

House Reports.



Gurabang

The House Report

Nathan Ryan &
Phoebe Sutherland

As your Gurabang House Captains for 2012 we could not have been prouder! This year Gurabang has demolished the other houses with a sensational hat trick in the Swimming Carnival Championship Cup. We showed them all our unbeatable spirit at the 'MacLympics' Athletics Carnival and went on to gain yet another title!

The year began for us when we were given our shiny new badges at the Opening Mass. We could show everyone our pride for Gurabang, and our dedication to the role for which we were elected. So a huge thanks to everyone who voted us in and gave us this opportunity.

When we set up camp in the 'Aussie Outback' at the Swimming Carnival, with the sun beaming through the clouds, we knew we were destined for yet another great day. Walking in dressed as "bogans", various Australian wildlife or Steve Irwin mimics - we think it is safe to say you all enjoyed the day as much as we did. Overall Gurabang had a spectacular day with everyone participating in either chanting or swimming! We were crowned champions to continue the Gurabang legacy.

This year for the Athletics Carnival the four houses somewhat joined together to create an Olympic theme as the real big event was being held in London. The "MacLympics" was a great day, and from the moment we all

arrived at the AIS, we were in it to win. Unfortunately for us we did not seem to be able to run as fast, jump as high, or as far as the other houses but our spirits were not crushed. Everyone dressed up showing amazing house spirit, with plants, hippie clothing and plenty of green, the spirit went through the roof. Yes, believe it or not, Gurabang were once again delighted to be holding the Athletics Carnival Spirit Cup at the end of the day.

For our House Charity this year we decided to raise money for an organisation that means a lot to us and, in particular, supports a family whose children attend our school. PatCH or Paediatrics at the Canberra Hospital, helps both children and families alike.

In Term 3 Gurabang's house week was all about being young at heart! We thank you, once again, for all your donations throughout the week. It was great to see all of the Isabella Campus dressed as clowns for a day, as a way of interpreting Patch Adams, a movie character. To finish the week we had our "Pizza Picnic", and with a combined total of all our efforts we raised just over \$550.

We'd like to say a special thank you to all of Gurabang's SRC as our year would not have been as good, or as memorable, without you: Jenny Nguyen (Year 11), Sabrina Beattie (Year 10), Ayrton Kiraly (Year 9), Tayla Ballard (Year 8), and Merinda Beattie (Year 7). Another two people that we would like to mention are our House Patrons, Mr Chifley and Ms Box. We are very grateful for all your efforts this year! We both hope that you have enjoyed the year as much as we have and we wish Gurabang luck for all the coming years! #kickbutt

Nathan Ryan & Phoebe Sutherland





GURABANG

Swimming Carnival: EARTH



Spirit Cup Winners

New York

Swimming Champs :)



MEUP MEUP

Swimming Carnival: FIRE



Athletics Carnival: FIRE





Meup Meup

The House Report
Chloe Mayo, Tyson Schilg
& Makayla Wyatt



ANOTHER great year for Meup Meup; so much House spirit and enthusiasm from our entire house. It was a privilege to represent you as your House Captains! Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity.

With all the excitement of a new year and our shiny new badges it was time to get down to business; first order of business: the Swimming Carnival.

Our theme for the Swimming Carnival was 'Mexican'. Everyone got involved, wearing their ponchos, sombreros and mustachios. Although we didn't win any awards the passion and spirit was high amongst our Fire Amigos. #VivaLaMeupMeup

From the hype of the 2012 London Olympics, all houses joined together to create the 'MacLlympics', and we were Fire Nation! It was a great day at the AIS and all of Fire got involved wearing their Fire Nation gear and participating in House chants and field events.

The House Charity chosen for Meup Meup this year was New Hope for Cambodian Children (NHCC). NHCC is a charitable organisation set up to work with the Royal Government of Cambodia and non-governmental organisations in

order to help Cambodian children living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The residential facility known as 'Our Village' provides full time holistic care to orphans and abandoned children as well as supporting underprivileged Cambodian children living with HIV/AIDS.

In 2011, a group of students from the College embarked on a journey to Cambodia with an organisation called World Challenge. There they visited the orphanage and met the children living there. Their touching stories were a big reason NHCC was chosen as the Meup Meup House

Charity for 2012.

Charity was a huge part of our year and duties as House Captains. We had many successful fundraising days throughout the year for many different charities. During Fire Charity Week we chose to have a Wacky Hair Day. The response from the college was tremendous with everyone getting involved; an astonishing amount of money was raised for a very deserving cause.

We have had an awesome year as your Fire Captains. We would like to commend all of Meup Meup on their enthusiasm and spirit at carnivals and towards all charity days throughout the year. A big thank you to Mr Nulley and Mr Hennequin who were our Meup Meup House patrons, all Meup Meup SRC members and Mr Wood for all the hard work and effort they have put in to make this year a success.

Here's to another great year for Meup Meup!

Tyson Schilg & Makayla Wyatt



Mindygari

The House Report
Andrew Robinson
& Ellen Saunders

TWENTY-TWELVE had an electric feeling as the year began. As Mindygari House Captains we were ready to dive into the commitment with the support of all who had elected us. We were both very excited to see what we could bring to Mindygari as it has had some very strong leaders before us, but we were confident that we could rise to the challenge and make the year ahead the best possible for ourselves and our House.

The Dickson Aquatic Centre was once again the location of what was to be an incredible Swimming Carnival. For Air House it was a day full of creativity with our theme "Rub-a-Dub-Dub", tying in with the swimming pool quite nicely. The theme was a huge hit among the House as the majority were dressed up bringing with them a rubber ducky or two. There was a lot of imagination shown by several Mindygari students with some very extravagant costume designs. Although the day was not the best weather-wise, Mindygari took to the water anyway and had an amazing day. Though we weren't fortunate enough to come away with either trophy, the students of Mindygari should be commended on their spirit and participation at the carnival.

This year the themes for the Athletics Carnival took a bit of a spin. It was decided that, given the Olympics were to be held in London later in the year, MacKillop would hold our very own 'MacLlympics'. Each House was to make their own

nation, using the elements each were named after to create a flag and dress up in costumes that could be related to that element... Air House becoming Air Nation for the day. Helicopters, planes, pilots and birds all took flight as Air House members entered the AIS for a day of competition, athletics and fun. The day was enjoyable for all and Air House is to be commended for their participation throughout the day. Overall Air House received second place in competitions point and third in spirit points. However the day ended with a bang, as air house stood in the grand stands chanting as we took home the majority of the relay events.

This year, Air House nominated the local charity Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter as our house charity for 2012. Snowy Hydro is the primary provider of Aero-Medical and Rescue Helicopter services to people in the ACT and South-eastern NSW. Since it began in 1998, the helicopter and crew have completed thousands of rescues and saved thousands of lives. In Week 3 of Term 3, there were a number of fundraisers for all could get involved in. Throughout the week, donation buckets were taken around the senior campus in addition to a jar of delicious lollies

for students to guess how many there were. The week ended with everyone looking their best on Ugly Sweater Day. All students across the school campus actively took part in the events, and, most importantly, we raised a significant donation to assist this important local charity.

