Lord Jesus,
poorest of the poor, born in a borrowed stable and
buried in a borrowed tomb, we bring before you all
those who, like you, have nowhere to lay their head:
the war refugees exiled from their homes,
migrants searching for a place to live,
the victims of earthquakes, floods and disasters, and
the countless, countless homeless in this world.
Help us, living as we are, securely and in peace, to
show compassion for our brothers and sisters, and to
help them find in their lives a new beginning and new
hope, for your name’s sake.

Thank you
There has been a fantastic buzz around the College
over the last few weeks as students and staff
enthusiastically support each other’s homeroom
activities in preparation for finalising our Walkathon
effort for 2013. It is a wonderful sign of the strong
sense of community that we have in this College to
observe students and staff working so well together to
make all of these lunchtime activities happen. I am
sure that there is plenty of positive support being given
behind the scenes by parents also. Thank you
everyone.

Trade Training Centre
The week before last the Australian Government
announced that it would fund some 137 Trade Training
Centres around Australia as part of Round Five (Phase
1) of its ten year program that started in 2008. MacKillop South Gippsland Trade Training centre was
one of those. However we were warned not to get too
excited about this announcement due to the upcoming
election and the uncertainty of what plans the
opposition had for this program.

On Monday we received the very good news from
Shadow Minister for Education, Apprenticeships and
Training Christopher Pyne and Shadow Minister for
Employment Participation Sussan Ley that the
“Coalition has no plans to shut down any of the
Trade Training Centres that are in operation or
cancel any projects that have been approved under
the latest funding round”.

For nearly five years we have been working with the
other secondary schools in South Gippsland to
greatly improve trade training opportunities for all
students in South Gippsland. Funding was approved
to establish the MacKillop Trade Training Centre
South Gippsland. The Trade Training Centre
includes the extension and refurbishment of existing
facilities to include a construction workshop, an
automotive workshop and an electrotechnology
workshop, a hothouse and also the provision of
equipment. In partnership with the other schools and
the South Gippsland Trade Training Centre we will
deliver qualifications in agriculture, automotive,
construction, electrotechnology and horticulture to
address skills shortages in agriculture and
horticulture and in the trades of carpenter, electrician
(general), motor mechanics (general) and plumber
(general) at our local schools and at three centres of
excellence. This funding announcement means that
our College can continue to work closely with the
other six schools and bring up to $1M to the $7.7M
already awarded to the other schools.

Our planning has been continuing despite not being
funded in Round Four like the other schools and we
are hoping to be able to now work with them to have
all of the Trade Training facilities for all schools ready
to enrol students in the 2015 school year.

Congratulations …
… to Troy and Katie Coggins. On Friday, after more
than a decade of trying to have children, Katie & Troy
were approved for the adoption of a baby boy. Baby
Luca is six months old and Katie & Troy have had a
very busy weekend after getting the joyous news on
Friday afternoon.

Continued overleaf
Katie was filling in for Tara Cox who is on Long Service Leave and Shauna Delaney who has stepped into Tara’s role for this term. This teaching load will now be taken by Katelyn Blogg, a former student of our College, until the end of the term.

We thank Katie for her work this term and wish her and Troy all the very best as they welcome Luca into their home.

*With our eyes fixed upon God, let us humbly thank him alike for the trials and for the blessings, for the bitter and the sweet.* St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 16.1.1875

God bless

Michael Delaney  
Principal

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**Timeline for Year 12 (students of a 3 & 4 subject):**

- **Practice exams are in the second week of the school holidays:** Wednesday 2 – Thursday 3 – Friday 4 October (all 3 & 4 subjects except Industry and Enterprise)
- **Monday October 7:** English Practice exam will be on the first day back of term 4
- **Friday October 18:** Last day of school for Year 12 (final Year 12 assembly) and Valedictory:
- **Wednesday October 30 – Monday 19 November:** Year 12 Final exams (VCAA – Written examination timetable)
- **Monday October 7 to Tuesday October 29:** (VCAA oral and written language exams – Distance Education only)


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**Fathers Day**

*God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.*

*Amen*

Many families will be engrossed in celebrating Father’s Day this Sunday with cards, gift vouchers (from car accessories outlets), sweaters, ties, breakfast in bed and no doubt the odd spray painted dried pasta picture frame or clay hand print. Whatever form this day may take it is a timely reminder of all the love, care, and effort and sacrifice all fathers do for their children. In this week’s ‘Parenting Ideas’ article Michael Grose writes about the importance that us Dads have in the life of the family and how valuable this time is. I encourage fathers, sons, daughters and wives to read and reflect on one of the most important roles in our society.

