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Monthly Newsletter

April

Celebrating all life

Challenging all people

Dreaming the new day

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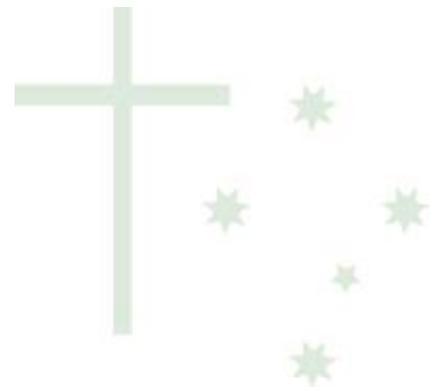


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College Chaplains

Fr. Frank Buhagiar

Fr. Shymon Thekkekalathungal

Fr. Darien Sticklen

Sisters of St Joseph

Sr. Geraldine Whelan

PRAYER

*May God bless and keep you
and give you courage*

Mary MacKillop 1875

AMEN

Canonical Administrators

Fr. Frank Buhagiar

(President)

Fr Pius Kodakkathanath

Fr. Jude Pirotta

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

A warm welcome back to all members of our College community. We have begun Term 2 smoothly with students enthusiastically settling into their studies.

On Wednesday 22 March, five Year 10 students ventured on a pilgrimage to Tasmania with a number of our other AJASS schools. This pilgrimage followed in the footsteps of Father Julian Tension Woods. The breathtaking scenery, rich history and opportunity for prayer and reflection made for a very enriching and privileged experience for all concerned.

Our annual Music Ensemble Evening on 28 March was a huge success. The vast array of performances by our students was inspiring. Many students performed for the first time in front of their families and the wider community and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Likewise, our seasoned performers showcased their talents and demonstrated the joy which can be found when performing music in groups.

On Monday 24 April our students and staff were called upon during our Anzac Day reflection to remember all Australians who served and died in war and operational service. The spirit of Anzac was the focus of the reflection highlighting its qualities of sacrifice, mateship, and courage. All of these values continue to resound strongly with our Christian beliefs.

Due to the success of the Mother's Day High Tea last year, the Parents & Friends Association will again be hosting the event in the upcoming weeks in support of the Mary MacKillop Foundation and the College. We wish them every success, as this event is a great showing of cordiality involving our broader College community. On this note, I would like to wish all mothers happiness on Mother's Day.

May St Mary of the Cross MacKillop journey with us.



Rory Kennedy
Principal

MacKillop College Education Board 2017

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 Davin Kroger
Ms Mairead Taylor
Mr Steven Murray

Parents & Friends
Representative

Mrs Janis Phillips

Staff Representative

Mr Mark Westgarth

Appointed

Mr Paul Scott, Honorary Accountant

Ex-Officio Members

Accounting Team

Mrs Rosy Klyszcz, Ms Josie Versace,
Mrs Teresa Carra, Mrs Paula Muir

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 7 & 8

We wish to welcome back all students and staff to Term 2. We trust that everyone is well rested after the holidays and ready to embrace all that the term has to offer. For Year 7, Premier League will be an exciting addition to the normal timetabled classes. During the term, Year 8 will start their Outdoor Education experiences by heading out on their camps to Moggs Creek / Lorne and the Great Otway National Park. Both experiences allow the students to have positive interactions with their peers and staff members outside the classroom setting. By way of a reminder, all students must be in their winter uniform by Monday 1 May.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 9 & 10

Welcome back to all our Year 9 and 10 students after what we hope was a wonderful holiday break and joyous Easter celebration. Just as our holidays ended with the celebration of the Risen Christ, Term 2 began reverently with a special Easter liturgy for the whole school.

April has been positive and productive with our students resuming their studies and engaging in the many and diverse opportunities provided by the College. Many of our Year 9 and 10 students were formally recognised for their academic endeavours at the Whole School Assembly held on Monday 24 April. We congratulate these students on their tremendous efforts and we encourage others to maximise their efforts in order to reach their potential.

