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Monthly Newsletter

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Dreaming the new day

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College Chaplains
Fr. Frank Buhagiar
Fr. Shymon Thekkekalathungal
Fr. Benneth Osuagwu

Sisters of St Joseph
Sr. Geraldine Whelan

PRAYER

If our intention is pure and we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us.

Mary MacKillop 15.9.1890

AMEN

Canonical Administrators
Fr. Frank Buhagiar (President)
Fr Pius Kodakkathanath
Fr. Jude Pirotta

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

During our season of spiritual preparation, Lent, students and staff have been encouraged to consider their Lenten observance from a personal perspective and also encouraged to consider how they can be Christ in the world by acting lovingly and generously towards others. Caritas is our exclusive fundraiser this term through Project Compassion, and our community has been working hard to think of creative and engaging ways of raising money to support the work of Caritas in our world.

The investiture of the College Student Leadership Team took place on Friday 27 February and we look forward to working closely with them throughout the year. The Concert Band Exhibition Evening was held on 11 March and was a most enjoyable occasion highlighting the talents of our staff and students. The Swimming Carnival and Fun Run were also very successful events held during March.

Year 8 students have completed their experience of Retreat as a meaningful way of entering into the year. The program called 'Our Spirit, Our Place' provides students with an opportunity to deepen their relationship with God as Creator, by immersing themselves in the beauty of our local creation and heritage using the motif of 'pilgrimage' to do so. This involved various reflective activities at Werribee South Beach, Serendip Sanctuary, and a walk to the top of Flinders Peak in the You Yangs.

Catholic Education Week was held from 15 to 22 March with the 2015 theme being 'Seek God with all your heart (Deut 4:29)'. A group of our Year 11 students represented the College at the annual St Patrick's Day Mass for Students at St Patrick's Cathedral, and a representative group of our Year 10 students attended the Catholic Education Week Young Speakers Colloquium.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and a blessed Easter season.

Rory Kennedy
Principal

MacKillop College Education Board 2015

Canonical Administrators
Fr Frank Buhagiar (St Andrew's)
Fr Pius Kodakkathanath (St Peter's)
Fr Jude Pirotta (St James')

Principal
Mr Rory Kennedy (Principal)

Elected Members

St James' Representative	Mr Lee Revell
St Andrew's Representative	Mr Nimal Pandithakoralege
St Peter's Representative	Mrs Suellen Colla
Parent Representative	Mr Anthony Flynn Mrs Fiona Weedon Mr Stephen Murphy
Parents & Friends Representative	Mrs Tania Bodger
Staff Representative	Ms Lisa Harkin
Appointed	Mr Paul Scott, Honorary Accountant

Ex-Officio Members

Accounting Team	Mrs Rosy Klyscz, Ms Josie Versace, Mrs Teresa Carra, Mrs Paula Muir
Minute Secretary	Mrs Catherine Jack

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 7 & 8

Year 7

The students and staff at Year 7 have been fortunate enough to participate in the Camp Program. There was much fun to be had for all involved with surfing and beach activities on offer over the 2 days. The first Year 7 Assembly took place on Friday 20 March. The assembly is student led which enables the students to show leadership and develop confidence in speaking to their entire peer group. Many topics were covered in the assembly – study skills, camp photo story, project compassion and recognition awards were celebrated along with Language Perfect awards. Congratulations to those who conducted the Assembly.

Year 8

We would like to thank the parent/guardians who attended the Year 8 Parent/Guardian Information evening on Tuesday 17 February. It was an opportunity for the school to share information with regard to the year ahead but also importantly for parent/guardians to meet the homeroom teacher. We trust the evening was informative for the many who attended. The students enjoyed the Year 8 Retreat program which saw them journey from Werribee South to Serendip and then the You Yangs where they made connections to the land and could appreciate what the area they live in has to offer.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 9 & 10

As we conclude the end of a very productive term, we reflect upon the achievements of the Year 9 and 10 students. In particular, we acknowledge and congratulate those who have been appointed to positions of leadership: our Class Captains, our Senate Leaders (St Mary's Campus) and our Student Representative Council. All these students have been active in their leadership. The Year 9 Class Captains and Senate Leaders conducted their first Year Level Assembly for each of the respective campuses. They spoke with growing confidence and engaged their peers in the various presentations. The Senate Leaders also prepared an Opening Liturgy for the community of St Mary's which was both thoughtful and reflective. With Fr Frank Buhagiar and Fr Shymon Thekkekalathungal at the helm of the celebration, the event was all the more significant.

