Male	Meghann Griffin
Senior Female	

ASC CROSS COUNTRY

ON MONDAY 27 MAY, a team of around 30 students competed in the ASC Cross Country Championships, running courses between 3km and 6km. The most outstanding St Mary MacKillop College performance came from Nicola Williams (Year 8) who used a huge sprint finish to win the 14-year girls 4km event. Meave Green (Year 7) was St Mary MacKillop College's first finisher in the 13-year girls, coming tenth, while Jarad Clarke (Year 7) was our top male performer. Joseph Simpson (Year 9) was our highest finisher in the boys 14 event and Monique George (Year 11) and Mitchell Scott (Year 12) were our top runners in the senior categories. Well done to all students who took part!

ASC ATHLETICS

THE ASC ATHLETICS Carnival was held at the AIS on 17 October. This year it was MacKillop's turn to host and run the carnival, meaning Mr Wood was helping to supervise things. A team of Year 11 students helped with the marshalling, and Mr Jeremy Margosis was the speaker for the day up in the box making jokes about everyone.

Just like the College Athletics Carnival, rain was forecast for the day, but it felt as if it was summer in the stands. While the Boys and Girls teams both finished 7th on the day, there were some fantastic individual results. Chris Shingles, Joshua Weir, Jade Ewart, Laura Scollen-Smith, Savannah Kris, Kyle Ormeno, Abigail Maminimini, and Kayla Hervert all reached the podium, while Sebastian Kris (100m), Nik Cotric (100m), Kelsey Barsley (Javelin), Conner Brown (Discus), Mitchell Scott (1500m) all won their events.

Overall, it was an enjoyable day for everyone involved in the carnival. Congratulations to the MacKillop staff for helping to organise it and to all the athletes who participated.

Nathan Bull

ACT SWIMMING

THE FOLLOWING students attended the School Sport ACT Swimming Championships at the AIS on 7-8 March: Mikaela Mbonzi-Geach, Alexis Cross, Nicole Morris, Josh Arnold, Alexie Boulton, Rebecca Cross, Jessica Curren, Jackson Holdway, Kobi Kiraly, Shannon Maloney, Nathan Nemec, Emma Redman, Braden Reid, Benjamin Stokes and Lachlan Webb.

All swimmers were a credit to the school on the day they attended. Highlights include top three placings to Mikaela, Alexis, Rebecca and Shannon, a five-second PB by Nathan, Benajmin and Alexie supporting the team, and everyone else swimming a time close to or faster than their personal best.

Mikaela, Alexis, Rebecca and Shannon were selected to represent the ACT at the School Sport Australia Championships in September.

AUSTRALIA SWIMMING

REBECCA CROSS, Alexis Cross, Mikaela Mbonzi-Geach, and Shannon Maloney represented the ACT at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships in Adelaide from 8 to 14 September. Congratulations to medallists Shannon (1 silver and 1 bronze) and Rebecca (5 gold and 1 silver). It was an extra-special day for Rebecca who received a School Sport Australia record for 13-14years 100m Breaststroke. Although they were not medal winners, Mikaela and Alexis enjoyed the experience.

Some highlights included Rebecca being five-seconds faster than the next place getter in the 400m Individual Medley, Shannon being within half a second of a record in her 2nd place for the 50m Fly, and Mikaela and Alexis competing in the 200 Individual Medley relay. It was a very long week with all swimmers expected to be at the pool for the whole championships. However they were given the opportunity to attend and have fun at the Adelaide Show as part of the educational experience provided by School Sport South Australia. All the girls were worthy representatives of the ACT and our College.

Cathryn Thomas



REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

SENIOR GIRLS AUSSIE RULES

ON A COLD, windy April morning the girls Year 11 and 12 AFL team consisting of Amy Shakespeare, Hannah Graham, Georgia Ingle, Meghann Griffin, Jenny Nguyen, Mariah McCrorey, Kayla McIntosh, Steph Cameron, Victoria King, Rachel Gregory, Melissa Emanuel, Perri Hollis, Jayme Galjaardt, Samantha Horsefield, Jane Galvin, Grace Andreatta, Grace Wilkinson and Isabelle Schmidt, stepped onto the field. With some experience and Mr Kelly's coaching expertise, we managed to walk away with two wins and two losses. We made it through to the semi finals but unfortunately suffered a controversial loss to St Clares with a last minute goal after the buzzer. Regardless of the outcome the day was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Georgia Ingle



BOYS 7/8 AUSSIE RULES

ON A COLD Gordon morning the mighty 7/8 MacKillop Australian Rules team were fired up and ready to win. The first game against Grammar had the team sensing a finals day, dominating the play from the first bounce and running out easy winners. Tom Seaman and Jack Adamson showed great skill and Jarrad Bain played very well for his first ever game.

