



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
23 March 2018



*“Let our Courage
Rise.”*

Mary MacKillop

Newsletter on our website
www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

An Easter Prayer



Thank you Father for giving us NEW BIRTH
into a LIVING HOPE through the
RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST,
and for an INHERITANCE that can
never spoil or fade—kept for us in heaven!
Amen

This is our last newsletter for the Term. Term One has been a very busy and successful start to the College's Year. Next weekend is Easter and the start of the school holidays.

Easter is celebrated as one Feast over 3 days, called the Easter Triduum. Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, is the core of our faith. On Holy Thursday Mass, we re-enact Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet and remember his institution of the Eucharist. Mass ends silently with the removal of Jesus, reminding us of his arrest. No Masses are said anywhere in the world from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil. Good Friday is so-called because by his Passion and death, Christ saved us all. This is remembered at the commemoration of the Passion in the afternoon. The third part of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. This is where the Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire and we enter the church by candlelight. At the vigil we hear the stories of creation and of God's covenant with his chosen people. These Easter services are unlike any others – even if you haven't been for some time, it is well worth attending. You will be very welcome.

The College's Easter Liturgy is on Thursday, the last day of term between 12 and 12.30pm. We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents and families to attend. The Liturgy will conclude with a shared lunch Passover meal for the whole College. The buses will run early and students will be dismissed from school at 2.05pm.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the Japanese students from Shibuya Junior High School in Tokyo being here, they departed very early Tuesday morning. A very big thank you to the host families for sharing your home with the Japanese students. They greatly enjoyed their stay and we look forward to a return visit.

Our annual House Athletics were held on Wednesday with excellent participation by students in spite of the very windy weather. A full report is inside this newsletter.

This week has seen our Parent Teacher Interviews held at Leongatha, with Wonthaggi interviews taking place next Tuesday evening. Parents taking a direct interest in your child's education is the single most powerful way you can contribute to their success – thank you for continuing to support us in such numbers.

Classes resume on Tuesday 17 April, I wish all students and families a relaxing and safe holiday. Happy Easter to all!

David Leslie
Principal



“Let our Courage Rise” Mary MacKillop

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

PAM...The "Parent Access Module" & Interim Reports:

At Mary MacKillop College, students access their work and assessment tasks through our online portal called SIMON all year round. This wonderful resource informs them of their daily timetable, lists the daily notices and ensures that they have quick and ready access to key learning materials. PAM...the "Parent Access Module" allows Parents and Guardians, access this information as well. PAM access codes have been sent to all new families and all established families could use their existing code from last year to access this site.

If you have misplaced your PAM login or need help finding these reports please email Sibby Wilson swilson@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au and she will email you your login and password.

Parents will now be able to gain access to student's work when marked, see upcoming work submission dates, view teacher feedback and obtain school reports.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews:

We also use PAM for progressive and continuous reporting and for online booking of Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.

Parents and Guardians are able to access the interim reports on PAM for their child. The Interim Reports can be found under the Assessment Reports section for each student. You are able to print these at home and bring along to the evening.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Nights are an important evening as it is an invaluable opportunity to speak to members of the teaching staff face-to-face for a period of 5 minutes to discuss all aspects of student learning.

Wonthaggi

Tuesday 27 March 2018 at St Joseph's Primary School Hall Wonthaggi

Appointment Times: 4:50pm – 7:00pm

Bookings for this evening are made via PAM (Parental Access Module)

<http://pam.mmcrc.catholic.edu.au/>

When considering school reports and teacher feedback:

Your children will appreciate the right focus at report time
Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration...easily distracted...a pleasure to teach...

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. 'Will my parents be disappointed or proud?' is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children's reports:

Expectations

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with a child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning

Remember there are slow bloomers, late developers and steady -as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible

Here are 5 of Michael Grosse's ideas to think about before reading your child's report:

1. Look for strengths first. Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that.
3. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to their future.
4. Take note of student's self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
5. Discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he or she can wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start next term!

**Sam Wright Deputy
Principal Learning and
Teaching**



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION



Project Compassion Fourth Week of Lent



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion during 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artswoker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413.



Project Compassion Fifth Week of Lent



Ditosa in Mozambique went to live with her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. She featured in Project Compassion during 2013, then aged 12. With support from the Caritas Australia supported Matuba Children's Centre, Ditosa has now graduated from school with plans for university.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

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What a privilege it is to teach in a Catholic College. One of the greatest privileges is to share a meal with those you love. At College each student gets to participate in two class Masses each year and several whole school celebrations of the Eucharist. All these Masses are timetabled and scheduled. This week our year students re-enacted the last supper. This of course has ties with the Jewish Passover. However, why share a meal?