The Year 10 Class Captains have embarked upon a competitive quest; to challenge their peers to raise as much as they can for Caritas' Project Compassion. In turn, the Year 10 students have responded to the challenge and are surpassing all our expectations. This term, a number of our Year 10 students have also participated in local community events and programs including the Wyndham Youth Services Forum and the Young Speakers Colloquium. A number of Premier League afternoons were also held and we congratulate the Year 10 competitors on all their successes.

Finally, we commend all our Year 9 and 10 students for embracing their learning opportunities and for the ways in which they have risen to the challenges of Term 1.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 11 & 12

The students across Year 11 and 12 are now into the full swing of their programs. VCAL students are planning their first Work Placement and VCE and VSP students are now into the cycle of preparing for and completing their assessment tasks. The Year 12 camp was a great success and the students have enjoyed their first Wellbeing Program for the year. The focus of these sessions is to develop effective study skills and over the rest of the year we will have a real focus on study skills and support our students to achieve their personal best results.

Parent/Guardian Teacher interviews took place on Wednesday 25 March. This is always a great opportunity to meet teachers and to get a good outline as to how students are progressing. Advanced notice for all parent/guardians of students in Year 11 and 12, during Term 2 we will be having a parent/guardian morning tea and conversation that will be focused on sharing and discussing how best to support your son/daughters during Year 11 and 12. More information to come.

Congratulations Dux, Top Arts, Top Design & Music Theatre - Guild Victoria

MacKillop College has gone from strength to strength in the academic arena with recent achievements including last year's Dux of the College Trevor Hang who attained entry into Engineering (with Honours) at Monash University, providing the foundations for what will hopefully lead to a career in this area.

Other success stories at the College include that of 2014 Year 12 Art student, Katie Valciukas who has been admitted into this year's Top Arts Exhibition to be held at the NGV Federation Square commencing 19 March. The Top Arts Exhibition showcases the best VCE Art work from across the state. Congratulations also to Stephanie Cassano whose Media photographic sequence was chosen to be part of Top Designs - Seasons of Excellence. Her folio work will be on display at the Melbourne Museum Exhibition from March to July, among others who achieved excellence in Top Designs.

A standout in the title role of "Thoroughly Modern Millie", Sheridan Adams deservedly received the Bruce Award from the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria.

MacKillop College would like to congratulate Trevor Hang, Katie Valciukas, Stephanie Cassano and Sheridan Adams for their outstanding achievements and wish them the very best with their future endeavours.

Sports Report

For all recent sports results, please refer to the sports category in the MacKillop News Blog found on the College Website.

John the Baptist Resource Centre

Mackillop College is once again offering students the opportunity to partake in the Premier's Reading Challenge with all Year 7 students having been given a parental permission form to complete. Permission forms for students from Years 8 to10 who wish to enter, are available from Library staff. Reading has commenced but it is not too late to enter. Students are also invited to register for access via the school intranet to the online Age newspaper and the details can be obtained from the Library staff.

Performing Arts

First term has been very busy for our music students. Opening School Mass saw one of our largest choirs with just over 70 members. Their performance was inspiring, especially their last song "God of Abraham" that received a resounding round of applause. Two weeks later they performed again at the opening of the Temuka Centre, our new Trade Training facility.

Members of the school's Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble were given the opportunity to attend a 3 night camp in Bright at the start of March. The students spent their time away with rehearsals, activities, a walking tour of Bright, a movie night, talent show, trivia night and a public performance in Howitt Park. The students were thrilled to be joined by Rory Kennedy on their last evening and he was a great help in the running of the Trivia Night. Their performance in the Park was set amongst the trees with members of the public sitting around enjoying the experience. The students had a wonderful time and were able to make new friends and strengthen bonds already existing.