Melrose was the next team to fall victim in what was a tight game. The boys kicked with the wind and piled on four goals in the first half and worked hard early in the second to lead by six goals with 10 minutes to go. To Melrose's credit they didn't give up and slammed on three goals in the last 10 minutes to give the boys a scare.

The MacKillop semi-final game was in play against Orana. Early goals and a gimmie just on the half-time siren had Orana leading by three. The team fought back hard to level the scores but a final effort by Orana had them win by one point, a disappointing way to end a good day.

Well done to all the boys. Particular mention to Jason Matesa, Brendan Blakers and Tom Seaman who helped organise and captain the team on the day.

Dale Argall

GIRLS 9/10 AUSSIE RULES

ON FRIDAY 5 April, the 9/10 girls AFL side travelled to Deakin to participate in the Giants cup. The girls were keen and excited to participate in something that many had not participated in before.

The girls got off to a great start against Trinity, winning 6 goals 5 behinds to 2 goals 3. The next game was a tight one with both teams not giving an inch and it came down to the last few minutes with the girls winning 4 goals 6 to 3 goals 8 in a very enjoyable game to watch. The third game the girls came up against Goulburn team Mulwaree. MacKillop was too good and showed a combination of speed, skill and determination to win 7 goals 9 to 1 behind. In the last game the girls came up against the fancied Merici College. Both teams had won all their pool games so far and whoever won would play off for first place. The game consisted of each team having the ascendancy at different stages and both teams didn't hold back. Merici ended up winning by a single goal. MacKillop then played off for 3rd against old rivals Saint Francis Xavier. The girls started off well but they ran out of legs, going down a few goals. They girls should be very proud of their efforts as they played hard and fair and represented the College with great distinction. Better players for the day included Tahlia Webber, Ashley Irvin, Taylah Grady, Courtney Boxall, Stephanie Backer and Jessica Wagg.



SENIOR BOYS AUSSIE RULES

ON WEDNESDAY 22 May, the Senior Boys AFL Team headed to Kippax Ovals for the ACT Schools Boys Competition. It was a freezing cold morning that still had ice on the field when we arrived. Luckily it turned out to be a clear sunny day and the team was made up of 24 boys who were very keen for what lay ahead. Many of the boys had experience but for some others AFL was very new to them. The boys won three out of their four games but unfortunately the loss to Erindale meant that we came second in our pool and could not make the Grand Final. Well done to all the boys who participated throughout the day. This includes:

Jayden Pollard, Sam Quirke, Brendan Yeo, Josh Owen, Peter Hoang, Ryan Larson, Lewis Hollands, Jack Kennedy, Josh Monge, Ben Warren, Ben Evans, Mitchell Scott, Damien Cheatham, Yash Boshale, Zac Tozer, Jaydon Cadzow-Bates, Brendan Gainsford, Tom Burgess, Tom Lewis, Kane Horvath, Luke James, Nathan Bizjak, Rhys O'Neill, Michael Gurney.

Mr Kelly

GIRLS 7/8 AUSSIE RULES

A FIRST ROUND loss to SFX was the only blemish on a great team day and, as it turned out, was the reason for not progressing to the ACT Finals.

With many of the girls having never played Australian Rules before the game against SFX was a good opportunity to see what they were allowed (and not allowed in Amy D's case) to do. SFX showed the girls how to tackle hard and attack the ball. Having seen what to do the girls came out and utterly destroyed Daramalan and Stromlo. Nikala Speed, Sheweta Venkataraman, Amy Daniel, and Katelyn Pollard all played well in the midfield while Tahlia Howard, Grace Bowyer, and Madison Banks proved hard to stop up forward. Another good win against the highly fancied and unbeaten Trinity gave the girls a chance to win the day if they beat Merici. Unfortunately, whilst winning what was a tough and sometimes spiteful game, the margin was not big enough and the girls finished second overall.

Congratulations on a great effort team effort; everyone showed they have the skill to play Australian Rules and should look at playing on the weekends.

