



ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE CANBERRA



5 April 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

APR
TUESDAY
09

• Year 8 Sydney
Trip
• Year 7
Community
Day

APR
WEDNESDAY
10

• Year 8 Sydney
Trip

APR
FRIDAY
12

• Term 1 Ends

APR
MONDAY
29

• Term 2
Commences



PRINCIPAL'S PRAYER

"Lord, we give
thanks for the
sacrifice of your
son, and for the
promise that his
resurrection offers
us all.

Amen."

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

College Captains invited to the College Board

In another first for the College, Board Chair Mr Denis O'Connor has invited the two College Captains, Morgan Rosin and Nathan Backer, to be occasional visitors to the monthly meetings of the College Board. Last week, Morgan attended and made a welcome contribution.

Opportunities for school leadership are many and varied at MacKillop and this is a welcome initiative on behalf of the Board. The students will learn more about the management of a \$30 million not-for-profit educational institution and will be able to listen, speak, and gain skills and insights that will be invaluable to them.

The board, left to right, is:

Standing - Lachlan McNicol, Louise Davidson, Denis O'Connor, Michael Lee, Phil Belcher, Nathan Wood, Paul O'Callaghan, Franc Bizjak, Morgan Rosin
Sitting - Michelle da Roza, Sandra Darley, Brideen Allen, Alice Cahill.
Absent - Fr John Armstrong, Danielle Chifley, Nathan Backer.



A phone call from Gai Brodtmann, Member for Canberra

I was watering my garden early Tuesday evening when I took a call from Gai Brodtmann, Member for Canberra and frequent visitor to the school.

She called to explain that she had done a quick grocery shop at the Hyperdome on her way home and had been served by a remarkable young man who goes to MacKillop.

He explained that he was in Year 9 at MacKillop, loved the school, teachers, and mates, and that he was confident the school would help him realise his dream of being an architect. He was working to help out at home and he was really enjoying the job. Gai found him prompt, attentive to her needs, bright, intelligent, pleasant, and a really genuine character "just bursting with skills and potential!"

This is the kind of phone call all principals love, but I've never had one like it from the local Federal member. This young man is quite remarkable and possesses a personality and set of skills typical of so many of our students. Clearly he has been well trained by his place of work and aren't we lucky to have a member of parliament who takes the time to engage with young people and ensure that they are encouraged.

Congratulations to the young man and thank you to Gai!

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,

MICHAEL LEE
PRINCIPAL

Teaching & Learning

Senior Studies.

Now that the Board of Senior Secondary Studies have an exact list of our students wishing to sit the AST, workshops are underway. It's important that all students looking to sit the AST understand how our system works and how every student can maximise their result. In this first Workshop students are taught all about the intricacies of the ACT College system and we address the "compare and contrast" style of Short Response question.

In future we will be looking to embed more AST-style workshops across all year groups in order to have our students as prepared

for these important examinations as we can but for now the priority is our Year 12 students.

If you are the parent of a Year 12 student wishing to sit the AST, ask them about the AST workshop. If they haven't completed the first survey through the "AST Workshops" Studywiz group, encourage them to do so.

While students are encouraged to be competitive in the classroom, the AST is a team effort and these workshops are all about making sure we're all on the same page. Together we can achieve our best AST results yet!

Colby Cruwys
Senior Studies Coordinator

I-Read Program.

I-Read is an intensive one to one reading program created by Associate Professor Kaye Lowe from the University of Canberra. This year the Catholic Education Office has endorsed the use of the program for student in high school.

We are beginning the program in Term 2 with selected students in Years 8 and 9. The program involves students meeting twice a week with a trained reading mentor to develop their reading skills. It also requires the involvement of parents.

We are running an information session for parents of the selected students (you have been contacted by the College) and also for any parent interested in helping their son or daughter develop their reading strategies. Please note the session is for parents only.

The details are:

Date: Tuesday 9 April 2013
Time: 7pm - 9pm
Venue: Staffroom (Wanniassa Campus)
Parking: Please park in the large car park next to the basketball courts
Presenter: Associate Professor Kaye Lowe

If you have any questions please call or email either Maria O'Donnell or Clare Fletcher (62090100)
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Maria O'Donnell and Clare Fletcher
Teaching & Learning Coordinators

Admin News.

School Fees.

Fees for Term 1 should now be finalised unless paying by Direct Debit or other approved arrangement. Any outstanding fees should be paid immediately.

If you require more information regarding Direct Debit arrangements or other approved payment methods or are experiencing difficulty paying the fees please contact the Fees Office.

Michelle Predovan
Fees Manager

A message from Deane's.

Deane's Transit Group have informed us that if students change address or have a name change (including hyphenation of names), they must lodge a new application form for a bus pass with Deane's.

Find out more about Deane's school services at <http://www.deanesbuslines.com.au/queanbeyan/schoolservices.html>.

2014 Enrolments

The Enrolment Period for 2014 runs between 6 May and 24 May 2013.