Following the Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 1, Interim Reports were made available to parents in April. It is important to continue the conversation regarding academic progress and/or other concerns that may be having an impact on learning. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to raise any concerns or seek clarification about any of the information teachers have provided in the Interim Reports. Likewise, our students should seek the support of their teachers when it is required.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 11 & 12

I would like to recognise the 30 students who gave up their time to represent the College with the local CFA to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Such a good cause.

On Wednesday 26 April we conducted an Information Night that focussed on how parents/guardians can support their sons/daughters with study skills, exam preparation and managing their time through VCE.

Parents/guardians who were unable to meet teachers at the recent Parent/Teacher Interviews, please feel free to make contact with teachers early in Term 2 to check on their son/daughter's progress.

We look forward to a term where all Year 11 and 12 students will be able to consolidate the way they commenced 2017. This will see them progress and gain success in their studies no matter what program they are completing. Wishing everyone a productive and rewarding Term 2.

Sports Report



For all recent sports results, please refer to the [MacKillop News Blog](#) found on the College Website.

John the Baptist Resource Centre

With the month of March now completed, the Year 7 cohort have completed their class reading challenge whereby the class members were aiming to read as many books as they could in the month, commencing with the letter of their class colour.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open for registrations and the library is assisting students from Years 7 to 10 who wish to participate. Registration forms can be obtained by visiting the library and passwords will be forwarded to students to enter their reading records as soon as they become available. Further details are available on the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc or by contacting library staff.

Parents & Friends Association

The Parents & Friends Association is very excited about our High Tea event to be held on Sunday 7 May 2017. We are looking forward to sharing a delightful afternoon with all attendees including family and friends, whilst sampling great food and a variety of beverages for two wonderful causes - the College and the Mary MacKillop Foundation. There are still limited tickets available and we ask that you purchase these urgently as bookings will close soon [click here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

Our next Parents and Friends Meeting is on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 7:30pm in the Training Room of the Sr Giovanni Administration Building. If you would like to contact us about any enquiries or suggestions, our email is parents_friends@mackillop.vic.edu.au.

Parent/Guardian Information

Catholic Education Today

Please [click here](#) to view the latest edition of the Catholic Education Today magazine.

School Vaccine Program 2017

Round 2 vaccinations for Human Papilloma Virus and Chickenpox Vaccines (2) for all Year 7 students will take place at the College on **Monday 22 May at 9:00am**. Please encourage your son/daughter to have breakfast and plenty of fluids on this day.

Round 3 vaccination for Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine will take place on 16 October.

Please direct any queries regarding your son/daughter's immunisation to Lynda Marburg at Wyndham City Council on 9742 0736.

Chapel Website Launch

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce the completion and launch of the [Chapel of St Mary of the Cross website](#).

This website exists inside the College website and contains an explanation of the features and symbolism contained within the Chapel, including the Stations and of the Cross, the windows and other attributes.

The page has been divided into the following sections:

- Stations of the Cross
- Points of Interest
- Chapel Gallery
- Weddings.

The **'Stations of the Cross'** pages are structured in the following way:

- A full scripture reference reflecting on the Passion of Jesus
- A contemporary photograph depicting a modern image linked to the theme of the scripture
- A brief background to the scripture
- A reflection
- A reflection question
- A short prayer
- A way to respond to the issues raised in the modern world.

It has been designed in this manner so that teachers can use this material to explain the Stations of the Cross to students in a modern context.

Under **'Points of Interest'** you will find information about the following:

- [The Creation Statue: In the beginning ...](#)
- [Our Stained Glass Windows](#)
- [The Labyrinth](#)
- [The Statue: "The Leap of Faith"](#)
- [Our Water Feature: "The Source"](#)
- [The Chapel Bell: St Joseph](#)
- [The Cross of Life](#)
- [The Sacred Heart Gardens](#)
- [The Sacramental Furnishings](#)
- [The Chapel Paintings](#)

The **'Chapel Gallery'** contains a range of photographs of the Chapel and its features.