Dale Argall





SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

THE MACKILLOP SENIOR boys basketball squad have long been chasing a victory at the ASC competition but year after year it has eluded us. We did, however, come closer this year than we ever have...and in our first game of the day no less! We managed to hold a slender lead over Boys' Grammar after the first half and our boys could smell a victory...but alas...a questionable referee call and not enough accuracy with our shots left us on the wrong side of a narrow 32-30 score line.

Our second game was against Daramalan who had a 6 foot 7 centre...that game didn't end well for us. Our next game was against Burgmann College where we again started quite well but by now were running out of steam and couldn't keep pace in the second half. Our final game was against St Edmunds who was far and away the better team. But they had no answer for our patented "Huddle" manoeuvre, and if it weren't for us tripping over our own feet, it would have surely led to the most impressive basket of the day.

But, 2014 is another year and we will try again because what we lack in natural Basketball ability we make up for in dogged determination!

Colby Cruwys



BOYS 9/10 CRICKET

ON THURSDAY 31 October nine young men from Year 9 and 10 set off to the Deakin Playing Fields in search of the elusive 2013 Milo T20 Blast School Cup.

Perfect weather met the group as they prepared to do battle with 15 other school teams who had the same goal as our boys – win the competition.

The matches were fiercely contested throughout the day and the boys displayed to a number of other schools, the true meaning of the "spirit of cricket".

At no stage did the boys shirk from the competitive nature of the day but nor did they become involved in loud or raucous celebration when they defeated

any of their opponents or become involved in poor sporting conduct – there was no sledging, no disputing of the umpires call and no tantrums when the result of the first match, which appeared to be in our favour, was taken away by a one run margin.

While MacKillop finished the day with the highest run rate per wickets lost, the result of that one run loss in the first match relegated our team to runner up rather than the winners on the day. The boys, who had a great day, were philosophical about the result and accepted it graciously and in good spirit.

The results of the matches were:
Lyneham High 7/112 v MacKillop 6/111
MacKillop 6/172 v Calwell High 8/9
MacKillop 6/120 v Canberra High 8/77

BOYS 9/10 BASKETBALL

ON 23 September MacKillop's Year 9/10 Basketball team participated in the ASC Basketball Carnival. The team played with great enthusiasm and drive for the entire day, winning one out of five games. The Team: Tom Bermingham, Zachary Murdoch, Nathan Bull, Matt Wallace, Jacob Crowe, Jack Lowe, Corey Banks, Mitch Kaye, Elliot Luck, Josh Calderon and - Coach, Miss Box.

Tom Bermingham

GIRLS 9/10 BASKETBALL

THE GIRLS ASC Basketball tournament was again competitive this year. The SMMC 9/10 Girls team gelled early on in the day and proved a team to be team to be reckoned with. The girls were competitive through their excellent teamwork, defence and determination. The team played well and represented MacKillop with pride and excellent sportsmanship. A big congratulations goes to the following students: Lily Cunningham, Emily Borgo, Emily Pollock, Melissa Mills, Natalie Hines, Dakota Cairnduff, Shaye Baker, Anastasia Sysengthong and Rachel Mugridge.

Romina Mamone

GIRLS 7/8 BASKETBALL

ON MONDAY 9 September girls from Year 7 and 8 represented the school at the Girls ASC basketball competition at Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium. Our team had little preparation and a number of inexperienced players. The teams we were up against had spent much more time playing together and despite our team's best efforts we did not record a win. The girls showed tremendous courage and spirit throughout the day and can be commended for the way they represented the school.

Team: Maddison Banks, Grace Bowyer, Amber Brophy, Monique Henderson, Keira Jones, Claudia Keys, Aroha Peri, Kaitlyn Pollard, Samantha Thomas, Jessica Willimont

Sam McCombe

MacKillop 8/100 v Karabar 8/50
MacKillop 8/173 v SFX2 8/43.

Highlights of the carnival included:

- Adam Seary's hat trick in the final game
- Jayden Lumley hitting out in the final game and scoring 67 after a rough start
- Adam Seary hitting 43 off the last over against Calwell (7x 6 + 1 single)
- The leadership and shrewd cricket nous shown by team captain Alex Floros
- The commitment and sportsmanship shown by the whole team throughout the day
- The way the 9/10 acknowledged the carnival win by the Year 7/8 boys.