The Year 7 2014 Information Night will be held at the Wanniassa Campus from 6.30pm on Monday 6 May. If you know of anyone looking for a high school, spread the word about MacKillop! For current MacKillop families looking to enrol a student into Year 7 next year, we stress that you must get your enrolment forms in before 24 May to avoid disappointment.

The Year 11 2014 Information Night will be held at the Isabella Campus with a presentation from Mr Lee at 6pm on Wednesday 15 May. The Info Night and Careers Expo will run on the same evening so that students can look at their career options as well as the courses they might need to take to get there. Year 10 students need to re-enrol for Year 11 - forms will be sent home early in Term 2 and will also need to be completed before the 24 May deadline.

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Year 7 2014	Year 11 2014
Monday 6 May 2013	Wednesday 15 May
Wanniassa Campus	Isabella Campus
@ 6.30pm	@ 6pm
Year 11 Info Night includes Careers Expo (4:30-7:30pm)	

Pastoral News

With Mr McNicol

Motivational Media

Last week students in Years 7 - 9 viewed the Motivational Media presentation "MAD - Making A Difference for Life". The presentation contained powerful images and messages about the value of planning for our lives and making good choices in relationships with others. The songs, stories and comments in the presentation focused on the influence that we have on those around us.

The key message was that when we are young it seems that our whole life stretches in front of us and we have unlimited opportunities and endless time to do everything we want to do. What we often don't realise is that if we don't make a conscious effort to plan for our lives, opportunities and time can slip by and we are left with little but disappointment. Going

along with the crowd may seem like the fun and easy thing to do, but if we really want to make something of our lives, we may need to take another approach.

The presentation featured an insight into the personal stories of four young Australians; Tovah Cottle, Jack Manning Bancroft, Nick Vujicic and Dee (Delores).

"MAD - Making A Difference for Life" encouraged students to live a more deliberate life, making conscious decisions about what actions to take, and preparing themselves to take their place in shaping the type of community they want to be part of. The presentation supports many of the messages delivered in other aspects of the Pastoral Program and will serve as a basis for future activities in weeks to come.

Young Carers Group

Over the past two years a Young Carers Group has been organised on the Wanniasa Campus to support students in Year 7 to 9. This program will again be conducted in 2013.

A Young Carer is a person under the age of 18 who cares for a family member who may be affected by an illness or disability.

Students involved will meet once a week during lesson time and will have the opportunity to participate in numerous workshops and learn more about their significant roles as young carers. This may include skill building workshops such as first aid, cooking, budgeting, relaxation techniques, communicating with family members and time management. It may also involve supporting students with their study demands.

The Group will this year be facilitated by Mr Luke Schofield and Mrs Kelli Campbell and will be run in partnership with CYCLOPS ACT.

If you believe that your son/daughter is a young carer or you would like further information please contact either;

Mr Luke Schofield on 6209 5223 or
Mrs Kelli Campbell on 6209 5222

Year 7 Community Day

Parents and carers of students in Year 7 will have recently received information about the Year 7 Community Day. This day is Tuesday, 9 April, and will provide an opportunity for all Year 7 students to learn about our patron, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, engage in leadership sessions and get to know others in their House group. Following this day students will have the opportunity to nominate for 2013 SRC positions, a process that will be finalised early in Term 2.

Swimming Carnival Attendance

The success of the College's Swimming Carnival in Week 6 was exemplified in the rate of student's attendance and participation in the various events of the day. 85 per cent of students in Years 7 - 9 attended the day. Last week students in 7F3, 8F1, 9E2 and 9F2 were rewarded with a pizza lunch for having the best attendance on the day within their Year groups.

Year 8 Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in Sydney

Next week Year 8 students will participate in a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. Students in Gurabang and Ngadyung will attend this excursion on Tuesday, 9 April while those in Mindygari and Meup Meup will attend on Wednesday, 10 April.

The Pilgrimage is intended to be a valuable learning experience for Year 8 students, providing the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the life and historical context in which St Mary MacKillop lived and worked. They will also experience a tour of St Mary's Cathedral in the city. It is expected that all students will attend this trip. Normal classes will be running on the day which Year 8 do not attend Sydney.

Status Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have this week been presented Status Awards at the Wanniasa Campus Assembly:

Silver Status - Leanne Golding (9E3)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kelly in the Can Holiday Workshop

Inspired by Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly paintings, this animation workshop for students aged 7-12 runs on Mon 22, Tue 23, and Wed 24 April. Call the Canberra Museum and Gallery on 6207 3968 for information.

Calwell Swans

The Calwell Swans are looking for players up to 13 years of age for their Auskick AFL teams. Visit www.calwellswans.com.au.

Padua Class of '83 Reunion

There is a Reunion planned for the Class of '83 in November 2013. The organising committee is trying to locate ex-students who would have completed Year 10 at Padua in 1983. This includes students who may have left a little earlier as well as any teachers who would have had the pleasure of educating us! Please contact Kerrin Hardie (Prout) on 0404 462 292, kezzah68@gmail.com, or there is a facebook page: Padua High Wanniasa Class of '83.