Finally, we would both like to thank all of those who elected us. Our time as House Captains this year was so much fun. Thank you to our Air House SRC members Todd Dallinger (Year 7), Katrina White (Year 8), Thomas Makin (Year 9), Cassandra Madrid (Year 10) and Carrie Altinger (Year 11), we definitely couldn't have done it without you. Additionally, we would like to thank the rest of the SRC, especially the Year 12 leaders for making this year the wonderful year it was.

Andrew Robinson & Ellen Saunders



Swimming Carnival: AIR



MINDYGARI

Athletics Carnival: AIR





NGADYUNG

Swimming Carnival: WATER



Spirit Cup Winners

Athletics Champions!

Athletics Carnival: WATER



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Ngadyung

The House Report

Lauren Cuthbert
& Blake Whelan

WOW! This truly was a great year, and it is with a sense of sadness that we notice the Christmas decorations up in the shopping centres and think, "It is nearly over." For us, it was a year of many highs and lows – highs so high they loomed above like the Telstra Tower, and lows that weren't particularly low because, let's face it, we were a great team. Not only us, but all of Water House; we pulled together at the Swimming and the Athletics Carnivals and concocted in our simmering pot of House Spirit a blend of two parts victory, two parts gracious defeat, and five parts fun. What a school we go to, where this simmering liquid overflowed from its cauldron and washed over us all at such memorable moments as the whole-school Macarena at the Swimming Carnival!

When we were named House Captains, we couldn't believe our excitement! We truly are the greatest partnership, two coexistent co-captains, interdependent beings like the stingray and the suckerfish. The beginning of the year heralded the start of a new period in our lives, and we were thrust into this life as one is thrust into the freezing cold water of a swimming pool in winter, when all of a sudden we realised the Swimming Carnival was on the way! So, amidst leotards and red shorts, 3D glasses with the lenses popped out and ponytails that swished about as though dispelling a frustrating plague of flies, we embarked on our first victory, that of the Spirit Cup! Helping us along

the way were Olivia Newton John's 'Let's Get Physical', Lisa Moxon's spectacular choreography, Natasha Lorkovic's angelic voice, and 12W2's fantastic dance ability, all of which combined to make 'Let's Get in the Pool' – something I hope we will remember for years to come.

The Swimming Carnival was shocking: it was over the horizon for so long, before suddenly appearing right before our eyes! So we decided to take something from this, and prepare better for the Athletics Carnival. When the Athletics Carnival came we were armed for victory with...a sheet and a smiley-face cape. Though our costumes were not quite up to standard, our expectations were more than met by the dexterity of our sportsmen and women as they led us to our second victory, and we came home with the Championship Cup! We felt at this point that we could retire from our roles with a great deal of satisfaction.

But wait, there is more! We were once again put in the limelight during advertisements for our House Charity, Headspace, for which we raised money to help youth suffering from depression and anxiety. The week-and-a-half

dedicated for this was stressful for the both of us; perhaps we had created just a bit more effort for ourselves than we ought to have.

We also attended the CASPA conference, greeting people who didn't seem too fussed about being greeted. To be honest, our conversations were quite one-sided. But our presence in our spiffy blazers and well-groomed bodies was appreciated, I am sure, by the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard, when she came for a visit. Though we were too busy talking to Tim from Brindabella to greet her, the atmosphere she created was still rewarding and we came away with a great feeling of awe, and disappointment that we didn't get to shake her hand.

Finally, we would like to give our thanks to Mr Lee and Ms Darley; Mr Robertson, our House Patron, who, with a Hawaiian shirt and empty drink bottles, made our carnivals very enjoyable experiences; Mr Wood; and anyone else we may have forgotten. Also, a very big thanks to everyone in Water House – without all of you to embrace us, this year wouldn't have been quite as good as it was!

Now it is finally time to put away the smiley-face cape and trusty Lego boat, and pass on our captaincy to Tom Burgess and Taylah Fellows. It is with a feeling of melancholy mingled with happiness, contentment, and excitement that we bid our final farewell.

Lauren Cuthbert & Blake Whelan

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Mat's steering in the right direction

BY THE TIME you read this, Mathew Hart would have taken the next step towards his ultimate dream: becoming a driver in the Formula 1.

Mathew has been invited to America this December to test for the USF2000, which has been known to launch many drivers into racing Indy Car.

It's been a good year for the Year 12 student, whose five race wins in the Formula Ford Australian Series with two pole positions saw him finish second in the championship behind the more experienced Jack Le Brocq.

Mat earned the trial by being the highest-placed point scorer in the Australian Spectrum Chassis. Drive safely, Mat! (but not too safely.)



MacKillop's World Champion Cricketer

THERE MUST BE something in that Floros family water.

Year 8 student Benji has become the latest member of the Floros family to represent Australia – and not only has he done that, but he's also now a world champion.

Benji was selected in the Australian U14 Indoor Cricket team that headed to South Africa for the Junior World Series in September.

He played a significant role in the final when he put on a second skin

partnership of 60, which proved the difference as Australia went on to defeat the host nation.

Benji is aiming to follow in the footsteps of his brother Jason, who plays for the Queensland Bulls in the Sheffield Shield and also the Sydney Thunder in the Twenty20 Big Bash Competition.

Two other MacKillop students, Adam Seary and Tom Seaman, were reserves for the Junior World Series.





MacKillop represented on the world's greatest stage

MACKILLOP IS VERY PROUD of four ex-students who represented their respective nations at the London Olympics. Sprinter Melissa Breen (Class of 2008, pictured), Mountain Biker Bec Henderson (Class of 2009), and Hockey player Glenn Turner (MacKillop student in 1997-98) all represented Australia while Zane Jordan (Class of 2008) represented Zambia in the pool for the second-consecutive time at the Olympics.

Glenn was influential in helping Australia win a Bronze Medal in the Men's Hockey, while it was a particularly good year for Melissa Breen, who also won the coveted Stawell Gift in April.

Look out for some memorabilia from the Games, which has been donated to the school and will be framed and displayed proudly around the College early in 2013.



Robbo runs riot for Australian rugby



IT'S RARE that we're able to beat New Zealand in rugby on their own turf, but Andrew Robinson has helped the Australian Schoolboys side to do just that.

Andrew scored one try and helped create another in their tight 16-14 win over the New Zealand Schools side at Auckland Grammar in October.

The win was a fantastic way to cap off a tremendous couple of years of representative rugby for Andrew, who made his debut in 2011 and has since recorded victories over Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa.

Andrew also played in last year's victory over New Zealand Schools on Australian soil in 2011.

"It felt like it was a dream come true," he said. "I'm very thankful for the opportunity that was given to me and thankful to all those who helped me achieve what I have today."

Andrew has made positive progress as he aims for a career in professional rugby, recently signing with the Australian Rugby Union and training with the ACT Brumbies.



Jaline becomes a dual-international

IF ONLY the Socceroos were so good. Australian schoolgirls soccer representative Jaline Hoek (Year 12) played in victories over Wales, England, and Scotland during their undefeated tour of the UK in January. In doing so, she became a dual-international, having represented Holland before becoming an Australian citizen last year.

Next January, Jaline will be off with the national team again, but this time against the likes of Brazil and Argentina.

"It's really life-changing, you get to travel and play - as a child you're always dreaming of that," she said.