Mr O'Callaghan



GIRLS 7/8 CRICKET (BLUE)

AFTER THREE weeks of training and preparation, we had finally gathered knowledge of the game and the skills needed to play, so we headed to the Deakin Playing Fields. Our first game was up against Belconnen High, which was a good game to start the day with. In our fielding we were able to get them all out for just 17 runs, which was very good for our first game together. Then when batting came, we beat them in the first over before going on to win by 104 runs. The day continued with three more wins against Lyneham High (won by 44 runs), then Stromlo High (won by 92 runs), and our biggest win was against

St Clare's. We bowled them out and then scored 166 runs to win by a margin of 133 runs.

The day was coming to an end, but we still had one game left. This was to be our hardest game yet. It was against Merici College, who were the only other team that were undefeated. The game started off well with Nicola Bowell bowling out three girls in one over, Gabbie Hardy taking two wickets and everyone else taking catches or fielding the ball and stopping lots of runs. We bowled Merici out for 77. Then our team came up to bat, and our opener Charlotte Egan was able to bat for the

whole innings (8 overs) and not get out. We came to the end of the game, waiting to hear the score. One thing we will never forget is the little smile we saw on Mr McNicol's face, the smile of victory. We had scored 111 to win by 34 runs.

We received the trophy for the school and then got our own medals. Altogether the day was a total success. Particular mention to Nicola Bowell for her achievement of scoring 165 runs throughout the day.

The players were: Nicola Bowell, Amber Brophy, Jenna Cattnach, Charlotte Egan, Gabbie Hardie, Sophie Highmore, Tahlia Howard, Rosie Mingay and Samantha Thomas.

Tahlia Howard & Gabbie Hardie



BOYS 7/8 CRICKET

ON HALLOWEEN, the Year 7/8 boys competed in the MILO Super 8 Cricket challenge held on the playing fields in front of the Australian Mint, Deakin. The day was off to a flyer as the boys crushed first opponent Lyneham High, scoring 188 runs, and dismissing them for a measly 13 runs. However, the next three games were a bit more of a challenge against St Francis Xavier, Canberra High and Karabar High. In the end though, our MacKillop boys won with a fair amount of ease. Standouts with the bat were Jordan Coffey, Jack Adamson, Ryan Walls, Tim Blewitt, Tom Seaman, Jakeb Wiseman and Tyler Hays. Outstanding efforts with the ball were; Tyler Hays, Luke Masters and Aman Chopra. Throughout the day the boys held all of their catches, sometimes under some real verbal pressure from the opposition! Well done indeed to all the boys who participated for their gameplay and sportsmanship. A very special thank you goes out to Mrs Doris Seaman (Mother of Tom) who volunteered to score all matches during the day and Mr Nathan Lumley who umpired most of the matches.

Todd Hurley



GIRLS 7/8 CRICKET (TEAL)

THE GIRLS T20 Blast Cricket day was a fun and exiting day full of smiles and lots of competition. We were all so keen to get into the games encouraging each other to do the best we could. After three weeks of training we were a very talented team. However, we did not care if we came first or last as we were just in it to try and do the best we could and to have fun!

The funniest moments were when the sprinklers unexpectedly turned on while we were sitting down having lunch. We won one of our games for the day and would like to thank Hayley Ngametua for helping us with training and coaching on the day. Members of the team were: Sophia Arcus, Lacey Barsley, Imogen Craig, Renee Hayter, Toemii Lavender, Katelyn Pollard, Nikala Speed, Shweta Venkataraman and Nicola Williams.

Renee Hayter



GIRLS 7/8 HOCKEY

ON WEDNESDAY 7 August the 7/8 Girls Hockey team came runners up in the ASC Hockey Carnival, which was held at Lyneham Hockey Centre. We won 2-1 against Daramalan, won 4-0 against St Clare's, won 5-0 against Merici, and then lost 0-2 against Girls Grammar. Girls who scored goals were Nicola Williams, Nicola Bowell, Sophia Arcus and Mary Young. The team consisted of: Nicola Williams, Aimee Monterosso, Alexis Cross, Mary Young, Taylah Shiell, Naomi Schirmer, Sophia Arcus, Katherine Thomas, Samantha Thomas, Mikayla Polmanteer, Charlotte Egan, Maddie Banks, Toemii Lavender, and Nicola Bowell. Thanks to Mrs Campbell for coaching the team.