Easter is all about sharing our time at Christ's table. At this table, we are all equal. There are no reservations or bookings required. Celebrating at the table of the Lord is a reminder to us that we are invited to receive the body and blood of Christ. Easter is the perfect time to take the family to Mass and celebrate a meal with Christ. Christ should always be the most important guest at our table.

This year we have planned the annual Easter Liturgy College hours to assist the students' understanding and appreciation of the Easter Triduum. Our College student body will participate and witness the work of the College Youth Ministry team during the Liturgy. The Youth Ministry team comprises of Year 12 students and is ably led by Mr John Poole.

The annual Easter Liturgy should run for 20 minutes. This year's Easter Liturgy focusses on the symbols that speak to us within the washing of Jesus' feet and the Passover meal. These symbols will be used in the very special Holy Week Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. Our College Easter celebration liturgy prepares our students by assisting them to reflect on the Holy Week symbols and their meaning for us.

Finally consider spending some quality time this Easter. When the family sits down to share a meal leave a special place set for Jesus. This is a wonderful expression of love and how we as Christians celebrate the Eucharistic banquet together at home and together at Mass. Let us pray for all those families near and dear to us who need Christ at their table this Easter. Please remember to support Project Compassion by sending back to the College your Project Compassion boxes.

Have a wonderful time with your family and God bless.

John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity
and Mission



JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Our Japanese students from Shibuya Junior High School in Tokyo arrived on Thursday 8 March and departed on Tuesday 20 March. A huge thank you to the families who hosted a Japanese student, they all thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Australia. During their stay they attended English lessons with Mr Baird, and in the afternoons spent time in our classrooms with their host students. On the last evening we hosted a farewell BBQ and a thank you to families, the Japanese students performed a 'Fishermen's' dance and each student was presented with a certificate for their English Studies.



SSV BOYS TENNIS

Fast tennis is an increasingly popular form of tennis that allows the game to play 'straight through.' No deuce sets or tie breakers, fast tennis is played to twenty-one (only).

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Boys Teams competed against Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Mirboo North and Foster Secondary Schools for the right to advance through to the next round of the regional Fast Tennis Competition.

Our Senior Team was pitched against Wonthaggi and had a fierce battle in both doubles and singles matches. A high standard of tennis created a dynamic display of skill, hard hitting and long close rallies. Wonthaggi finally won bragging rights for another year but not before our senior teams honourable display of gamesmanship.

Intermediate students also put up a good fight to just lose out in the end by a small margin of accumulated sets. Junior Teams had mixed success, the Year 7 Boys united for the first time as a tennis team and now have a good idea of how to play the game – for next year. Year 8 Boys, seasoned by last year's success were the only tennis team of ours on the day able to win through to the next round, congratulations to Luke Marshman, Malachi Ashley, Darcy Methven, Samuel Evans and Mitchell McGannon. All boys on the day should be commended for their efforts and a very special thanks to Lyn Mills the Intermediate and Senior Coach.

Mr Muranty



Pictured Back Row: Malachi Ashley, Mitchell McGannon, Samuel Evans, Blake Hill, Cooper Simcock, Tayte Wilkins

Pictured Front Row: Darcy Methven, Luke Marshman, Harry Bell, Tom Piasente

MACBOOK AIR (CYBER SAFETY)

Dear Junior School Parents,

Following from the Cyber Safety Presentation given by Susan McLean on Wednesday 21st February In Pioneer Hall we urge all parents to speak to your child and monitor or check the content of their MacBook Air.

Parental checks can be done by looking with your child at:

What games they have stored on their desktop

What games they have installed on/through **launch pad** - you can access the launch pad through **Finder**

You can also check the browsing history of Safari, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or other internet content tools.

Any student who is found to have any inappropriate content on their computer can have their computer wiped of all information and usage suspended or limited by the College. Please be advised that the auditing of computers takes place at the discretion of the school.

We thank you for your help with this matter and trust it will provide an opportunity for you to speak to your child about the responsible use of ICT.

Mr. Richard Muranty
Director of the Junior School.

JULIAN JOSEPH AND MARY MACKILLOP



The JJAMM experience was unique and beneficial to say the least. We spent our time at Mary MacKillop Place, Sydney and Kincumber on the east coast where Mary had an orphanage. Over the five days we were given the opportunity to grow as Josephite leaders and to learn what it means to be a Josephite school.

This included a range of hands-on activities where we were able to see, experience and understand Mary MacKillop's life and the Josephite charism at work. We were able to meet captains from other Josephite schools from all over Australia and NZ which helped us to form great initiatives that we can implement within our college community. The photos above show us at Mary MacKillop's church and working together with the other captains in Sydney.

At a mass in Mary MacKillop Place, we were invited to create a statement summarising what leadership in a Josephite school meant for us. We agreed that leadership in a Josephite school is to have persistence and compassion. It is the ability to nurture growth within the entire school community.