"It felt weird considering I wasn't born here, but it was good. I'm happy to be Australian and I'd love to play for the Matildas one day."

Over the October holidays Jaline was invited to join a training camp for the Young Matildas (U20s), so she's already a step closer to that goal.

Don't challenge Tom to a duel



They say that the pen is mightier than the sword, but here's one student who might disagree - especially if that sword is a foil.

Tom Makin of Year 9 has excelled in the sport of fencing since taking it up only a few years ago.

A member of MacKillop's fencing club, En Garde, Tom has performed strongly in 2012, becoming ACT U15 Champion and ACT Novice (under two years' competition experience) Champion.

He has also won competitions held by the ANU and the Venezuelan Embassy, and finished second in the NSW State Championships.

En Garde started up in 2009 and has been giving students the opportunity to try the sport (or, in Tom's case, excel in it) weekly at the Isabella Campus.

It's great to see Tom and his fellow En Garde teammates doing so well. Congratulations!



Horse play pays off

A couple of MacKillop girls have been doing well in equestrian for the past few years.

Georgia Hope and Rebecca Harnas, both of Year 12, were picked in Australian teams, with Georgia representing Australia in New Zealand this year.

Georgia had an impressive year, winning several titles at the prestigious Melbourne Royal Show.



CARNIVALS

The Swimming Carnival

ANOTHER great time was had by all at the annual College Swimming Carnival held at the Dickson Aquatic Centre. It was great to see all of the colour and enthusiasm of all the students who attended the day.

A big congratulations must go to the House Leaders on both campuses for their preparation and leadership prior to and on the day of the carnival, a job well done!

This year saw the introduction of Caritas Corner. This area was designed as a novelty area and all money raised was to go to Caritas. Students this year were given the opportunity to pay cash to dunk their teachers in the dunking tank. This was well received and the staff who got involved are to be congratulated and thanked. This area will grow over the coming years.

Another big congratulations to the whole college for their support of a Year 10 PC initiative that saw their PC Teacher Mr Mike Brennan and Ms Sandra Darley take the plunge into the pool for a significant amount of money that was again donated to Caritas.

Again the Championship and Spirit Cups were hotly contested with the lead for both changing throughout the day. In the end the 2011 Championship Trophy was presented to Gurabang Captains Phoebe Sutherland and Nathan Ryan and the extremely closely fought Spirit Cup presented to Ngadyung Captains Lauren Cuthbert and Blake Whelan.

Congratulations to the following 2012 Swimming Age Champions:

12 Years	Male - Nicholas MORRISSEY
	Female - Charlotte EGAN
13 Years	Male - Joseph SIMPSON
	Female - Rebecca CROSS
14 Years	Male - Jack KINSMORE
	Female - Taylah GRADY
15 Years	Male - Ayrton KIRALY
	Female - Carly SYMONS
16 Years	Male - Benjamin HUGILL
	Female - Emma REDMAN
17+ Years	Male - Alex RAMSAY
	Female - Jacqui WORMALD

This year saw a new event start at the Swimming Carnival, the MacKillop Marlin. This event put the fastest 50m Swimmers in each age group against each other to see who was the fastest male and female in the College. The 2012 MacKillop Marlins were - Alex Ramsay of Year 12 for the boys and Rebecca Cross of Year 7 for the girls.

Rebecca Cross of Year 7 also broke three of the College Swimming Records, these being in the 13 Years Girls Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Congratulations and well done Rebecca!

A big thank you must go to the PE Staff, College Leaders and SRC for setting up the venue, Mr Tony Lazarrato for organising the very loud sound equipment and the maintenance staff for transporting all of the equipment to and from the venue.

Mr Nathan Wood
Sports Facilitator



The Athletics Carnival

THIS year saw the annual St Mary MacKillop College Athletics Carnival take place again at the Australian Institute of Sport Athletics Track. In what can be described as another miracle from St Mary MacKillop, the weather was simply amazing. 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, earning all of the houses lots of points towards the Spirit Cup. The College House Patrons worked tirelessly with the College Captains and SRC to make the day the best it could be.

All the pressure again was on Ngadyung to defend both the Championship Trophy and Spirit Cup that they won in 2011. Unfortunately they couldn't deliver on both trophies but were successful in their defence of the Championship Trophy, which was presented to Lauren Cuthbert and Blake Whelan at the completion of the day. After a 7 Year drought, Gurabang won the Spirit Cup for 2012, breaking Ngadyung's stranglehold. The Spirit Cup was presented to House Captains Phoebe Sutherland and Nathan Ryan by Principal Michael Lee.

Many College Records were broken in 2012, and a big congratulations to the following students:

16	Boys	High Jump	Joshua HICKMAN	1.80m
13	Girls	0100m	Jade EWART	13.13sec
13	Girls	1500m	Nicola WILLIAMS	325sec
14	Girls	Discus	Taylah GRADY	28.88m
14	Girls	Javelin	Taylah GRADY	26.43m
14	Boys	Javelin	Jonty HROMOW	28.56m
14	Girls	Long Jump	Emma CLARKE	4.47m
14	Girls	0400m	Taylah GRADY	70.53sec
12	Girls	0200m	Lara HAYNES	30.27sec
14	Girls	Shot Putt	Taylah GRADY	10.31m
16	Girls	0200m	Kayla HERVERT	27.31sec
17+	Boys	0100m	Jordan MARTIN	11.43sec
17+	Girls	Javelin	Meghann GRIFFIN	29.7m
16	Girls	1500m	Morgan ROSIN	321sec
15	Girls	1500m	Breanna BRIGGS	323sec
17+	Girls	Discus	Meghann GRIFFIN	25.74m
14	Girls	0800m	Jamie BERKELEY	168sec

In 2012, we saw the inclusion of the MacKillop Gift to the program. This event sees the fastest students from each age group over 100m compete in a handicapped 100m race. This event was well received and greatly anticipated. The Female MacKillop Gift Winner for 2012 from Year 9 was Emma Clarke and the Male Winner from Year 10 was Jordan Perry. 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 their cooperation and participation and I look forward to 2013 being bigger and better.

The 2012 Athletics Age Champions were:

12 Year	Male - Cameron GAWLER
12 Year	Female - Lara HAYNES
13 Year	Male - Matthew DREDGE
13 Year	Female - Samantha THOMAS
14 Year	Male - Jordan NICHOLLS
14 Year	Female - Taylah GRADY
15 Year	Male - James WHELAN
15 Year	Female - Breanna BRIGGS
16 Year	Male - Riley MCGOWN
16 Year	Female - Kelsey WHITE
17+ Year	Male - Matthew SMITH
17+ Year	Female - Meghann GRIFFIN



Mr Nathan Wood
Sports Facilitator



Cross Country

THIS year saw a large number of students compete in the ASC Cross Country held at Weston Park in very cool conditions.

On the day, every student ran extremely well and participated in true MacKillop Spirit.

We had a number of excellent results that included: Breanna Briggs of Year 9 2nd in the 15 Years Girls; Morgan Rosin of Year 11 2nd in the 16 Years Girls; Nicola Williams of Year 7 3rd in the 13 Years Girls; Riley McGown of Year 10 3rd in the 16 Years Boys; Sam Roestbakken of Year 9 5th in the 15 Years Boys; Nicholas McDonald of Year 9 10th in the 14 Years Boys.