BOYS 9/10 HOCKEY

ON 5 AUGUST the Year 9/10 boys took to the hockey field on what was going to be a fresh winter's day. The competition was tough but our boys were even tougher. An enthusiastic warm up saw one of our stars with a rolled ankle so it wasn't a great start. This did not slow the team down and in their first match they crippled the opposition with a 4-3 win. They then went on to play Marist, which were one of the toughest teams of the day. We had them on the ropes for a while and they were sweating. But unfortunately, after a very close match, our boys lost 12-1. After the previous nail-biter, our boys' spirits were on a high and they went to the next match with their confidence levels soaring. They did extremely well and won 3-2 against SFX. All in all the boys had a great day and finished middle of the table. The Year 9/10 boys who played were: Connor Quilty, Jordan Wagner, Bailey Masters, Cameron Muir, Joseph Simpson, Ryan Moxon, Jack Williams, Sam Long, Ryan Altengers, Connor Brown-Hilton, Jayden Marquardt, Corey Banks, Jamie Taylor.

SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY

ON MONDAY 5 August the Senior Boys Hockey Team competed in the ASC Hockey Carnival. We had a VERY enthusiastic team! Despite not winning any games it was an enjoyable day and we all had a lot of fun. Many thanks to all the boys who participated in the team; Michael Nguyen, Anthony O'Sullivan, Connor Hyde, Jayden Pollard, James Szabo, Will Packer, Jack Ferguson, Liam Fulton, Kris Cole, Lewis Hollands, Mitch Scott, Nathan Bizjak, Ben Smith, James Stefani, Sam Quirke and Daniel Dwyer.



GIRLS 9/10 HOCKEY

ON WEDNESDAY 7 August the 9/10 girls completed in the ASC girls championship. The girls played four games on the day, against St Clare's, Merici, Daramalan and Girls Grammar. They all participated with enthusiasm, were great sports and had an enjoyable day. Unfortunately they were unable to win a game, but they improved significantly from the first to last game, from a 12-0 loss in the first game, to only 2-0 in the last game. The team was Caitlin Riley, Chelsea Tippet, Emily Borgo, Skye Ogrizek, Jaimie Riley, Grace Taylor, Tahlia Webber, Brianna Cooper-Tulley, Rebecca Hunter, Gabriel Mann, Morgan Margosis, Meghan Theunissen, Grace Stevens and Sarah Webber. Coached by Mrs Jodie Higgins.



MOUNTAINBIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ON 30 AUGUST, MacKillop entered the ACT Schools Mountainbike Championships for the fourth year in a row. The course contained two different laps - a 4km lap for the Junior and the Senior teams and a 7km lap for the College teams. Every team preformed to the best of their ability but, unfortunately, none of the teams made podium finishes this year. However, one of the College teams came close to reaching the podium but missed it by seconds. We did receive the Lenehan Cup, which was presented to the team who kept the most consistent times throughout the entire race. As everyone enjoyed the day, winning didn't matter in the end. What mattered was that the students were out there having fun with friends doing something that they love - riding.

Madeline Molnar



GIRLS 9/10 OZTAG

ON THURSDAY 2 May, 13 Year 9/10 Girls participated in the ACT Schools Oztag competition. They played four games in their pool, winning 3-1 against Kingsford Smith, 3-1 against Telopea Park and 6-0 against Alfred Deakin. Our final game in the pool was against Stromlo with a 2-2 draw. We finished second in our pool and qualified for the quarterfinals against Melrose. It was a hard fought game and we came away with a 2-1 win. We progressed to the semi finals against St Francis Xavier where we played a very tough game and in the end it came down to one try in the dying moments against the girls. They all played very well on the day and should be congratulated for their sportsmanship. The following girls represented the College: Giorgia Cox (c), Taylah Grady (vc), Breanna Briggs, Tahlia Webber, Emily Morton, Hannah Ingle, Sophie Pieper, Breannen Visser, Catriona Hoang, Kelsey Barsley, Meghan Theunissen, Maddi Sanna and Jamie Berkley. Coaches: Mrs Jodie Higgins and Melissa Emanuel (Year 12).

Jodie Higgins



BOYS 9/10 LEAGUE

THE 25TH OF March saw the St Mary MacKillop Year 9/10 Boys Rugby League Team venture out to Northbourne Oval to take on the best South Canberra has to offer. The boys played against teams that had enough reserves to have a second team, whereas MacKillop had none. This did not hold them back as the boys ended the round robin part of the day with a close loss and two dominating wins.

The semi final saw the boys play with 12 as one of their players had succumb to injury. A brick wall in defence and some enterprising attack saw the boys get through to the final with a 4 tries to 1 victory.

The final was a close affair with the boys ultimately run off their feet because of their lack of reserves.