Our Concert Band Exhibition Evening, which was held on Wednesday 11 March, was a great success. Family and friends were thoroughly entertained and during interval, a supper was enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to mix and enjoy each other's company.

Term 2 will be very busy again with our MacKStars talent competition in April, followed by the Ensemble Evening in May and finishing with VCE Music Night in June. We invite you to join us and see the extraordinary talent our students have to offer.

Parents & Friends Committee

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising a fantastic evening of fun with the Family Movie Night which was held on Friday 20 March. A great evening was had by all who attended. It is great to see the enthusiasm amongst the organising team. Our next Parents and Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 May at 7:30pm in the Training Room of the Sr Giovanni Administration Building.

Parent/Guardian Information

Catholic Education Today

Please *click here* to view the latest edition of the Catholic Education Today magazine.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students can return to school in Term 2 in either their full winter or full summer uniform. As of Monday 27 April all students must be in full winter uniform which includes the College blazer.

SCHOOL HOURS AND DUTY OF CARE

MacKillop College prides itself on providing its staff and students with a safe environment during school hours. This safe environment is further provided before and after official school hours in a limited capacity.

Before School:

The College is open to staff from 7:30 am. **Students are not permitted** to be on the school premises until **8:00 am**. There is no provision for student supervision before 8:00am each day.

After School:

The College remains open to students until 4:30pm and to teachers for personal organisation after this time. Students are **not permitted** to be on the school premises after **4:30pm** unless they are part of a pre-organised activity, under the direct supervision of a nominated teacher, for a specific purpose and for a specified time.

For the safety of your son/daughter, we ask all parents/guardians to ensure that students are not on the school premises before 8:00am or after 4:30pm as he/she cannot be supervised.

EXTENDED HOLIDAYS

Parents/guardians intending to take their sons/daughters on extended holidays/trips during school time are reminded that they must make an appointment to discuss the implications with Mr Michael Dwyer, Deputy Principal of Student Wellbeing.

UNIFORM SHOP

Girl's Tights

Please note, girl's tights are specially dyed and can only be purchased from the MacKillop Uniform Shop ($14 each).

School Holidays

Uniform Shop will be closed for the 1st week of the school holidays.

The 2nd week of the school holidays the Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday and Friday 8:15am to 3:45pm, closed for lunch 11:30am to 12:30pm.

TUNING INTO TEENS

We are pleased to offer the Tuning in to Teens™ parenting program at the College next term. This program teaches skills to parents/guardians that if utilised, may promote emotional intelligence in their teen. Through developing emotional intelligence, teens may experience improved communication, better regulation of emotions and problem solving skills. This six week program will be run by Samantha Zahra, our Student Counsellor. We are currently seeking expressions of interest via email to szahra@mackillop.vic.edu.au

Parish News…

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS Our Assistant Priest Fr. Benneth will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2015 at St. Andrew's Parish. Workshops will commence during the month of April. Please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH, WERRIBEE WELCOMES YOU

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS – EASTER 2015

"GREATER LOVE NO MAN HAS THAN HE
WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS"
John 15:13

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Saturday, 28th March — 5.00pm Confession
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 29th March — 9.15am Blessing of Palms (Parish Gardens), followed by Mass at 9.30am.
Masses at: 8.00am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

HOLY WEEK

Monday, 30th March — 8.30am Adoration and Lenten Prayers
9.00am Mass, followed by Confession

Tuesday, 31st March — 8.30am Adoration and Lenten Prayers
9.00am Mass (no confessions)
11.00am Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
All Parishioners are invited to attend.

COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE
7.30pm, followed by Individual Confession

Wednesday, 1st April — 8.30am Adoration and Lenten Prayers
9.00am Mass, followed by Confession
7.30pm Lenten Prayer & Mass, followed by Confession

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, 2nd April — 9.00am Lenten Morning Prayer (No Mass), followed by Confession

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet, followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Chapel – Penola Hub for private prayer until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, 3rd April — 9.00am Good Friday Morning Prayers
11.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, commencing from Werribee Piazza (Watton St., opposite Post Office) and finishing at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 105 Greaves St. Nth., followed by a Cuppa and Hot Cross Buns in St. Andrew's Sports Centre (entrance via Stawell Street)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross in English and Italian

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, 4th April — 9.00am Holy Saturday Morning Prayers, including Preparation Rite for RCIA Elect, followed by Confessions until 10.00am
8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass – Service of Light (Parish Gardens), Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Eucharist, Liturgy of Baptism and Welcome.
Fellowship at Presbytery Garden. Please bring a plate to share

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 5th April — Masses at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm
10.00am St. Michael's, Little River

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, 12h April 2014

4.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers, 5.00pm Mass
Fellowship at Presbytery Garden

"HAPPY EASTER"
from all at St. Andrew's Parish,
105 Greaves Street North, Werribee
Website: www.standrewswerribee.org.au

St Peter Apostle Mission Parish

THURSDAY, 26 March	Reconciliation Rite II (Confessions) at St. Peter's	7:00pm
SATURDAY, 28 March	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	6:00pm
SUNDAY, 29 March	Masses	8:30am
		10:30am
		5:00pm
HOLY THURSDAY, 2 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY, 3 April	Stations of the Cross	10:00am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Divine Mercy Novena	3:00pm
HOLY SATURDAY, 4 April	Divine Mercy Novena	9:15am
SATURDAY, 4 April	Easter Vigil Mass	8:00pm
EASTER SUNDAY, 5 April	Masses	8:30am
	Mass & Divine Mercy Novena	10:30am

!! NO MASS AT 5:00PM !!

MONDAY, 6 April TO FRIDAY, 10 April	Mass & Divine Mercy Novena	8:30am
SATURDAY, 11 April	Mass & Divine Mercy Novena	9:15am
	Evening Mass	6:00pm
SUNDAY, 12 April	Mass	8:30am
		10:30am
	Divine Mercy Feast	
	Chaplet & Adoration	3.00pm
	Confessions	3:30 – 4:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
EVERY SATURDAY	CONFESSIONS	9:15am
EVERY WEDNESDAY	CONFESSIONS	7:00pm

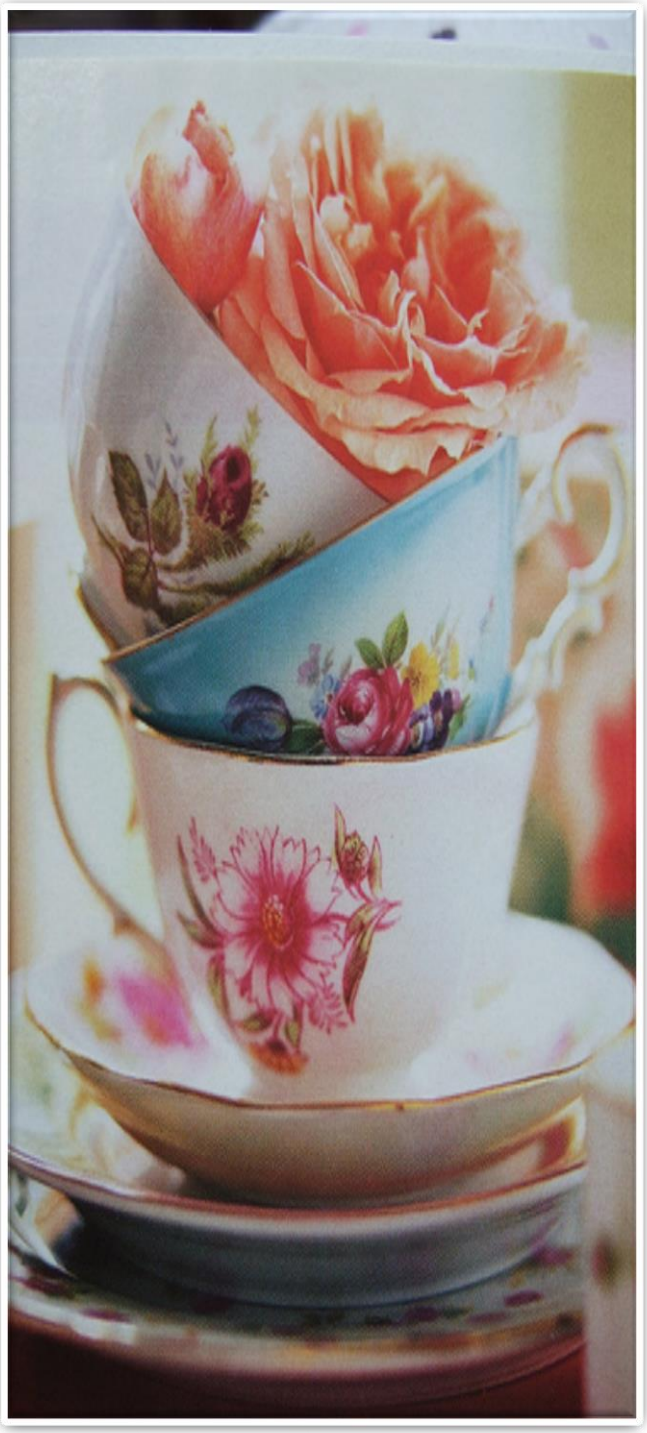
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2015