Congratulations to these students and to all the students who participated on the day. A big thank you to Mr Luke Schofield, Mrs Kelly Candy and the Pre-service Teachers from the University of Canberra for organising and taking the students to Weston Park to compete on the day.

Our 2012 College Cross Country Age Champions are:

- 12 Year Male - Timothy Fraser
- 12 Year Female - Emily Chifley
- 13 Year Male - Joseph Simpson
- 13 Year Female - Nicola Williams
- 14 Year Male - Nicholas McDonald
- 14 Year Female - Jamie Berkeley
- 15 Year Male - Sam Roestbakken
- 15 Year Female - Breanna Briggs
- 16 Year Male - Riley McGown
- 16 Year Female - Morgan Rosin
- Senior Male - Matthew Smith
- Senior Female - Diandra Martin

Well done and Congratulations!

Nathan Wood
Sports Facilitator

ACT Swimming

SIX students represented St Mary MacKillop College in the 2012 School Sport ACT Swimming Championships at the AIS on 3 and 4 May. These championships were held to select the ACT team to compete in Sydney in Term 3. The swimmers were Rebecca Cross 7W1 (selected), Chloe Ironside 9E9, Ayrton Kiraly 9E7 (selected), Shannon Maloney 9A9 (selected), Alex Ramsay 12E2 (selected) and Gabrielle Scarth-Johnson 8A4.

All swimmers swam close to their entry times or bettered them on the days they swam. Rebecca competed in three events with two firsts and a personal best. Chloe entered five events and swam four personal bests. Ayrton swam two events and achieved a first and third as well as a personal best. Shannon competed in eight events and achieved five firsts, two thirds and a fifth with six personal bests. Alex swam five events and achieved results in the top six as well as a personal best. Gabrielle competed in three events with two top six results.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for their performance in and out of the pool while they represented St Mary MacKillop College.

Cathryn Thomas



ASC Athletics

ON Tuesday 23 October, students participated in the ASC Athletics Carnival at the AIS. It was a nice sunny day and all of MacKillop were very supportive and participated with a huge smile. We loved the carnival and we all had heaps of fun. We had fun meeting new people and seeing friends from other schools. Some people won their events like Nicola Williams in the 800m and 1500m, Jayden Pollard in the high jump, Taylah Grady in the javelin and shot put, Riley McCowan in the 800m, Kelsey Barsley in the javelin, James Whelan in the 1500m and Meghann Griffin in the discus. We had heaps of other MacKillop students who did very well in their events. Thank you to Miss Donnelly, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Candy for taking us. We had an awesome day!

Maddison Banks, 7F3

Australian Swimming

SHANNON Maloney (9A9), Alex Ramsay (12E2) and Rebecca Cross (7W1) were selected in a team of 91 swimmers from the ACT to compete at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships at the Sydney Aquatic Centre from the 28 July to the 3 August, 2012.

The swimmers stayed with the team at the Armoury in Homebush. One of the highlights of the trip was the compulsory excursion, for all swimmers from all states, to Taronga Park Zoo.

The School Nationals is not about world records, meet records or winning medals - although these things are great to achieve. It is about being part of a team, supporting each other and getting to know other students from their state or other states.

Shannon swam in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly heats as well as finals. Alex mainly swam in the freestyle events with a finals appearance in his last year in a school team. Rebecca is a breaststroke swimmer and although she was swimming as a younger swimmer in a combined age group she still managed to achieve results in the top six.

The MacKillop swimmers, Shannon, Alex and Rebecca, were great ambassadors for our school. They each had at least one top ten result and swam at all times to the best of their ability on the day.

Cathryn Thomas



TEAM SPORTS

Team Sports Overview

WELL, it was another big year in sport for St Mary MacKillop College in 2012. 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 in 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.

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 College teams. Staff go above and beyond to give the students attending St Mary MacKillop College every possible opportunity to represent the College in such a wide variety of sports. I would also like to give special thanks to the staff and relief staff, Mr Paul Durham, Mrs Pauline Hannon and Mrs Rachel Lemon, who covered the lessons for members of staff who took all of our teams out this year.

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 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 2012. A big thank you to the Year 12 Student Leaders and College SRC for their ideas, support and help to make our carnivals the success they were.

Nathan Wood, Sports Facilitator

AFL Y7/8 Girls AFL



Despite only having half a team prior to the day itself, we managed to scrape together a side that came together beautifully and, against all odds and with no substitutions, managed to win three out of four games to win through to the finals day. On finals day, the side was depleted even further with injury but despite this, the girls played well but, with no bench and larger fields, it was inevitable we would tire and lose. Overall, for the girls to make the finals and to perform so well with little training is a credit to them and the College. Outstanding players on the days were Morgan Margosis, Niamh Carew and Tealia Haines-Willis

Peter O'Callaghan

Y9/10 Girls AFL

Continuing the excellent tradition of St Mary MacKillop Australian Rules teams, the 9/10 Girls competed in the Southside carnival at Phillip playing fields. After collecting all of the brand new MacKillop uniforms and fighting for favourite numbers, the girls were all set for their first game, a bye. This gave them an opportunity to see some of the competition and get a little more practice in.

Game one was a resounding win over Trinity 2 with all girls enjoying the game, with Tayah Grady and Sarah Lilley both playing very well. The second game against old rivals St Clare's was also a big win, with the girls outscoring their opposition 7 goals to 1. Unfortunately the last game of the day against Trinity 1 was a narrow loss, which, therefore, meant the girls missed out on a place in the ACT finals.

Overall it was a great day with many of the girls having the opportunity to play Australian Rules Football for the first time. All had a great day and played with great spirit in typical MacKillop fashion.

Dale Argall

Senior Boys AFL

On Tuesday 8 May, the Senior Boys AFL Team headed to Phillip Oval for the ACT School Boys Competition. Many of the boys had prior experience but for some others AFL was very new to them. The boys met Karabar first, which turned out to be a positive 68 - 9 win and they showed great potential for the remaining games. Next, the boys met Lake Gininderra which again turned out to be a big win 94 - 3. This left our final game against Erindale and the winner of this would progress to the ACT final. Unfortunately, the boys lost 52 - 14 but the scoreboard did not reflect the effort they put in and how close the game was for much of the contest. Well done to all the boys who participated throughout the day: Jamie Cooper, Dylan Johnstone, Dylan Bryant, Angus Greenwood, Tom Lewis, James Beatty, Tyler Friend, Andrew Robinson, Rhys O'Neill, Luke James, Jayden Pappas, Ryan Larson, Lewis Hollands, Sam Cryer, Nick Spokes, Mitch Scott, Paul Barnes, Peter Hoang, Keenan Walker, Sam Zaja, Nathan Beaumont, Matt Smith, Alex Hogan and Michael Gurney.

Simon Kelly

Y9/10 Boys AFL

In typical MacKillop fashion, a champion team will always perform better than a team of champions. With a cross-section of players from a variety of codes of football and with only a couple of quick training sessions, the Year 9 and 10 boys took the field as if they had been playing together for years.