As coach I cannot praise all of the boys efforts highly enough. Clearly out on their feet, they did not give up and never dropped their heads.

Congratulations to all the boys to a fantastic effort: Chris Shingles, Jordan Nicholls, Izaak Cornelius, Nathan Chudleigh, Ismail Hammoud, Josh Poppe, Sebastian Kris, Nick McDonald, Andy Breitkopf, Jordan Loveday, Justice Henderson, Josh Connelly, Dylan Gil.

Josh McGrath



NETBALL

THE ST MARY MACKILLOP Netball teams had a very busy netball program in 2013 competing in three different carnivals in Term 3. Once again the teams were extremely competitive and successful at all three events. Every player is to be congratulated on the manner in which they represented the College both on and off the court.

A big thank you to our parent helpers Phismay Visser and Bob Backer for umpiring and also to our student umpires Maddison Banks, Hayley Redman, Rhiannon Crowley and Petra Sasha.

The results for each team are as follows:

7/8 Team	
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn carnival:	Runners Up
ASC Carnival:	Runners Up
NSW Catholic Carnival:	Joint pool winners

9/10 Team	
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn carnival:	Winners
ASC Carnival:	3rd place
NSW Catholic Carnival:	4th place in pool

Seniors	
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn carnival:	Runners Up
ASC Carnival:	Runners Up
NSW Catholic Carnival:	Winners of pool



GIRLS 7/8 RUGBY

On 5 June a selection of girls from Year 7 and 8 represented the College in the Brumbies Shield Rugby Tournament. The girls played two fantastic games and, after winning the semi-final, played in the final for the day. Unfortunately, a single try meant the girls didn't come away on the top of the ladder, but they still ended the day with high spirits. The girls played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm and were big contenders for competition.

Miss Morgan



SENIOR BOYS RUGBY 7S

On Wednesday 6 March the Senior Boys Rugby Union 7's Team headed to Campese Oval in Queanbeyan for the ACT Schools Rugby 7's Competition. It was a great day and the team was made up of 12 boys who were very keen to tackle the challenge ahead. The boys met Burgmann College first which turned out to be a tough game; the team just losing in the end but showing great potential for the remaining games. In the next game the boys played Erindale College and they were easily too well-drilled for us and won easily. Lastly, we played Bega High and the boys' efforts throughout the day were rewarded with a good win. Well done to all the boys that participated throughout the day. This includes: Jayden Pollard, Brendan Gainsford, Ben Evans, Lewis Hollands, Connor Hyde, Ben Smith, Nick Colonna, Kane Horvath, Braden Reid, Jayden Thomas, Damien Cheatham and Joe Meli.

Mr Kelly



GIRLS 9/10 RUGBY

On a cold winter's morning, the MacKillop 9/10 girls rugby team went out to Deakin playing fields for a full day of rugby. The day started off well with a few wins against some hard opponents, which led to the grand final. All the girls played amazing rugby with great defence and attack throughout the games. In the end the MacKillop girls came out with a win against a tough St Clare's team. It was a great day full of good rugby and a great bonding for the girls. Thank you to Mr McGrath for his support and thank you to the girls for a great day.

Morgan Margosis

BOYS 7/8 RUGBY

On Thursday 23 May the Year 7/8 boys Rugby Union team participated in the Brumbies Shield Competition. In the lead up to the competition, we had received three weeks of intense training from Mr McNicol and the Assistant Coach, Lewis Hollands.

Game one against Lyneham was a great game with big hits and amazing runs. The final score was 21-17 in MacKillop's favour. The try scorers were Josh Weir with two and Sean Beudecker, and they were converted by Daniel deSmet and Matthew Irvin.

After sitting in the cold for about an hour and a half we had our second game. We came up against Campbell High. After being down 5 - 21 at half-time, we weren't in the game. After coping an intense serve during the break we picked up our game and got down to work. We slowly pegged back the opposition in what was an extremely tough game. In the end Sean Beudecker scored two tries and Josh Weir brought it home for us with three tries; the last one was a thriller in a nail biting finish. Completing the day with two victories and undefeated we left the ground with pride, while leaving a smile on Mr McNicol's face!

The players were: Jack Adamson, Sean Beudeker, Tim Blewett, Jarod Clarke, Lachlan Cummings, Daniel deSmet, Matthew Ficovic, Bailey Goymer-Peak, Tyler Hayes, Matt Irvin, Nick Kannellopoulos, Cooper Spencer-Jones, Alex Stone, James Weir, Josh Weir, Jack Wilson, and Jack Wright.

