

## Important Dates & Events

JUN.  
MONDAY

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- Year 12 AST Trial
- Senior Work Placements commence

JUN.  
TUESDAY

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- Year 11 AST Trial
- Year 12 AST Trial

JUN.  
WEDNESDAY

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- Year 10 2013 Transition Day

JUN.  
THURSDAY

28

- Variety Night

JUL.  
MONDAY

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- Year 11 2013 Parent Info Session

JUL.  
TUESDAY

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- Year 10 Course Preview Day

JUL.  
WEDNESDAY

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- Year 10 Reflection Day

JUL.  
FRIDAY

06

- Last Day of Term 2

"Lord, We pray for the students of St Mary MacKillop College as they complete their studies for Semester 1. Amen."

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

### Executive Travels

As you read this newsletter Mr Lee, Mrs White and Ms Darley are all travelling in Europe enjoying some well-earned Long Service Leave prior to their attending the WACE Conference in Istanbul at which Dr Jo Brady RSJ and Professor Carolyn Broadbent from ACU and Ms Darley will deliver a paper on the joint MacKillop/ACU venture on the Isabella Campus. Mr Lee will also present a paper at the conference. Hopefully the weather is treating them more kindly than that which we are currently experiencing.

### Mackillop's Australian Olympian

Congratulations to Melissa Breen (Year 12 2008) on her selection in the Australian Athletics Team for the upcoming Olympic Games in London. Melissa's selection is just reward for many years of dedication and sacrifice in chasing her Olympic Dream.

All at MacKillop wish Melissa well and will be watching her performances with great interest and immense pride.

### College Athletics Carnival

The recent Athletics carnival held at Bruce Stadium was a great success. Blessed with near perfect weather, the carnival ran without a hitch. Thanks to Mr Wood and the PE staff for their organization and running of the day and the tremendous spirit shown by the College student leadership team in inspiring all who attended to enjoy a great day.

### End of Semester Happenings

The Isabella campus is in full examination mode this week with Year 11 and 12 exams being completed by Friday 22 June. Staff have been engaged in writing semester reports which will be mailed to families at the end of term. Year 11 and 12 students will engage in Senior Work Placements in the last two weeks of the term.

### Variety Night

A reminder that Variety Night will be held in the Wanniasa Campus Theatre on Thursday 28 June. Tickets will sell quickly therefore, I recommend purchasing your tickets from the Front Office as soon as possible.

### Staff Conference

Teaching and Support staff of the College were involved in acquiring Accreditation A in Religious Education at the Staff Conference held on Friday 8 June. The day was facilitated by Mr Lee and Rev Vince Barclay, who led the staff through the Professional development program prepared by the Catholic Education Office. All staff who work in Catholic Schools in ACT and NSW are required to undergo this Accreditation Process.

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



**Mr Paul O'Callaghan**  
Acting Principal

See College Calendar for more dates

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# School Fees

## Fees are now overdue

Fees for Term 2 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 on 6209 0147.

## The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides assistance to low income earners in the ACT with dependent full-time students.

Eligibility requirements and application forms are available online at <http://www.det.act.gov.au> and by following the links located at the top of the home page - School education/starting school/financial assistance for families. For further information please ring the Bursary Administrator on 6205 9300.

*Michelle Predovan, Fees Manager*

# Pastoral News

## Seasons for Growth

We will soon be offering an Australian Education program called Seasons for Growth which supports students who have experienced change in their family because of a death, separation or divorce.

The Seasons program provides an opportunity for students to:

- Learn about the significant effects of change in their lives
- Understand the sense of loss due to change in family structure caused by death, separation or divorce.
- Gain insight into the different ways individuals relate to such a loss.
- Acknowledge that it is normal to experience a range of emotions
- Develop new skills to assist in coping with such grief reactions
- Appreciate and nurture their gifts and strengths
- Participate in a group with caring peers

Seasons for Growth is an eight-week program, plus two 'reconnector' sessions later in the year. Seasons for Growth will commence at MacKillop Catholic College on both the Wanniasa and Isabella campuses early next term, beginning as soon as notes are returned from parents. There will be 4-6 students in each group. Groups will be run for 1-2 periods once per week during the school day for the program's duration. If you have questions or concerns about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Maybin or Mrs White at the College.