In a tough day of constant play, the boys took on four teams throughout the day. In the first game, MacKillop swept away Lanyon 13.3.81 to 1.1.7. The second game was not as easy. Taking on the strongest team of the day and, despite going down to Melrose 2.5.17 to 1.1.7, the game was not as one-sided as may seem. MacKillop dominated the game with more inside 50s, but unfortunately the team could not secure clear shots at goal. In their third game, MacKillop proved to be a force to be reckoned with by sweeping away Telopea by only allowing one scoring shot to the opposition and winning 7.6.54 to 0.1.1.

With one game remaining and knowing that they would have to win to have any hope of finals, MacKillop dug in hard to play a tough contest against Stromlo. In the first quarter, neither team could break the defence. At the end, both teams had only one scoring shot apiece, with Stromlo going up one goal to one behind. In the second quarter MacKillop fought back, booting 2.2 and keeping Stromlo scoreless. In the third, Stromlo fought back and by three quarter time they led 4.1.25 to 3.3.21. In the last quarter, the pressure was high, as both teams entered the 50 but just couldn't put a result on the board. As time started to run out, it looked like MacKillop would be on the receiving end of another loss. However, with only a couple of minutes to spare, MacKillop finally broke through by snapping two quick goals, the final one kicked just seconds before the siren. MacKillop ran out winners 5.3.33 to 4.1.25.

Unfortunately, due to changes in the system for finals, only the top team went through this year and so MacKillop fell short to the only team that defeated them, Melrose. The boys played and fought hard for each other all day and exemplified our motto of faith and courage. It was a pleasure to watch them play for each other and show fine sportsmanship throughout the day.

Jonathan Moyle

Basket Ball

Y9/10 Boys Basketball

With only a small team to represent the College in the ASC Basketball this year, we found the competition tough. However, overall, the boys enjoyed the day. The team played well and represented MacKillop with pride and excellent sportsmanship: Nathan Bizjak, Riley Brassil, Ben Evans, Jayden Pollard, Brenan Yeo, Bradley Moxon, Tom Bermingham and Moses Tong.

Romina Mamone

Senior Girls Basketball

On Monday May 14, nine senior girls made their way to the Belconnen Basketball Stadium to compete in the ASC Girls Basketball Competition. Although we didn't make the finals, all girls showed excellent team spirit and were admirable representatives of our College throughout the day. Congratulations to the following girls who represented the College: Michaela Leonard, Katherine McFadyen, Taylor Pert, Katelyn Navarro, Shelby O'Toole, Courtney Jorgenson, Chloe Mayo, Katrina Taloni and Cassie Hines.

Amber Rebecca

Senior Girls AFL

On 2 May, the MacKillop Senior girls Australian Rules Football Team travelled across to the Dickson Ovals to participate in the Giants Cup.

The girls played Merici College first up and showed their high skill level and fast ball movement to win by 7 goals. The second game was against more fancied opponents and last years champions Erindale College. The girls started off well, but dropped off their intensity during the middle part of the game with Erindale leading by 8 points with 5 minutes to go. The girls dug deep, however, and won by two goals. The final pool game was against Daramalan B. The girls were thrown into different positions which they enjoyed and came out winners by 5 goals. This put the girls into the Grand Final against Lake Ginnindera, who had won all their games comprehensively in their Pool A competition.

The match was a great contest from the start, with both teams going in hard at the ball and showing great skill level despite the wet conditions. The game went goal for goal until Lake Ginnindera kicked 3 goals in a row, creating a buffer, with MacKillop eventually going down by 9 points

The girls should be proud of their efforts, as they picked up the game very quickly and showed fantastic sportsmanship all day. Players to stand out included Victoria King, Georgia Ingle, Melissa Emanuel, Phoebe Sutherland and Perri Hollis.

As there were only three Year 12s out of the 19 girls, we should have a very good chance of going one better next year and battling it out in the state championships. Thanks again to the girls who participated on the day and to Matt Smith and Paul Barnes for helping out.

James Sullivan

Y7/8 Girls Basketball

St Mary MacKillop fielded a somewhat inexperienced side in the 7/8 division for the ASC carnival. The girls showed excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. Unfortunately we did not record a win, but the girls enjoyed a day off school. The player of the day was Shaye Baker. The players were: Morgan Margosis, Natalie Hines, Anastasa Sysengthong, Dakota Cairnduff, Shaye Baker, Toemii Lavender.

Senior Boys Basketball

After a disappointing effort last year the boys were back and their eyes set on the prize. One win was the goal this year and with a new and improved line-up we were looking good. The first game was against St Eddies and the team was 'enthused' to say the least, giving foul after foul that inevitably caused our rusty MacKillop side to go down in the first game 47-21. We were much improved in the next game with our composure now set in and the knock-down shooting of Luis Ramos and Josh Rowcliffe starting to take effect. Unfortunately we again went down to Grammar despite the great efforts of the whole team. Although the future was looking bleak, the boys' spirits were very high and we entered the third game with a lot of confidence. We came out firing in the first half with the attacking prowess we were missing in the first two games. Our more experienced players were attacking the rim with a statement to make and our less experienced players settled for outside jumpers that were also finding the net. The half-time score was 20-14 against Burgmann but, unfortunately, the shots that were falling in the first half weren't this half and we went down by 8 points. Despite the lock-down perimeter defence of our guards, Burgmann proved to be just a bit too good. Overall all the boys had a fun-filled day and the strokes in the loss column didn't deter our spirits.

Sam Jeffery

Y9/10 Girls Basketball

The girls came out strongly in the first half against St Clare's. Their solid teamwork and consistent rebounding proved too much for their opposition; MacKillop went into the half-time break on a high, leading 16-4. St Clare's came out fighting in the second half and the girls found it hard to finish off and put points on the scoreboard. Unfortunately, the girls were outplayed in the second half and lost by a point.

The game against Merici saw the same kind of spirit and fight in the girls that they displayed against St Clare's. They started well, displaying their teamwork and consistency in defence made it hard for Merici to break through. Going into the half-time break, the girls were leading again. Determined not to let history repeat itself, the girls fought hard for rebounds both offensively and defensively and ran the floor well. The girls were very happy with their effort for the entire game and came out with a convincing win, 31-21.

Playing CGGS the girls started strong, using their past two games as incentive to play two halves of basketball. Again, their teamwork and defence allowed the girls to take the lead heading into half time. They did not allow CGGS back into the game in the second half and came out winners, 34-28.

The girls' hard work paid off and the win from the crossover final against CGGS put the girls into the Grand Final, the first time for MacKillop in many, many years!

It was a tough start for both teams, as they were tired. Burgmann managed to get a few consecutive scores and, unfortunately, we could not convert our hard work and effort into points. Unfortunately, the girls just could not make things work and they eventually lost to Burgmann, finishing runners up.

The girls played exceptionally well and represented MacKillop with pride and excellent sportsmanship. The team consisted of Tamika Aviga, Tayla Ayers, Emily Borgo, Charlee Cremerius, Amy Culhane, Mikayla Desmet, Maddison East, Lauren Jameson, Hayley Ngametua and Carly Symons.

Romina Mamone

Hockey



Y7/8 Boys Hockey

On Monday 6 August, 13 boys from Years 7 and 8 represented the College in the ASC Hockey Championships.

