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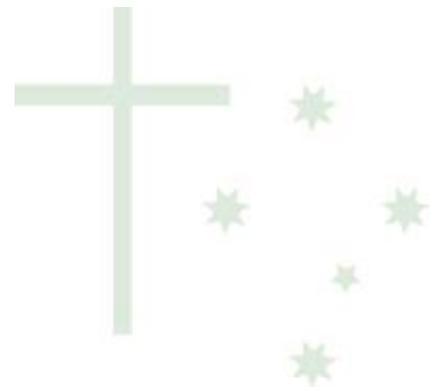


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Presentation of AJASS Badges



Concert Band Exhibition Evening



Yr 11 Theatre Studies – Twelfth Night

College Chaplains Fr. Frank Buhagiar Fr. Shymon Thekkekalathungal Fr. Benneth Osuagwu	PRAYER <i>Be bright and cheerful and encourage all To be the same</i> <i>Mary MacKillop 1885</i>	Canonical Administrators Fr. Frank Buhagiar (President) Fr Pius Kodakkathanath Fr. Jude Pirotta
Sisters of St Joseph Sr. Geraldine Whelan	AMEN	Volume 13, Issue 6 June 2016

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

With Semester 1 drawing to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved by our students and welcome the mid-year holiday period as a chance to rest and refocus for the commencement of Semester 2.

The theme for this year's AJASS Conference that I attended was "Walking Together with a Josephite Heart". The conference was held in Christchurch, New Zealand and hosted by our sister school Marian College. It was pleasing to see the AJASS spirit alive and well among the attendees and, in particular, Marian College. Upon touring the College, it was evident that they are still experiencing difficulties and working through trauma caused by the 2011 earthquake. It is on such occasions that one realises how blessed and fortunate we are here at MacKillop.

In recent weeks many students within the College have completed examinations including our Year 10 cohort, students completing Unit 1 and all students studying Unit 3 & 4 subjects who are required to undertake the General Achievement Test (GAT). I congratulate our students on the manner with which they conducted themselves during these examinations. This intense period reminds all our students of the need to prepare well for examinations. I trust they will take the results from these exams as a means by which to review their progress and to inform their future strategies in readiness for the end of year examinations. The important task of subject selection for students from Year 8 – 11 is to begin in early Term 3. This process requires careful consideration by all students in conjunction with their parents/guardians to ensure that the pathway chosen caters best for the personal needs and aspiration of each student.

The College Musical 'Annie' will open on Thursday 28 July. 'Annie' is a much loved Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip 'Little Orphan Annie'. The original Broadway production opened back in 1977 and ran for nearly six years. Since opening it has also won countless awards. All families are encouraged to come along to enjoy the College's interpretation of 'Annie'.

May St Mary of the Cross MacKillop journey with us.



Rory Kennedy
Principal

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 7 & 8

Year 7

June has been busy for the Year 7s. Many students have continued to participate in the Premier League and we congratulate the teams that made it through to the Finals. This month, students who studied Music in Semester 1 performed for their peers at Music recitals. Year 7s also experienced their first Languages Week at MacKillop. Students could order Japanese, Italian and French food. They also enjoyed cultural performances during lunchtimes. Year 7s also attended the Metro Rail presentation to learn about transport safety. We look forward to the holidays to recuperate and come back refreshed for Term 3.

Year 8

The Year 8 Lorne Camp program has begun with classes attending their camp experience in the final four weeks of Term 2. Although challenged at times, the students accomplished a great deal – they pitched their tent, bush walked, prepared and cooked their meals and participated in numerous camp activities all of which were very rewarding. The remaining classes will attend their camps early in Term 3. We wish all students a safe holiday break before returning for a busy Term 3.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 9 & 10

Year 9 and 10 Report

June has been an incredibly busy time with the completion of assessment tasks. For many of our Year 10 students, this has included sitting one or more formal examinations. This has provided our students with the opportunity to experience what they may eventually encounter in their future studies at Year 11 & 12. Looking forward to the future has also been a theme for the students undertaking the Vocational Preparation Program (VPP). Those in the program have just completed a week of Work Experience. According to the students, the opportunity was worthwhile and served its purpose in allowing them to think realistically about their future pathways.

For our Year 9 students, the end of June brings the realisation that at the end of the school holidays, new experiences will await them at a different campus. In order to assist with this realisation, the students participated in a Transition Day. Students were given the opportunity to meet their new teachers, participate in activities and familiarise (or re-familiarise) themselves with their new campus. By all accounts, the day was a great success.

We wish all our Year 9 and 10 students a restful, well-deserved holiday break.