The support of our college allowed us to participate in this experience and we are very grateful and excited for the year to come.

College Captains - Bailey Patterson and Meg Minogue

YEAR 11 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Last week, Year 11 Business Management students spent the morning interviewing local business owners. They found it an invaluable experience learning from these business owners about management styles, challenges they face and the reasons they started in business. We would like to thank the following local businesses for helping our students.



SG OffRoad – Glen Markley
Sportfirst – Kate Cantwell & Mark Lafferty
Henrietta's - Bree Fennell & Judy Stubbs
Murray Goulburn - Art Renden
McCartin' Hotel – John Smith
Ancient Essential Medicine – Alana Green
Complexion on Bilston - Tracey Diggerman
Leongatha Rural Supplies – Caine Salmon
LuLu's – Gabby Webber
PhoneRite – Anthony Walls
Rob Bending World – David Walsh
My Beauty Therapy - Michelle Young
Voyage Fitness Leongatha - Dayna Andrews



ATHLETICS SPORTS



HOUSE RESULTS

1st - MacDonald 3419.6

2nd - Cameron 2670.5

3rd - Tenison 2538.8

4th - Chisholm 2230.5



ATHLETICS SPORTS



LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION TO THE SUPREME COURT

On Friday the 16th of March, 2018, the Year 10 Law and Finance, Year 11 Legal Studies and Year 12 Legal Studies classes woke bright and early to travel to the Supreme Court in Melbourne to gain more knowledge on Victoria's legal system.

We arrived in Melbourne at around 9:30am and made our way to the Supreme Court to watch a murder trial. The cold case from 22 years ago was for the murder of 16 year old Ricky Balcombe of Geelong on the 5th of May 1995. We witnessed the cross examination of Paul Ballier, who was a friend of Ricky Balcombe's. The case was not as I had expected, like it is in the movies, but rather a slow process. It was interesting to see the lay out of a court room and the processes that are in place to make our legal system, fair, accessible and equal.

A conviction has not yet been made yet, although Karl Hague, the accused, was charged with murder later on in the year of Ricky's death, the case was dropped a week before it went to trial when two witnesses committed suicide and a third was unable to testify.

Then, we made our way to another court room and found ourselves in the presence of the Honourable Justice David Harper. Justice Harper answered many of our questions and gave us an insight into his life as a judge in the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals. His wisdom and knowledge of the legal system of Australia was inspiring and everyone was truly grateful for the time he gave us.

Our last stop for the day was at the County Court across the road from the Supreme Court, where we learnt about jury empanelment and did a role play where students got to take part in a jury empanelment. This was very informative and interesting, leading me to want to be on a jury, just for the experience.

Thank you to Mrs Johnston and Mrs Leslie for accompanying us on our day out.

Tomei Dal Pozzo

Photo: Simone Dekker



CONGRATULATIONS

A special congratulations to all those Mary MacKillop Students that have been selected to play in the Gippsland Power Football Teams.

18's

Mason McGannon, Mitchell Bentvelzen, Bailey Patterson and Matthew McGannon

16's

Harrison Dawson



**GIPPSLAND
POWER**



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund payment arrangements

The CSEF has changed to a term one application process and payment cycle.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply for a payment of \$225, which will be paid directly to the College to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs.

February/March 2018—Application forms to be completed and lodged with schools. However, the schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two.

1 March 2018—CSEF payments to school will commence from this date onwards. Regular payment runs will occur throughout terms one and two.

Families wishing to apply for the payment should visit the CSEF website at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and download an application form, complete and return to school by 22nd June, or alternatively pickup an application form from the College office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the College office on 5662 4255

Student Absences

Please contact the College before 10:00am.

Messages can be left on our answering machine

Please telephone 5662 4255 or email:-

attendance@mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au

or on the flexibuzz app

Please also complete an absence note (in the back of your child's planner) on his/her return to school. Please see your child's planner for more information. Thank you

UNIFORM CHANGEOVER PERIOD

We are now in the uniform change over period from summer to winter.

This means that either uniform may be worn in the last two weeks of Term 1 and first two weeks of Term 2.

Either uniform may be worn but must be in its entirety.

After the first two weeks of next term the winter uniform must be worn.



Boys Junior Holiday Program

1 hour Golf
Clinic followed
by 9 holes of
Golf.

Open to
children 9yrs+

Wednesday the 4th & 11th of April.

10:00am—1:00pm

\$20 per Child Per or \$30 per
Child for Both Weeks. Cost
includes lunch.

Leongatha Golf Club 855 Koonwarra-Inverloch
Rd, Leongatha South

Please Book Via Phone or Email

: (03) 5664 3314

Info@leongathagolf.com.au



Girls Junior Holiday Program

**Golf
&
High Tea**

1 hour Golf
Clinic
followed by
a High Tea

Wednesday the 4th & 11th of April.