**Father time is valuable time**

*On Father’s Day it’s worth reflecting on how good fathering matters. It matters to mothers. It matters to men. And importantly it matters to children.*

He’s a bit of a rascal!” This is how Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge described his new born son in a recent televised interview. Watching the interview it’s apparent that Prince William is totally smitten by his son. He is a changed man. As any dad knows, there’s no turning back. Early indications are that the Duke of Cambridge is going to be a modern, hands-on dad who wants to be an active participant in the life of his son. It was he who carried the baby from the hospital to greet the media pack, and it was he who put the baby capsule in the back seat of the car before heading home. “I’m a hands-on dad” was the message beamed around the world. Good on him.

**Building up frequent father points**

Prince William is typical of many modern dads. Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their children was through their wives. Men, increasingly, recognise that their effectiveness is dependent on first-hand interactions with their kids. That means their presence is needed far more than any presents they may provide for their kids.

For some dads first-hand interactions with children are easier said than done. Family separation, work circumstances and busy lifestyles are all factors
Five fathering tips
1. Spend ‘one on one’ time with each of your children
2. Have adventures with your children.
4. Change as your child changes.
5. Discipline with firmness and compassion.

Uniform standards
The school uniform identifies members of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College. It assists in creating an atmosphere of uniformity, pride, loyalty and equality. All students enter class as equals as far as image and dress are concerned; their individuality comes from their attitude, character, spirit and involvement. Students should wear it proudly and well, realizing that at all times they are ambassadors for our College uniform.

The onset of spring brings with it a youthful exuberance and sense of summer fast approaching. It is also a timely reminder that our uniform clearly identifies us as members of the Mary MacKillop College community and so we should be wearing with pride at all times. This obviously extends to times outside of school at both the beginning and the end of the day. While teaching staff cannot be everywhere we expect our students to maintain their own standard whilst down the street or waiting for buses. The College uniform requirements are clearly set out on page 9 of the 2013 College Planner and please do not hesitate to contact the Sub-School Coordinators if you have any concerns.

Sam Wright
Deputy Principal
Pastoral Care/Daily Organisation

If anyone has missed out on the 2012 Yearbook, can you please contact the office. Students should have brought these home last week. Thank you.

The Newsletter is available on our website
www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter
Canteen Roster

| Week 8       | Mon Sep 2 | Fiona Panozzo          | 5662 5195 |
|             |          | Jo Ann Kyle            | 0428 592 494 |
|             | Tue Sep 3| Julie Schnoor          | 5664 3139 |
|             |          | Jacinta Chisholm      | 0432 718 341 |
|             | Wed Sep 4| Rhonda Gilmour         | 0478 225 110 |
|             |          | Adele Martin           | 5674 6355 |
|             | Thu Sep 5| Rochelle Goodie        | 5655 1187 |
|             | Fri Sep 6| Kath Evans             |           |
|             |          | Nancy MacAlister      |           |

| Week 9       | Mon Sep 9| Nat Jones              | 0438 855 148 |
|             |          | Deb Watchorn           | 0438 686 210 |
|             | Tue Sep 10| Cath Bessel Brown      | 5668 1511 |
|             |          | Kris Vallay            | 5668 1488 |
|             | Wed Sep 11| Sue Bralisford         | 5658 1603 |
|             |          | Adele Martin           | 0478 225 110 |
|             | Thu Sep 12| Debra Carmody          | 0400 140 449 |
|             |          | Maurita Carlisle       | 5663 2107 |
|             | Fri Sep 13| Jenny Enter            | 5664 4458 |
|             |          | Catherine Riseley      | 5664 2310 |

| Week 10      | Mon Sep 16| Melissa Castagna       |           |
|             |          | Helper Needed          |           |
|             | Tue Sep 17| Twila Cecil            | 0418 456 151 |
|             |          | Helper Needed          |           |
|             | Wed Sep 18| Adele Martin           |           |
|             |          | Helpers Needed         |           |
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**Canteen Duty** is 1.20 to 2.15 pm
Tel Fran Backman on :- 0409 160 753