Matthew Ficovic

BOYS 7/8 SOCCER

On Thursday 15 August, 14 boys from Years 7 and 8 represented the College in the Soccer South-side Championships. The team finished the tournament in 5th position after narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. Well done to all the boys who participated throughout the day. This includes: G Scerri, Z Cossetini, E Fraser, J Nasr, J Wiseman, J Matera, D Fisher, M Purcell, J Pilkington, L Masters, J Bain, A Lad and L Nagel.

Olivier Camus



BOYS 9/10 SOCCER

The following boys represented the College in the Southside Yr9/10 football competition: Mitch Kaye, Daniel Little, Reece Gurney, Jesse Morath, Will Olim, Ryan Moxon, Daniel Jones, Sam Roestbakken, Jamie Taylor, Remi Guglielmin, Ryan Cawley, Josh Megalli, Harrison Shields, Mitch Robinson and Blake Yarrow. The boys went through their pool games undefeated (and without conceding a single goal) and qualified in the top 2 teams at the south side competition. Unfortunately, we could not play in the ACT finals day due to a clash with the College Feast Day.

Phil Belcher



GIRLS 9/10 SOCCER

It was a cold and windy day on 23 August when the 9/10 Girls Soccer team gathered at the Mawson Playing Fields for a long, competitive day of playing Soccer. Mr Kelly and his 15 girls, Tiana Malnar, Jemma Toms, Amber Whyte, Devina Martin, Jamie Berkeley, Maddi Sanna, Morgan Margosis, Sophie Kefford, Chiara Passari, Emily Morton, Dakota Cairnduff, Madeline Tillack, Meghan Theunissen, Grace Stevens, and Ashley Irvin, played six games of soccer throughout the day. We won the first game against Stromlo but then, unfortunately, lost the second game to Lanyon by a lucky shot. We then won our third and fourth games against Orana and Trinity and drew the final game against Telopea. This brought the girls into the semi-final against Melrose which resulted in another loss with the score being 4 - 0. With many of the girls leaving with cuts and bruises the 9/10 Girls Soccer team left with their heads held high after playing and representing MacKillop exceptionally.

Devina Martin and Emily Morton

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

This year was not only an intense competition but enjoyable and well played. Our team, full of the school's finest soccer players, played with style. Our team consisted of the Canberra United back up team including Diandra, Hailey, Georgia, Grace, Isabelle, Alesi, Ruby, Regan, Jaymie, Jamie, Kayla, Tegan, Morgan and myself. The day begun on a high (having nothing to do with the continuous supply of sugar being consumed) and our first game resulted in a win. Our excitement was maintained for the rest of the day as well as our large intake of sugar. Our girls should be proud of their achievements throughout the day and we thank Mr Kelly our coach for leading the girls to success.

Jane Galvin

GIRLS 7/8 SOCCER

On Thursday 15 August, 15 girls from Year 7 and 8 represented the school at the ACT Southside schools soccer competition. The team had little preparation and they scraped away with a narrow win in their first game before drawing the second. As the day went on the girls grew in confidence and combinations within the team began to form. MacKillop won their final pool game 4 - 0, which put them into the final. The final was against Melrose High who had topped their pool. MacKillop won this game convincingly beating them 3 - 0 to become champions.

Congratulations to Brooke Alchin, Maddison Banks, Grace Bowyer, Jessica Bui, Sophie Bui, Susanna Byrne, Amy Daniel, Kaitlyn Gallagher, Sarah Green, Tori Guglielmin, Isobel Kay, Meg Layton, Sarah Purcel, Georgie Quirke, Samantha Stinziani.

Sam McCombe



SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

This year our senior football team had a really good chance of winning the competition as the team was very strong. We had the likes of superstar striker Jack Morris, Mr Australia goalkeeper Nathan Alferink, the oh-so-thick Michael Fowler in midfield, and our acrobatic finisher and part time diabetic Tom Lewis. The day started out strong with a 3-0 win over Narrabundah (they never had a chance). The win gave us confidence and as we chanted our school song we were ready for the next opponent: Dickson. We dominated as usual but were unable to find the back of the net. The game ended as a draw 0-0. Canberra College were our opponent, and we needed to beat them to secure a place in the semi-final. The game was drawing to a close and the score line was still 0-0 until an amazing bicycle kick, performed from outside of the box by Tom Lewis, soared into the top right hand corner of the goal! This secured our win and we were off to face Erindale in the semis. The semis were tough, both teams had their chances but were unable to capitalise. The game ended 0-0 and we went into penalties. Unfortunately our shots did not find the target and we lost. Although we were disappointed we were happy with our efforts on the day and really enjoyed getting out there and playing against the other schools. We would like to thank Mr Robertson for being our coach, manager, and mentor for the day as well as Luke James for helping out so much. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the players in the team who put in a great effort on the day. Best of luck to next year's team!