From the Director of Student Wellbeing – Year 11 & 12

As we get into June and winter really sets in, we see the start of Semester 2 for Yr 11 and 12 students. In starting Semester 2 at Yr 11 and 12 we are looking to put in place some new initiatives to support all students with their study and revision. Following the Study Skills Program that was delivered to students and parents through Semester 1, the College has developed a study planner for students. The planner seeks to support students in better managing their time and also to focus on using their study time more effectively. Students have been offered this planner to support their studies and if parents would like to know more about this planner please feel free to contact the College.

Anxiety around assessment and exam time is part of the challenge of being a student at Yr 10, 11 and 12. There is a healthy amount of stress and anxiety and an unhealthy amount of anxiety. On 26 July we will be conducting a Parent Information Evening that will discuss anxiety and how to manage it. Psychologist, Catherine Madigan, has wide experience in this area and presents to schools across Victoria on this topic. She will present information to parents on the following topics:

- the nature of anxiety and the difference between a healthy level of exam anxiety which facilitates a good performance and excessive anxiety which detracts from performance
- the physical, behavioural and cognitive symptoms of anxiety
- explain anxiety disorders which may be relevant eg generalised anxiety (excessive worrying), panic attacks and social anxiety
- the importance of stress management and a healthy lifestyle, eg regular exercise, not smoking, not drinking excessive amounts of caffeine, eating healthy food
- techniques such as slow breathing exercises and information on other techniques and resources which would be helpful.

Parents will receive a letter in the early weeks of Term 3. Please complete the tear off slip and return it to your son/daughter's Homeroom teacher. Have a great holiday before commencing Term 3.

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

As the school holidays are upon us, it is timely to remind students to ensure they have a number of reading books available to fill their free time. Borrowing continues over this holiday break with all items due back first week of Term 3. Library staff do ask that students check their borrowing records from the JBC library via the intranet to ensure that they do not have overdue items outstanding.

For those students registered in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, it becomes a convenient time to read more books to assist in achieving the quota of reading titles to qualify for the Challenge. Please remember to verify the titles; information can be obtained from the library catalogue on the library intranet page.

Parents & Friends Committee

Following our most recent successful fundraising event, we would like to prepare you for the next one which will be our chocolate drive. This year we will be trying something new in regards to payments. For the first time, you will be able to pay electronically. Further instructions will be available closer to payment time. As in the past there will be many incentives available to encourage students to sell their chocolates and return money before the due date. With the money raised, we contribute to awards for Speech Night and support MacKillop Day. The chocolate drive will be held at the end of July.

Due to the school holidays and needing to prepare for the chocolate drive, the next meeting of the P&F Committee will be held on Wednesday 13 July at 7:00pm in the Sr Giovanni Administration Building. All are welcome to attend.

Parent/Guardian Information

Catholic Education Today

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

Uniform

Parents/guardians and students are reminded that grooming is part of the Uniform Policy. In part, the Policy states "Hair is to be neatly groomed, appropriate to the wearing of a uniform, fully tied back and off the face at all times...Unusual fashion modes, as determined by the College...are unacceptable". Please ensure that your son/daughter is compliant with all uniform expectations when they return to school after the term break.

Uniform Shop

Telephone 8734 5280

Uniform Shop will be closed Friday 24 June for stocktake.

Trading hours for the second week of the school holidays will be:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15am – 3:45pm (closed 11:30am – 12:30pm)

Acknowledgement of Country

On Friday 27 May at lunchtime, the College Captains unveiled our Acknowledgement of Country. This coincided with the first day of National Reconciliation Week, the theme of which was *Our History, Our Story and Our Future*.

Our Acknowledgement of Country was developed by MacKillop College in conjunction with First People Elder, Aunty Helen, and endorsed by Catholic Education Melbourne. Wathaurong (named after the clan whose boundaries included the Werribee River) Glass produced the acknowledgment on one of their glass pieces.

It is appropriate that these works of art be housed in places of gathering - the foyer of the Sr Giovanni Administration Building and St Mary's Campus Reception – and this will be done in the near future. It will enrich our community.

In moving forward the College:

- acknowledges a painful history and our common link to land,
- reconciles this by seeking forgiveness while recognising injustice,
- forges our new understanding and endeavours to work together, and
- builds a legacy which entails a deeper wisdom regarding our respect of a future shared.

Annual Report to the School Community

The Australian Government requires schools to report to their communities each year on specific areas relating to the previous school year. If you wish to view the Annual Report to the Community, please go to the [Information / Compliance Report](#) tab on our website. This report needs to be read in the context that it provides certain specific statistical information and does not purport to be a detailed report of MacKillop College's activities last year.

