

Important Dates & Events

AUG.
MONDAY
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- Year 9 Immunisations

AUG.
TUESDAY
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- Year 9 Immunisations

AUG.
WEDNESDAY
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- College Musical

AUG.
THURSDAY
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- College Musical

AUG.
FRIDAY
24

- College Musical

SEPT.
TUESDAY
04

- Year 12 AST Sessions 1 & 2

SEPT.
WEDNESDAY
05

- Year 12 AST Session 3

SEPT.
FRIDAY
14

- MacKillop Day Mass & Celebrations

See College Calendar for more dates

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“Lord, help us to do your will with faith and courage. Amen.”

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Dedication of the Chapel of St Anthony of Padua at Wanniasa

The College was pleased to welcome 35 members of the Butz family at the Opening and Blessing of the new College Chapel, which was dedicated to the life and legacy of the first Principal of Padua High School, Mr Paul Butz.

At last Wednesday's dedication, the students on the Wanniasa Campus were warm in their welcome, engaged and respectful, and a source of real pride to their teachers and parents.

The Chapel is a magnificent place of prayer, reflection, and worship. Filled with natural light, glass and marble, the clear chairs and minimalist furnishing provides a sense of its sacredness. Thank you to Fr John Armstrong, Fr Lachlan Coll and Fr Peter My who led the dedication and blessing.

Year 7 Camp 2012

This was a more flash camp than we usually have and Year 7 2012 were worthy of it. With glorious views of the Tasman Sea and with delightful, late winter weather, the Salvation Army Centre and Collaroy provided wonderful facilities, staff, and sustenance.

Year 7 are to be congratulated upon their cooperative spirit, preparedness to be involved, and for their exceptional behaviour.

I am very grateful to the staff, led by Mrs Prestipino and Mr Rose, and to their families for giving them up whilst they looked after Year 7.

Staffing in Term 3

It is with regret that the Wanniasa Campus Head Mr Paul O'Callaghan will be on sick leave for the next several weeks – a matter of foot operation and recovery. All of us wish him well. Whilst he is away, Mr Lachlan McNicol will be Acting Campus Head and Mr Steve Lowe will be acting AP for Pastoral Care. Congratulations to Mr McNicol and Mr Lowe.

The College Musical: Seussical

Tickets for this Dr Seuss Musical are on sale from the front office at each campus. The show runs next week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights (22-24 August) at the Wanniasa Campus Theatre from 7.30pm. I have heard that tickets are selling quite quickly and that this show is definitely not one to miss, so purchase your tickets ahead of time to avoid disappointment!

Yours in St Mary MacKillop,



Mr Michael Lee
College Principal

Admin

School Fees

Fees are now overdue

Fees for Term 3 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.

Michelle Predovan, Fees Manager

Pastoral Care

Pastoral News

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Joachim Fatiaki (Year 12) and Claudia Holland (Year 10) who recently received Community Service Awards from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Joachim and Claudia were nominated by Mr David Hall for their regular help at fund-raising barbecues. Their award was presented by local MLA John Hargreaves. The Muscular Dystrophy Association (ACT) is a nominated SRC charity for the College this year.

Congratulations to Linley Strain (Year 11) for her participation in training with AFFIRM as an ambassador to promote well-being in young people and to Lauren Cuthbert (Year 12) who has volunteered to be a youth representative on selection panels at HeadSpace.

Interstate Visitors

During the July holidays, St Mary Mackillop College hosted 63 Year 11 students from Good Shepherd College in Mount Isa for an overnight stay as part of their Year 11 Retreat. Ms Sandra Darley, Mr George Nulley and volunteer Year 11 students gave the visitors a warm welcome to chilly Canberra. The generosity of our staff and students was very much appreciated by the students and staff from Good Shepherd.

Students from St Joseph's, Port Lincoln, a MacKillop school, will arrive at the Isabella Campus on Sunday afternoon. They will meet in the Isabella Campus Quad each morning for the rest of the week at 8.30 before they commence their tours of Canberra, returning each afternoon at approximately 3pm. Mrs Barbara Morris, Year 10 Coordinator and organiser for the billeting, has expressed her grateful thanks to the staff who have committed to look after these students as well as the number of very generous families who have assisted.

Young Canberra Citizen

Nominations are now open for to highlight the hard work and dedication of young people aged 12-25 who have made a significant contribution to the ACT community. Young people can be nominated for an outstanding achievement or

contribution in any field or group event/project. Students may nominate themselves for areas such as Young Canberra Citizen of the Year, Personal Achievement, Youth Arts and MultiMedia, Individual Community Service or Young Environmentalist. A nomination and detailed profile of the nominee and details of their outstanding contribution or achievements. We have many community-minded students at MacKillop and would like to see their efforts recognised. Nomination forms can be completed online at www.youth.act.gov.au. Interested students and/or parents are welcome to contact Mrs. White 6209 0125 at the Isabella Campus.

Uniform Reminders

All uniform requirements are listed on our website and in College diaries.

- Students are to wear black, lace-up, polishable school shoes.
- Canvas shoes are NOT permitted.
- Nose, tongue and facial studs/rings body piercing ornaments or plastic plugs are not permitted. Clear piercings are not permitted.

Thank you to those parents and students who ensure that students are wearing correct uniform at all times.