St James the Apostle Church
336 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing North

ST JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 26 March	7:00pm	Combined St James and St Peter's **Second Rite of Reconciliation** *Liturgy followed by individual confession at St Peter's (38 Guinane Ave, Hoppers Crossing)*
Saturday 28 March	6:00pm	**Palm Sunday Vigil Mass**
Palm Sunday 29 March	8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	**Mass** **Blessing of the palms** in the play plaza followed by **Mass** in the Community Hall **Mass**
Tuesday 31 March	9:00 am 7:00pm- 8:30pm	**Daily Mass** **First Rite of Reconciliation** *(this will be the last opportunity for Reconciliation before Easter)*
Wednesday 01 April	9:00 am 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm	**Daily Mass** **Rehearsal – Holy Thursday** in the Community Hall **Rehearsal – Good Friday** in the Community Hall **Rehearsal – Easter Vigil** in the Church *Rehearsals are for everyone involved in the liturgies for the Triduum*
Holy Thursday 02 April	7:30pm	**Mass of the Lord's Supper** *and Washing of the Feet* in the Community Hall *Adoration in the Church until 7:30am*
Good Friday 03 April	10:00am 3:00pm	**Stations of the Cross** *at St James Church and Grounds* **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** *at St James Community Hall*
Easter Saturday 04 April	9:00am 7:30pm	**Holy Saturday Rite** *RCIA Commissioning and Anointing of Candidates and Catechumens. All welcome.* **Easter Vigil** in the Church
Easter Sunday 05 April *(Daylight Savings ends, wind clocks back 1 hour)*	6:00am 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	**Dawn Mass** *(followed by breakfast in the Community Hall)* **Mass** **Mass** **Mass** ***(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)***

Please note that Parking from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday will be via the front through Derrimut Road and through the back entrance via corner of Fernwood Drive and Hilden Close.



Lions Club of Footscray

Invites you to bring along your Mothers, Wives, Sisters, Daughters & Friends join us for

Mother's Day High Tea

On Sunday 3rd May, 2015 from 2-5pm
At Mt St Joseph's Girls College – 133 Maidstone Street, Altona
Cost is $30 per person on the day
For Bookings Contact: Pauline at Lions 9449 1163
JOSEPH'S CORNER 9315 2680

All proceeds from the day will be donated to

Joseph's Corner

(A non-profit support service for families living with alcohol and drug addiction)

- Plenty of savouries, sweets & drinks
- Silent auction
- Fashion Parade
- Gift Stalls
- Door Prizes

With special Guest Speakers – Dr Shirley Wong Oncologist, speaking about women's health & Deborah speaking about the services JOSEPH'S CORNER provides