The team finished the tournament in third position after drawing with Canberra Grammar 1-1, losing 2-0 to Daramalan and finally beating Marist 1-0.

It is a great performance considering that the team only included 1 hockey player and that the other 3 teams train together weekly and play in the ACT U14 Hockey Competition.

Congratulations to Jack Williams, Nick Bruce, Jacob Mulcah, Connor Quilty, David Kalina, Nathan Giannis, Jacob Creech, Ryan Moxon, Joseph Simmons, Adam Searly, Benjamin Floros, Connor Brown and Ryan Altinger.

Olivier Camus

Y7/8 Girls Hockey

On 7 August 15 girls from Years 7 and 8 took on the best of the best hockey players Canberra has to offer. The girls were a mixture of experienced players and those who have never held a stick before. This did not hold the team back as they played enterprising hockey all day. Out of four games played on the day, the team claimed two wins, a draw and a narrow loss which saw them finish the day tied first. The team consisted of Ashleigh Arrow, Dillon Morley, Alex Le-Pham, Gabbie Mann, Sarah Taylor, Leanne Golding, Paige Gibson, Jackie Beanland, Maddie Banks, Maddie Hollands, Natasha Brittan, Sophie Hickman, Samantha Thomas, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Egan. Congratulations on a great performance on the day.

Josh McGrath



Senior Girls Hockey

The senior girls hockey team competed in the ASC Hockey Carnival on Tuesday 7 August. They ran on for each game after their Faith and Courage chant, fighting hard with their signature Mary move and ending up in second position overall. Lucy played a fierce goalie, growling at the other team if they came too close, goals were scored by Belinda and Diandra and all the girls played very well as a team. Our team was also joined by two fantastic cheerleaders from Italy, Alessia and Mariachiara. Many thanks to all the girls who participated in the team; Lucy Albiston, Claire Beckmann, Jordan Brayshaw, Meghann Griffin, Georgia Hope, Stephanie Jameson, Diandra Martin, Belinda Matthews, Jamie McMahon, Phoebe Sutherland, Grace Vincent, and Grace Wilkinson.

Sarah Box



Y9/10 Girls Hockey



On Tuesday 7 August 2012 we competed in the ASC Girls Hockey carnival at Lyneham Hockey Centre. The Year 9/10 Girls representing the College were: Chelsea Tippett, Jaimie Riley, Ashlee Rich, Emily Pollock, Jamie Berkely, Caitlyn Riley, Susannah Hoff, Claire Huxley, Rachel McNally, Catherine Feint, Grace Taylor, Brianna Briggs, Taylor Grady.

The girls competed extremely well and represented the College with true sportsmanship. Although we were off to a shaky start against St Clare's, the girls continued to improve every game and are to be commended on their spirit and enthusiasm.

Kelly Holding

Senior Boys Hockey

On Monday 6 August the senior boys hockey team competed in the ASC Hockey Carnival. They played Canberra Grammar in the first game and with Tyler in goals, the boys fought hard to win 2-1. After the game came a quick change, which saw Alex suit up as goalie for the rest of the day. The boys, despite a few injuries during the day, put up a good fight during the next two games with goals from Brad and Chris. It was a great day and overall the boys placed third in the competition. Many thanks to all the boys who participated in the team; James Beatty, Alex Cawdron, Jack Ferguson, Tyler Friend, Liam Fulton, Peter Hoang, Brad Huxley, Christopher Love, Ryan McShane, and Jason Smith.

Sarah Box



League

Y7/8 Boys Rugby League

It was a fine day in early August when the MacKillop Year 7/8 Boys Rugby League team began the journey towards the title. An enthusiastic start coupled with bone jarring defence saw the boys start strongly with a 42 - 4 win over a Caroline Chisholm side that rarely troubled the well-oiled MacKillop machine.

A complacent first half against Alfred Deakin High saw the score 18-12 at the half. After a gut check at the break the boys came out and showed exactly what they are capable of when they are switched on, piling on 26 points, including five tries, to race away with the game 50 - 16. A successful first round ensured we would be up against the other tournament heavyweights in the second round.

Round 2 was a stark contrast to the opening round as the skies opened and we endured heavy rain and greasy conditions. Our initial clash against Melrose High was frustrating as we didn't adjust quickly enough to the conditions and at times seemed to be our own worst enemies with a lack of ball control and focus. In the end a heart-breaking defeat 16-10 against a team we were more than capable of beating.

Our final match was against a Karabar outfit who were up for a physical contest in the mud. A back and forth arm wrestle for dominance was highlighted by some superb individual efforts in attack and defence from both teams, but in the end fundamentals let us down as another opportunity slipped through our grasp.

Congratulations to all the boys who played good, hard footy in each and every match and on the excellent way you represented the College.

Jeremy Margosis



Y9/10 Girls Rugby League

On Monday 10 September Year 9/10 Girls took to the field for Rugby League. The girls had a tough draw with three pool games and then semi-finals and the big one at the end of the day, if they were good enough to make it.

The first game was against Gold Creek with the MacKillop team running away with a six tries to nil victory. Game 2 was against Lyneham, which was a close encounter, but the girls prevailed three tries to two. Game 3 was a local derby against Wanniasa. In a heated affair, the girls got the win six tries to two. The semi finals saw a rematch with Lyneham and, after a game of end-to-end running footy, the girls snuck away with a six tries to four victory.

The final was a rematch of the local derby against Wanniasa. It was as intense as any state of origin game. In a close encounter, the girls were victorious and ended the day with a well-deserved trophy. Well done to all the girls who represented the team on the day.

The following girls were part of the winning team: Emily Pollock, Tamika Aviga, Cassandra Madrid, Amy Shakespeare, Kaylee Gray, Taylah Grady, Eilish Mustard, Jordynne Emmett, Savannah Kris, Jamilah Parker and Caityln Riley.

Josh McGrath

Y7/8 Girls Rugby League

On Monday 10 August a selection of Year 7 and 8 girls represented the college at the Rugby League tournament. The girls played two incredible games with one win and a draw, meaning the day finished with the trophy in MacKillop hands. The girls showed enormous school spirit and played their games with a lot of heart and energy. *Millie Morgan*



Y9/10 Boys League

On 23 August the 9/10 boys travelled out to Phillip ovals for the finals of the Rauter Shield.

The team started very slowly against Campbell High in the first game and couldn't catch up after Campbell scored a couple of early tries, going down 18-10. After a long break the boys went back out on the field in very wet and windy conditions against Calwell High. They were switched on from the outset, displaying very good handling skills in trying conditions to win comfortably 22-4. MacKillop went straight back on the field for their third game against Wanniasa High. The boys continued on from their last game, and showed very good defence, which caused turnovers, resulting in tries to the MacKillop team. The forwards showed great skill to make a lot of metres, which created opportunities for the classy backs to cross over the try line. The highlight of the game was Zac Tozer crossing over for a hat-trick. The boys went out winners 26-4.

All the boys showed great skill and sportsmanship throughout the day. Best players were Jaydon Pollard, Trent Kelly, Jaydon Thomas, Ben Evans, Thomas Orr, Nic McDonald and Zac Tozer.

A special thanks to Andy Smith who coached the boys on the day.