The **'Weddings'** section contains all information required for those wishing to get married in the Chapel of Saint Mary of the Cross.

A huge thank you to the Catholic Identity Team and the ICCT Services Team in getting this up and running!

Tuning in to Teens™ Parenting Program

We are pleased to offer the Tuning in to Teens™ parenting program at MacKillop College commencing on Thursday 11 May at 7:00pm. 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 our Student Counsellors. Expression of interest in attending the program can be made via email to bkralevski@mackillop.vic.edu.au.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:15am – 3:45pm (closed 11:30am – 12:30pm). Telephone 8734 5280

Second Hand Uniforms

Good quality second hand uniform items are available for purchase in the Uniform Shop.

Financial Assistance – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has announced provision of \$148.3 million over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents of school age children are eligible to apply.

The 2017 annual CSEF amount for secondary school students is \$225. The payment will be made directly to the school and will be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

To apply, contact the Administration Office to complete an application form by **Thursday 1 June 2017**.

For more information regarding CSEF [click here](#).

Parish News...



POSITION VACANT

This year's committee has created a new position for the Fair Committee: **Social Media Coordinator**. We are looking for someone with a good grasp of Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc to promote the annual event of the Fair. This is a brand new position and guidelines are yet to be created as we would like the person who takes on the role to be involved with the creation of any guidelines/policy.

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact me on louisa.72@hotmail.com or 0424 311 235.

Lou Sullivan, President 2017 St. Andrew's Parish Fair



8 Facts about Spacers that may surprise

Spacers assist with taking asthma medication. Spacers are only needed with metered dose inhalers (MDI's) or 'puffers'. Spacers are usually plastic or polycarbonate and shaped like a cylinder. A puffer is inserted at one end, and the other end goes in your mouth.

1. Spacers are recommended for use by only one person use to help stop the spread of infectious disease – each person should have their own spacer, which they can wash and reuse.
2. Spacers are recommended for everyone using a metered dose inhaler (MDI), not just for children. Using a spacer means fewer side effects from the medication, it is easier to use as it requires less coordination than a puffer alone and more medication is inhaled into the lungs.
3. A puffer with spacer works just as well as a nebuliser for treating asthma symptoms, including during an asthma attack. A puffer with spacer is also simpler, cheaper and handier, is much more portable, and has fewer side-effects.
4. Fire only one puff into your spacer at a time. Breathe in from your spacer as soon as you've fired a puff into it as the medication settles on the bottom very quickly.
5. Replace your spacer about every 12 months if you use it every day. If it breaks or cracks, get a new one straight away.
6. After washing your spacer, don't rinse the bubbles off it or wipe it, just let it drip dry. The residue of the bubbles from the detergent puts a coating on the inside of the spacer. This stops the creation of static electricity inside, which can make the medication stick to the sides of the spacer instead of travelling through. Clean your spacer the same way every month and also after you have had a cold or flu.
7. Your spacer should NOT be stored in plastic bags as this may create static. After they have been washed in warm water and detergent, and allowed to air dry, they should be stored in a bag made of fabric or paper.
8. In the event of an emergency and a spacer not available for child under 7, cup child's/helper's hands around child's nose and mouth to form a good seal. Fire puffer through hands into air pocket. Follow steps for WITH SPACER ([click here](#)).

For step by step instructions on how to use a spacer, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions about spacers and how to use them call and speak to a trained health professional on the Asthma InfoLine 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 642)



An Invitation to High Tea
MacKillop Parents & Friends



Sunday, May 7th

11.00am to 2.00pm

MacKillop College, Werribee

\$50.00pp inc Sparkling on arrival

Tickets available until 18th April from

<https://www.trybooking.com/PCPH>

In Support of MacKillop College & Mary MacKillop Foundation

*Attendees must be over 18yrs of age and not be current students of
MacKillop College*

MACKILLOP

Concert Band Exhibition Evening

Tuesday 23 May 2017
7:30pm

Supper will be provided

Moreno Performing Arts Centre

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