*Lois White
AP Pastoral Care (Isabella)*

News

Art Competition

St Mary MacKillop Art Competition

MacKillop will once again hold an Art Competition to coincide with its Feast Day celebrations on Friday 14 September. The theme this year is "Courage". It is open to all students and can be a painting, drawing, sculpture, print, photo, computer graphic, or collage.

Entries are due by Thursday 6 September and can be given to any Art staff member at your campus. A panel made up of the Art Coordinator, RE Coordinator and Principal will judge the winning entries.

Prizes for a range of different categories will consist of Eckersley's gift vouchers and the overall winner will also have their artwork displayed at the College and will receive a year's membership to the National Gallery of Australia.

*Tamara Murdoch,
Visual Arts Coordinator*

Achievement

Future Stars

Congratulations!

Tamika Aviga (Year 10) has been selected as part of the Girls Touch team to represent the ACT in Brisbane in October.

Andrew Robinson (Year 12) has been selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union side that will tour Fiji and New Zealand in late September.

School Funding

A message from the Director of the CEO

The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in the Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences for the funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding and are able to actively defend the right of our school to the funding it needs to continue to offer a quality education, while keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media. In particular, claims have been made that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than State schools. These claims are simply wrong. Students in Catholic schools on average receive only about 80% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I encourage you to view the video Catholic school funding in Australia prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWyO-iaobfA&feature=youtu.be>. Additional information regarding Catholic School funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au.

Moira Najdecki

Director of the Catholic Education Office

Community News

Rate Canberra Survey

This 10 minute survey asks about what it is really like to live in Canberra as a young person in 2012. The survey will help the Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for young people and youth affairs in Canberra (not a government organisation!); to better represent young people aged 12 - 25. By completing the survey young people can go in the running to win an iPad, and other prizes. 'Like' the Youth Coalition of the ACT on Facebook to get updates on how to win more prizes by promoting the survey too!

To access the survey, visit: <https://www.mobosurvey.com/S2AN8>

Vikings Baseball Registration Days

The Tuggeranong Vikings Baseball Club is recruiting new participants. Registration days are at Viking Park on Friday 24 August (4-7pm) and Sunday 9 September (1-4pm). More information at www.vikings-news.com.au

Weston Creek Cricket

The Weston Creek Cricket Club is holding registration days on Sunday 9 September between 10am-1pm at Stirling Oval, or Sunday 16 September between 1-4pm at Cooleman Court. Enquiries to Jeff on 0438 256 791 or visit www.wccc.org.au.

Cybersafety - TAP

The Australian Government is inviting all Australian teachers and parents to join the Teachers and Parents Advisory Group on Cybersafety (TAP). Advice from the TAP will be used to inform government cybersafety programs and initiatives aimed at keeping families, especially children, safe online.

TAP members will discuss cybersafety issues via a secure, moderated online forum. Members will be able to access the TAP site, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The consultations with TAP will run until November 2012. For more information or to nominate contact tap@dbcde.gov.au or call Kerrie Westcott on 02 6271 7411.

Cyberbullying Workshop

This free workshop at the Hedley Beare Centre in Stirling on 20 September (6.30-8.30pm) is open to all members of the public. Susan McLean, Australia's leading expert on cyberbullying, will be the guest speaker. RSVP to mjogie@actparents.org.au before 10 September in order to attend.

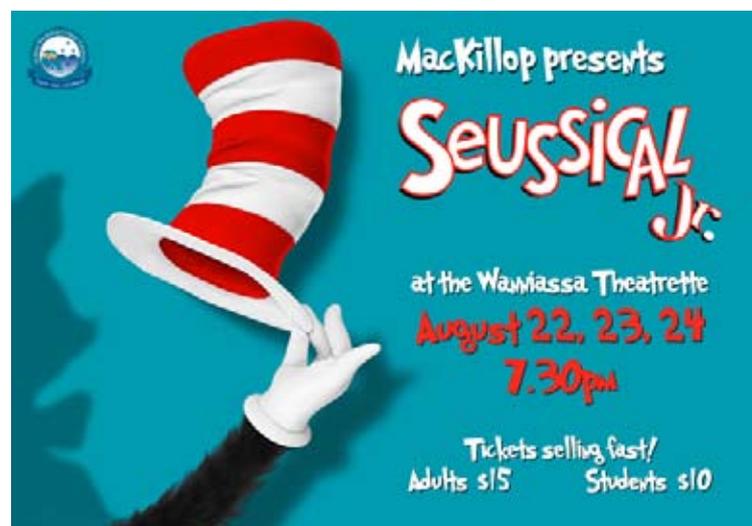
Car Boot Sale

A car boot sale to raise funds for Zac's Place is taking place at Tuggeranong Baptist Church on 1 September from 8am - 2pm. It only costs \$10 per car for you to sell your wares or come and enjoy the sales. There will be a sausage sizzle and fun activities on the day. Phone Ros on 0406379561 for more information.

The Hartley 24-hr Wheel-a-thon

This event involves teams wheeling around Stromlo Forest on 15-16 September to raise funds for Hartley Lifecare. Visit: <http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/wheelathon2012>

College Musical



MacKillop presents
Seussical Jr.
at the Wanniassa Theatre
August 22, 23, 24
7.30pm
Tickets selling fast!
Adults \$15 Students \$10