James Sullivan and Luke Potter

Netball

Senior Girls Netball

On Tuesday 14 August, the St Mary MacKillop 16+ Girls Netball Team travelled to Sydney with the 13+ and the 15+ teams. After arriving at our desolate accommodation and waiting hours for dinner we had a good night sleep ready to compete in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Netball Championship.

We had been chosen to compete in the Open Championship Division against 16 other Catholic Schools in NSW. We played seven games throughout the day, winning four and narrowly losing three.

I would like to congratulate the girls for the way they conducted themselves; they displayed excellent teamwork, encouraging each other throughout the day and displaying outstanding netball skills.

A big thank you to 'Assistant Coach' Mr Cameron who travelled to Sydney to cheer on the girls. Team members were: Lara Cameron, Charlie Cremerius, Taylah Fellows, Michelle Hoitink, Steph Jamieson, Kiara McMahon, Amy Shakespeare, Hayley Ngametua, Emma Redmond and Abby Stein.



On Monday 27 August, nine senior girls competed in the ASC Netball Carnival. We played six games throughout the day with Daramalan and Merici being our toughest competition. We won our games against Burgmann, Canberra Girls Grammar and Merici. Unfortunately these victories weren't enough and we ended up in the 3rd/ 4th playoff against St Clare's. The girls dominated the game and won by seven goals and ended up coming 3rd place overall.

Well done to the girls who showed excellent netball skills and sportsmanship throughout the day. Team members were: Steph Jamieson, Phoebe Sutherland, Shelby O'Toole, Elise Saunders, Abby Stein, Lara Cameron, Melissa Emmanuel, Taylah Fellows and Steph Cameron.

Amber Rebecca

Y7/8 Girls Netball

On Tuesday 14 August, a group of 11 Year 7 girls went up to Penrith for the Catholic Schools Girls Championships.

The following day we were all up and ready by 7am.

There were eight games throughout the day and our team came 6th overall, which is an extremely good effort, as we had never played together as a team. The other teams played well and it was a great opportunity for members of our team to try out new positions. We were extremely tired at the end of the day and were looking forward to going home.

Overall it was an amazing experience; we made lots of new friends and got to know so many new students and the teachers better. All of the girls represented MacKillop to a very high standard. We would like to give a big thanks to all of the teachers, including Mrs Rebecca, Mrs Apsey and Mrs Lee. We would also like to thank the umpires who gave up their valuable time to come and help us and the parents who came to show their support. We wouldn't have been able to have this great experience without all of you. The girls had an amazing time!

Shweta Venkataraman and Katelyn Pollard



Y7/8 Girls Oztag

It was a beautiful but cool morning on 9 March. Two teams of girls from Year 7/8 went to the Deakin Playing Fields to participate in the ACT Schools Oztag Gala Day.

The MacKillop "Teal" team consisted of: Kelsey Barsley, Ashleigh Fisher, Lauren Frost, Morgan Margosis, Emily Navarro, Katelyn Pollard, Georgia Quirke, Sara Taylor, Emma Turton and Kelsie Wall.

The girls in the MacKillop 'Blue' team were Gabby Hardie, Toemil Lavender, Samantha Thomas, Paula O'Sullivan, Maddison Banks, Taylah Megalli, Emily Haskew, Isobel Kay, Meg Layton.

For most of the Year 7s it was our first time to represent MacKillop in sport. Because most of the Year 8s had experience, the Year 7s looked up to them for guidance. By doing this the Year 8s were given the responsibility of playing the role of a leader, which they did exceptionally well. The 'Teal' team chose Sara Taylor to be their team captain.

Our first game was against Campbell High and Sara made sure we put in 100 percent. She scored our first try, running extremely fast and powering through the gaps left by the opposition. The game ended with a score of 1-0 to us; we walked off with a smile on each of our faces.

We had a short break and then played our second game, against Telopea. Our team played fantastically well, winning 7-0. The tries were scored by Emma Turton, Morgan Margosis who scored two tries and Katelyn Pollard scoring an amazing four tries!

Our third game was against Orana. Tries to Morgan Margosis, Kelsie Wall and Sara Taylor led to a 3-0 win.

Unfortunately, our fourth game didn't go as well as the others. Our opposition was Merici, and we lost 3-2. The try scorers were Katelyn Pollard and Sara Taylor.

When the time came for our fifth game everyone was exhausted but we all still put in 100% because this was our last game for the day. We won 5-0 with tries to Katelyn Pollard, Kelsey Barsley, Georgia Quirk, Sara Taylor and Emma Turton.

Unfortunately our team didn't make the semi finals because only the top four could go in. We just missed out, because even though we only lost 1 game by 1 point, other teams had a bye, which counts as a win. But at the end of the day everyone played together as a team and supported each other. We believe that all the girls from both teams had fun and learnt something new.

Lauren Frost and Kelsie Wall

Oztag
& Touch

Y9/10 Boys Oztag

On 9 March, the 9/10 boys Oztag competition was held at Deakin playing fields. The team consisted of Ben Evans, Riley Brassil, Brett Turner, Brendan Foster, Jamie Taylor, Riley McGown, Jordan Hammersley, Toby Hunkin, Josh Hickman, Jordan Perry, Ben O'Brien and Jayden Pollard (Raider). The boys started off really well, winning all of their pool games quite easily against the likes of Telopea Park and Belconnen High. They qualified for the semi-final where they displayed their best effort of the day by making few mistakes in attack and putting a lot of pressure on in defence and were eventual winners over Melba High by six tries. The boys then had to rush into the grand final where they came up against a strong Kingsford Smith team which compromised of some very handy playmakers. MacKillop never got going, eventually going down seven tries to four. The boys should be congratulated on their game play and sportsmanship. We look forward to going one better next year.

James Sullivan



Senior Girls Touch

Tuesday 29 May was the day that MacKillop's Senior Girls Touch Football Team headed to Deakin playing fields in their search of victory. We played a total four games, and placed in the top of half of all the teams who participated. Our first game was against Narrabundah and the final result was 1-1; our second game was against Gungahlin, which we won 2-0; our third game we lost 4-1 to St Clare's after a hard battle. In the quarterfinals, our last game, we lost to Copeland, even though we scored three tries. Through out the day we all showed spirit and great enthusiasm. All the girls should be commended for their efforts and involvement. Well done to Jayme Galjaardt, Melissa Emanuel, Cailah Welch, Katelyn Navarro, Rachel Gregory, Katherine McFadyen, Phoebe Sutherland, Hannah Burggraaff, Meghann Griffin and Katie Burns.

Phoebe Sutherland & Katelyn Navarro

Y7/8 Boys Touch

On Thursday 5 May the following boys represented St Mary MacKillop College in the ACT SSSA Year 7/8 Boys Touch Football tournament: Nathan Chudleigh, Riley Thomas, Jack Wright, Daniel DeSmet, Izaak Cornelius, Jonty Hromow, Jack Costigan, Matt Dredge, Josh Eppelstun & Nick Cotric. The boys were undefeated against Kingsford Smith, Lanyon, Calwell and Queanbeyan, and went on to win against Alfred Deakin and Melrose. The team made it to the grand final undefeated and played Daramalan for the title. The boys played a brilliant game and at full time came in a close second behind Daramalan; the final score was 3-4.