Tom Burgess (midfielder/mathlete)



GIRLS 7/8 SOFTBALL

The first day of competition was held at Mawson playing fields in February. Without any prior training together, we were a little unsure of our skills and experience. However, it wasn't long before our coach, Mrs. Mansfield, knew we would be serious contenders for the finals.

Our four pitchers, Sarah Nolan, Nicola Howell, Breanna Payten and Lauren Thomas blew most of our opposition away. They were all confidently supported by the safe hands of our catcher, Felicity Spratford. Our big hitters, Nicola Howell and Breanna Payten, brought home loaded bases on a number of occasions and our speedy base runners were Nicola Williams, Sarah Nolan, Gabriella Hardie, Jess Douglas and Tahlia Howard. If the other team did happen to connect with the ball it always landed safely in the hands of our gun fielders Toemii Lavender, Jemma Hudson, Shweta V and Tahlia Howard.

Finals day took place at Hawker on 8 March. The girls didn't ever look like they would lose control of any of the games over the two days of competition. We had a convincing win over SFX in the semis and knew our biggest competition, Belconnen High, was waiting for us in the final. We kept our cool in the final to win the game and were on our way back to the clubhouse accepting the champion's trophy. Congratulations to all the girls and a big thank you to the 'Merry Band of Mums' who helped coach, train, manage and score for us. We couldn't have done it without you.



BOYS 7/8 SOFTBALL

With the Australian men's softball team training in the background, the MacKillop 7/8 boys got their morning off to a solid start with a draw against the highly fancied SFX outfit. Jordan Coffey was pitching well, sending batters back with ease.

A resounding win by forfeit (Lyneham did not turn up) was followed up by a tight loss to Daramalan. Lachlan Seidel, Nick Hosie and Lachlan Searl were all good players, as was the first gamer Daniel DeSmet.

To finish the day the boys played a friendly game against the Year 9/10 team showing them who the better team on the day was.

Mr Argall



BOYS 9/10 OZTAG

On Thursday 2 May the Year 9/10 boys travelled to the Deakin playing fields for the ACT Oztag competition. The boys played Kingsford Smith in the first game and drew 3-3 after leading at half time. In the second game they came up against a very skillful Melrose High outfit. The boys played their best football of the day by playing more as a team and working well in defense. Melrose ended up winning 6-5 in a very entertaining game of Touch Football. The third game saw MacKillop come up against Kingsford Smith again. After a good start the boys couldn't keep up their intensity and went down 3-5 to a very good defensive team in Kingsford Smith. The last pool game was against Stromlo High. The team played superior football, scoring some great tries, including some from long range. MacKillop went out big winners 9-2. The boys unexpectedly made the quarter finals and went down in controversial circumstances to Melrose High. Best players for the day included Jamie Taylor, Nic McDonald, Chris Shingles and Conner Peart.



GIRLS 7/8 TOUCH

On 6 May the Year 7/8 touch teams stepped onto the hallowed turf of the world famous Deakin Playing Fields. We took two teams along and were very excited to play. The mighty "Sweathogs" played extremely well and although they didn't crack a spot in the finals, they played with great sporting behaviour and had a fantastic day in the sun. The "Blues" were undefeated in their three round matches but were unable to maintain their early form. They were gallant in defeat in their semi final match but in the end it was touch football that was the real winner on the day.

Chloe Hull and Mr Margosis



SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH

The Senior Girls team went to Deakin Playing Fields on 28 May, to represent the College in touch football. The day was a great success with the team finishing in second place overall. Congratulations to all the girls who participated and represented the college with exceptional skills and sporting behaviour. Thank you to Mr Sullivan for being a supportive and encouraging coach. The team included Lara Cameron, Steph Cameron, Rachel Gregory, Georgia Ingle, Isabelle Schmidt and Cailah Welch from Year 12 and Hannah Dahl, Hayley Hatcliffe, Kayla Hervert, Hayley Ngametua, Amy Shakespeare and Carly Symons from Year 11.

Lara Cameron and Steph Cameron