*Helen Maybin  
RE Coordinator (Acting)*

# Variety Night

*Come one, come all,  
to the greatest show on Earth!*

# Variety Night

2012 @MacKillop

★ thursday 28 june ★  
★ wanniasa theatrette ★  
★ 7pm start ★



\$10

tickets available at the front office

# Merit Certificates

**GURABANG:** Brooke Smyth (7E1), Liam Jackson (7E1), Paula O'Sullivan x2 (7E1), Hayley Simpson (8E5), Kobi Kirally (7E2), Joshua Weir (7EW), Luke Brown x2 (7EW), Cara Lehr (7E3), Brooke Simpson (7E3), Bethany-Ann Barclay (7E3), Thomas Seaman (7E3), Brendan Blakers (7E3), Grace Bascunan (7E3), Sydney Oakman (7E3), Tamara Alexander-Tulley (7E1), Paula O'Sullivan x2 (7E1), Bree Boland (7E1), Madison Peart (7E1), Liam Jackson (7E1), Cory McInnes (7E1), Liam Jackson (7E1), Cory McInnes (7E1), Nicholas Morrissey (7E1), Ciaran French (7E1), Claire Lonie (7E1), Kaitlin Gallagher (7E1).

**MEUP MEUP:** Bradley Crowe (7F2), Jaidyn Cartledge (7F2), Rachel Dean (7F2), Jazmin Lam x3 (7F2), Benjamin Schimdt (7F2), Sean Beudeker x2 (7F2), Keenan Beattie (7F2), Jaimie Barton (8F4), Jenna Cairns (7F1), Kelsie Wall x2 (7F1), Mitchell Cridland (7F1), Keegan Horsfield (7F1), Carlie Kelly (7F1), Hayley Paull x2 (7F1), Gabrielle Knox x3 (7F1), James Maas (7F1).

**MINDYGARI:** Jamie Weber (8A5), Kearley Waterson (7A2), Taylah Parr (7A2).

**NGADYUNG:** Samuel Hiscock (7W2), Leo Phimphravichith (7W1), Katrina White (8A6), Miriam McLaren (8W6), Jack Thirkell (7W3), Rikayla Martin (7W3), Abigail Aparicio (7W3), Bridget Fallshaw (7W3), Tori Guglielman (7W3), Tahlia Howard (7W3), Rikayla Martin (7W3), Jack Thirkell (7W3), Jessica Willmott (7W3).

# Leave & Exemptions

## Application for Leave or Extended Leave

From time to time parents make the decision to take students from school. This could be due to family commitments or holidays. Both parents and students need to be aware that any time missed from school can impact on the child's/children academic performance.

From the beginning of Semester 2 the Wanniasa Campus will be introducing a format similar to the Isabella Campus for students taking leave. Any student (Years 7 – 12) taking leave equivalent to a week or more will be required to apply in writing to the Campus Head on their respective campus as soon as this information is known. For students in Years 9 to 12 the student will be given an "Application for leave or extended leave form" to be completed. These application forms are available on Studywiz or from the Campus Head Secretary on each campus. Students must notify their teachers of their leave and renegotiate assessment dates.

## Exemption Certificates

If your child is between the ages of 6 and 17, lives in the ACT and has not yet completed Year 12, they are of compulsory education age. This means your child needs to be:

- enrolled with an education provider,
- registered for home education, or
- engaged in approved training or employment.

Your child also needs to meet the attendance and participation requirements of the Education Act 2004 to:

- attend the school on every day, and during the times on every day, when the school is open for attendance; and
- attend every activity of the school (including attendance at an approved educational course) that the school requires the child to attend.

In some circumstances, it may not be possible to meet these requirements. In order to comply with the Education Act 2004, parents who can't meet these requirements should apply to the Education and Training Directorate for an Exemption Certificate. Failure to meet these requirements without an Exemption Certificate may lead to compliance action, and possible prosecution.

What is an Exemption Certificate?

An Exemption Certificate is like a permit. It states that a parent does not need to meet the requirements listed above. Sometimes Exemption Certificates have conditions attached which specify what is required of the student in terms of their attendance and participation.

When do applications for Exemption need to be made?

- To undertake an Apprenticeship/Traineeship
- To study at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) / Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

- The child or young person intends to undertake overseas/ domestic/family travel/student exchange for a period of greater than five school weeks
- An exemption due to health issues which prevent full-time participation
- Part-time training/part-time work
- Part-time education/part-time work
- Full Time Employment
- Graduated return to school

What if I need more information?

For further information or to obtain an Exemption Certificate application please contact the Directorate at: [http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications\\_and\\_policies/publications\\_a-z](http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/publications_a-z).