Y7/8 Girls Touch

On 7 May 2012, Miss Donnelly escorted the year 7/8 girls touch football team, to the Touch Football Gala Day at Deakin oval. The team consisted of a variety of girls who had played before and some that had no previous experience in touch football. The first two games that the girls played were against Merici and Lyneham. The girls weren't very lucky in those games. The last two games that the girls played were against Deakin and Calwell. In the Deakin game the girls tied and in the Calwell game the girls won 5-0. We had a fun day with Miss Donnelly.

Kelsey Barsley



Senior Boys Touch

On Tuesday 22 May, a group of sporting legends were thrown together at the last minute and challenged with the task of not only competing in the touch football gala day, but to actually do well.

With only a handful of seconds training together as a team, the boys showed true heart and determination in the opening three rounds, playing some amazing footy and doing enough to get through to the final 16 shootout. It was here that the dream run came to a shattering end. The highlight throughout the competition was the boys' willingness to play hard but to play fair, accepting and even overcoming adversity. They are to be commended on the spirit in which they played the game.

Jeremy Margosis

Y7/8 Boys Rugby

On 24 May, Year 7/8 boys travelled to Phillip to compete in the first day of the Brumbies Shield Rugby Union Competition. Having won the previous year we were eager to defend the title. The first match of the day was played against Chisholm High. We destroyed them 43-0. The try scorers of the match were Phil Peters, Josh Murrell, Daniel de Smet, Nik Cotric (2), Sebastian Kris and Jordan Nicholls.

The second game was against Hennessey College. The game was tougher but our boys won 46-0. Try scorers were Damien Mangelsdorf, Phil Peters, Tim Solari, Josh Murrell, Izaak Cornelius, Nik Cotric and Jai Cornish-Martin.

The following week, the team once again travelled to Phillip to compete in the Brumbies Shield Rugby Union Finals. The two games of the day were played against two other undefeated teams: Alfred Deakin and Lyneham.

In the semi-final we played against Alfred Deakin. All the boys played well and we won with a score of 44-0. Try scorers were Jai Cornish-Martin, Nik Cotric (2), Jordan Nicholls, Daniel de Smet, and Tim Solari.

Then the boys were in the grand final against Lyneham. We played some good rugby but we just weren't good

Y7/8 Girls Rugby



On 1 August Year 7 and 8 girls represented the college in the Girls Brumbies Shield tournament. The girls played three fantastic games and came away from the day with two wins and were placed third in their age division. All the girls played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship and college pride.

Millie Morgan



enough to be victorious. We lost the game 21-7; the only point scorer was Nik Cotric.

Thanks to Mr McNicol for coaching and also Andrew Robinson and Mr Macarthur for assisting.

The team was; Damien Mangelsdorf, Justice Henderson, Phil Peters, Adam Groth, Jack Wright, Tim Solari, Josh Murrell, Sean Beudeker, Tim Blewett, Izaak Cornelius, Daniel de Smet, Nik Cotric, Sebastian Kris, Callum Knight, Emmanuel Lam, Julian Behnke, Josh Eppelstun, Alex Stone, Austin White, Jordan Nicholls and Jai Cornish-Martin.

Damien Mangelsdorf

Y9/10 Boys Soccer

The following boys represented the College in the Southside Year 9/10 football competition. The boys went through their pool games undefeated and then went on to beat Telopea in a penalty shoot out.

On Friday the boys played in the ACT finals day, but did not progress further than the semi final after being unsuccessful in a penalty shoot out against Belconnen High.

The team consisted of, Burch Tron, Nathan Bizjak, Isaac Wagner, Nathan Alfernik, Jake Smith, Jordan Perry, Nicholas Vijic, Sam Roestbbakken, Joshua Hickman, Andrew Slavich, Ryan Cawley, Riley McGown, Jak Olim and Will Olim.

Phil Belcher



Y9/10 Girls Soccer

The Year 9/10 Girls Soccer team started the day on a high. After an extensive warm-up and cheering on the 9/10 Boys team, we hit the field.

Our first move was to chant our St Mary MacKillop pride cheer, which we discovered none of us knew. With that the game was on! The girls played hard and worked well as a team resulting in possession of the ball most of the game. Due to our confusing chant we lost 1 - 0 but our hopes were still high. After intense preparation and practising our cheer, we were ready for the next game. Once again the team played outstandingly, showing off rare talent and skill but this wasn't enough and apparently neither was the well-practised cheer; we drew our second game 0 - 0.

A quick field trip to the shops was agreed with Mr Kelly as our guide, and with our energy restored we were geared up and keen to play. Our last game against our rivals St Clare's was intense but the chant payed off resulting in another 0 - 0 tie. It was an awesome day and that's thanks to Mr Kelly for organising and coaching us!

Jane Galvin

Y7/8 Girls Soccer

The ASC girls soccer competition was held on 15 August. The Year 7 and 8 Girls team played a game based around one touch football, which saw some very impressive passing and excellent goals. After a slow start the girls took control of the games with two impressive wins, a nail biting draw and a beaten on the hooter goal loss. The girls involved were Sam Stinziani, Amy Daniel, Elsa Huber, Maddie Gray, Raquel Lopera, Meghan Theunissen, Chiara Passari, Emma Turton, Sophie Dunn, Tiana Malnar, Sophie Kefford, Katherine Halikiotis, Kesley Barsley and Shannon Cattanach.

Congratulations on a great day.

Josh McGrath



graciously.

It was a fantastic occasion with sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play all on show throughout. To all those involved, well done. Hopefully this will be the start of an ongoing tradition between staff and students at the College.

Iain Robertson

Staff v Students Soccer

This year, senior students challenged the staff team to a soccer match at Monash Oval. The event concluded a successful week of sporting activities during 'PE and Sport Week'.

Having seen the team sheet prior to kickoff, Jordan Monge, goalkeeper for the students, and his defence were concerned about the potency of the staff strike force. A forward line led by the capricious Paul Durham was destined to deliver goals galore for the capacity crowd.

Nevertheless, the game commenced and it was, in fact, the staff goalkeeper, former AFL maestro Simon Kelly, who was the busier. Despite numerous attempts on goal, it appeared the staff defensive line were going to be a tough nut to crack.

Creative and speedy wing play from the likes of Jack Morris, Maka Chifuntwe and Oscar Iagnetik, was central to the student attack. At half-time, and at 0-0, the staff lost two players. Down to nine men the game was destined to be an uphill struggle.

As referee for the day, College Captain, Tyler Friend, blew the whistle for the second half, the staff adopted gung ho tactics and were nearly rewarded when two early free kicks from Iain Robertson and then Phil Belcher almost found the net. With Josh McGrath and Jon Chandra proving a constant threat from set pieces, the staff were looking good.

However, it was only minutes later that a swift counter attack produced the breakthrough and opening goal. Despite a raised flag for offside from the on-looking coach and linesman Ben Antoniak, the goal was given and the students led.

Thereafter, the flood gates opened and, despite some valiant defending and acrobatic saves in goal, the students prevailed.

A late goal from Hugh McGrath was the icing on the cake and, as students celebrated the 2-0 victory, staff accepted defeat

Images of Sport