MacKillop Standard Collection Notice

As part of our responsibility to inform all members of our parent/guardian community of any updates to the MacKillop Standard Collection Notice, we have attached a document at the end of this newsletter which outlines the changes to our collection of student data. Please note the references to the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON), Microsoft Office 365, Google Apps for Education (GAPE) and other educational resources which may use personal information. A copy of this Standard Collection Notice can also be found on our website under [Information \ School Policies](#).



MANAGING YOUR ASTHMA IN WINTER

With winter now upon us, you may find that your asthma is flaring up more than usual. If you or a family member has asthma, the following tips may help:

- Visit your doctor for a review of your asthma and ensure that your written Asthma Action Plan is up-to-date
- Carry your blue reliever medication at all times
- Be aware that cold air can be a trigger for some people, especially children and older people. Its effects can be anticipated and prevented by taking blue reliever medication 10-15 minutes prior to exposure
- Autumn and winter fires can be a real problem for some people with asthma who are sensitive to smoke. Be aware of smoke in your own home and also chimney smoke from your neighbour's homes.
- There is an increased incidence of colds and viruses which can put increased pressure on the respiratory system and cause airway inflammation and trigger symptoms.

For more information please call the Asthma Helpline 1800 645 130
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria's website www.asthma.org.au

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STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

1. The College collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents/guardians before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the College. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the College, Catholic Education Offices and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to meet its educational, administrative and duty of care responsibilities to the student to enable them to take part in all the activities of the College.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the College's legal obligations, particularly to enable the College to discharge its duty of care.
3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts and Public Health and Child Protection laws.
4. Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the Privacy Act 1988. We may ask you to provide medical reports about students from time to time.
5. The College may disclose personal and sensitive information for administrative, educational and support purposes. This may include to:
 - College service providers such as the CECV, Catholic Education Offices, parish, school governing bodies and other dioceses;
 - third party service providers that provide educational support services or applications to Colleges and College systems including the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON), Office 365 (Microsoft) and Google Apps for Education (GAFE) including Gmail;
 - applications, online tools or other services provided by a third party which the school uses to support or enhance the educational or pastoral care services for its students;
 - another school to facilitate the transfer of a student;
 - government departments;
 - medical practitioners and people providing educational, support and health services to the College, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers and counsellors;
 - anyone you authorise the College to disclose information to; and
 - anyone to whom we are required or authorised to disclose the information to by law.
6. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents/guardians.
7. The College also uses GAFE (an Internet cloud technology) including Gmail. Through the use of these services, personal information of pupils or parents/guardians may be transferred, stored and processed by Google in the United States, or any other country through which Google provides these services. College personnel, the CECV and its service providers may have the ability to access, monitor, use or disclose emails, communications (eg instant messaging), documents and associated administrative data for the purposes of administering the system and ensuring its proper use.

8. Personal information collected and held by Google to deliver GAFE will be limited and may include:
- Name
 - Email Address
 - Student Date of Birth

This personal information will be stored and processed by Google in accordance with the contract CECV has entered into with Google on behalf of the College, which requires Google to take appropriate steps to protect the personal information.

9. The School also uses Microsoft Office 365 (an Internet cloud technology). Through the use of these services, personal information of pupils may be transferred, stored and processed by Microsoft in Australia.

Where personal information is held by Microsoft Office 365 it will be limited and may include:

- Name
- Email Address
- Student Date of Birth

Personal information held by Office 365 will be stored in accordance with APPs.

10. Where personal, including sensitive, information is held by a 'cloud' service provider on behalf of CECV for educational and administrative purposes, it will be stored on servers located within Australia. This includes the ICON system.
11. The College's Privacy Policy is accessible via the school website or from the College office. The policy sets out how parents/guardians or students may seek access to and correction of their personal information which the College has collected and holds. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, or may result in a breach of the College's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.
12. The College's Privacy Policy also sets out how parents/guardians and students can make a complaint about a breach of the APPs and how the complaint will be handled.
13. The College may engage in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the College's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
14. The College obtains permission from parents/guardians of students upon enrolment to use photographs and videos of student activities such as academic and sporting events, school camps and excursions and similar news which is published in College newsletters and magazines, on our intranet and on our website.
15. If you provide the College with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them you are disclosing that information to the College and why. Also, that they can request access to and correction of that information if they wish, and to refer them to the College's Privacy Policy for further details about such requests and how the College otherwise handles personal information it collects.