*Michelle Marks, Deputy Principal Curriculum*

# Future Stars

## Congratulations!

Jonty Hromow, Jordan Nichols, Lyal Keir and Nic Cotric (all Year 8) represented the ACT Brumbies under 14s Rugby Union in the Australian Championships in Orange early this month. Jonty had the honour of captaining the team for the 3rd straight year.

Taryn Leslie (Year 7) is representing ACT in the Australian Calisthenic Federation National Championships being held in Darwin in July. Taryn is Captain of the Junior Team and will also be representing ACT in the Junior Graceful division.

Carly Symons and Charlee Cremerius (both from Year 10) have been selected to compete for the ACT in the School Sport Australia National Netball Championships in Darwin this August.

ACT Tenpin Bowling reps David Hunt (Year 12) and Kieran Gulyas (Year 9) participated in the NSW Junior Championships last week, where David placed 1st and Kieran placed 2nd.

Aliese Layden (Year 8) recently competed in the Wagga Wagga Dance Eisteddfod where she came 1st in all 3 dances and won her age group. Aliese is also in Reerain CATS Musical theatre which will show next month at the ANU.

Rena Shatzman (Year 10) will be in Spain next month representing Australia for soccer in the Donosti & Costa Blanca Cups.

Riley McGown (Year 11) and Breanna Briggs (Year 9) will represent the ACT in Cross Country in Adelaide this August.

Connor Massen (Year 7) will represent the ACT for Rugby League in Mackay during early August.

Brendan Brophy and Jordan Martin (Year 12) have been selected to represent the ACT at the National Rugby League Championships in Port Macquarie next month.

William Seaman, Alexander Floros (both Year 9), and Adam Seary (Year 8) will head to Brisbane at the end of the month to play cricket for the ACT.

Rebecca Cross (Year 7) will participate in the Australian Swimming Championships in Sydney at the end of July.

# Visual Art News



## Year 12 graphic art on display in local exhibition

Congratulations to Chelsea Agno, whose illustrations are currently being exhibited at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre as part of the Tuggeranong Rotary Youth Art Awards. The competition was open to young people 15 - 25 years of age. I attended the Opening Night and was proud to see that Chelsea's work was given pride of place right next to the speakers addressing the crowd of people crammed into the gallery space. Her work sits comfortably alongside pieces produced by university students and practicing artists. Well done Chelsea! The exhibition runs until June 30 so get along and have a look.

*Tamara Murdoch, Visual Arts Coordinator*



# Community News

## Scouts and Girl Guides Performance

Canberra Gang Show "Get Lost" is showing at Erindale Theatre, July 14 - 21. Book online: [www.canberragangshow.com.au](http://www.canberragangshow.com.au)

## Canberra School of Tennis Holiday Camps

These week-long Tennis Camps run during the upcoming July school holiday period at four locations around Canberra, including Weston Creek and Chisholm. There are 2 types of camps including the normal Tennis Camps and the Tennis & Chess Camp. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the Canberra School of Tennis via email at [csot@grapevine.com.au](mailto:csot@grapevine.com.au) or by calling 62413705.

## Women's Cursillo

Female staff and parents within the MacKillop Community are invited to participate in the Women's Cursillo being held at St Clements Retreat Centre in Galong on 5-8 July. Come away for an invigorating weekend where you will meet other women and discover that a life rich in faith is a life well lived. For further information, email Donna Evans at [donna@supportlink.com.au](mailto:donna@supportlink.com.au) or call her on 62350319.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend for married couples takes place on 20-22 July at Douglas Park, NSW. Take the time out to reinvigorate your marriage! Bookings can be made by calling 02 4283 3435 or emailing [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au). For more information, visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au).

## Energy Smart Workshops

This FREE workshop aims to help Canberra households cut their energy costs by up to \$250pa by helping people to make sustainable living choices. Participants will learn about free or low-cost actions and efficient home improvements that will assist with reducing energy bills and improving the year-round comfort of their home. The next workshop in South Canberra is on Friday 29 June at Woden Library, commencing at 5pm. To register, send an email to [energysmart@sustainact.com](mailto:energysmart@sustainact.com) or call 6248 0885.

## G'day USA Cultural Exchange

An opportunity exists for students at MacKillop to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the USA for twenty days in the January 2014 school holidays. Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend ten days living with an American host family and visit an American school.

The cost is \$5395 from Sydney, which includes airfares, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfasts and admission to attractions. Please collect a brochure from student reception or contact Education World Travel on 1800 337 930.