11:00am—12:30pm

\$20 per Child Per or \$30 per Child
for Both Weeks. Cost Includes lunch.

Leongatha Golf Club 855 Koonwarra-Inverloch
Rd, Leongatha South

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 1	
Monday 26 March	Linda Tack
Tuesday 27 March	Rebecca Coulter
Wednesday 28 March	Sita Morton
Thursday 29 March	Canteen Closed
Friday 30 March	EASTER

TERM 2	
Monday 16 April	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 17 April	Deborah Menary
Wednesday 18 April	Marlene Dyke
Thursday 19 April	Eva Zubcic
Friday 20 April	Kerryl Battersby

TERM 2	
Monday 23 April	Paul Wilson
Tuesday 24 April	Marianne Bloye
Wednesday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Thursday 26 April	Nikki McCurdy
Friday 27 April	Belinda Brennan

TERM 2	
Monday 30 April	Claire Blackford
Tuesday 1 May	Kerry Fleming
Wednesday 2 May	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 3 May	Louise Keily
Friday 4 May	Beth Hill-Smith



PARENTS & FRIENDS EASTER FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all families that supported the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser.

Deliveries will be available to collect from school on Wednesday 28th March at the end of the day.

2018	
Thurs 29 March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Finish 2.05pm
Mon 16 April	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tues 17 April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Mon 23 April	Immunisations - Year 7 & 10
Wed 25 April	ANZAC DAY NO SCHOOL
Thurs 3 May	Grade 6 Activity Day & Information Evening
Mon 14 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tues 15 - Thurs 17 May	Year 7-9 NAPLAN
Wed 16 May - Fri 18 May	Year 8 Camp
Sat 26 May	Debutante Ball
Sat 26 May - Sat 2 June	New Caledonia Trip

2018	SPORT
Tues 24 Apr	Gippsland Athletics Newborough
Fri 27 April	SSV Year 8 & Senior Girls Tennis Year 8 Boys Tennis
Tues 1 May	SSV Girls Football SSV Boys Netball
Wed 9 May	SSV Boys Football SSV Girls Netball
Fri 11 May	SSV Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball SSV Year 7 & 8 Boys Volleyball
Wed 23 May	Cross Country
Mon 28 May	Gippsland Cross Country

**"COME AND TRY
CLINICS"**

WEDNESDAY'S

March 21st & 28th

April 18th

5pm - 6pm

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER ACTIVITIES

Juniors 8 years - 13 Years Boys & Girls

Club Rooms: Mary MacKillop Catholic College

Leongatha Knights



MEENIYAN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

MIXED COMPETITION

PLAYERS WANTED/ TEAMS NEEDED

SEASON STARTS:

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018

Contact Phone: 0448 891 215



**SOUTHERN FUSION NC DEVELOPMENT
CLINIC**

**CALLING ALL NETBALLERS AGED 7 - 15
YEARS OLD**

The second clinic in 2018 provides opportunities for players to get a feel of what Southern Fusion is all about.

- We deliver an elite game based program
- We give every player individual feedback for their future
- We advance all players fundamentals of netball

WHEN: 15TH APRIL 2018

**WHERE: MEENIYAN SPORTS STADIUM –
McKITTERICK ST**

**WHAT: ATTACKING SKILLS – 9AM –
11AM**

DEFENDING SKILLS – 11AM – 1PM

**COST: \$20 PER SESSION OR \$30 FOR
DOUBLE SESSION**

**REGISTRATION: PLEASE REGISTER VIA
THIS LINK - goo.gl/ZNyyRp
(Registrations can be made on the day)**

**Dates for our Traralgon and Wonthaggi
Clinics will be made available very soon.**

**We also have a 4 week Under 9's
Training Camp coming up. Keep an eye
on our website for further information.**

WE WANT YOU

ARE YOU AN ASPIRING AFLW PLAYER OF THE FUTURE?

**HAWTHORN GIPPSLAND
AFL SKILLS AND DRILLS**

You are invited to participate in the Hawthorn Next Generation Academy and Gippsland Power come and try day.

**PARENTS/
GUARDIANS
ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND**



Friday 13 April 2018



**10:00am – 12:30pm
U13 Hawks Academy (Born 2005/2006)**

**1:30pm – 4:00pm
U15 Gippsland Power Vline Cup
(Born 2003/2004)**



Girls aged 11-15 years



**Gippsland Power Centre of Excellence
Travers st, Morwell, VIC, 3840**



**Appropriate clothing/football training
gear for indoor and outdoor sessions
Runners compulsory (football boots optional)**



**AFLW
PLAYER IN
ATTENDANCE**

REGISTER NOW – SPOTS ARE LIMITED

Click on the link to register
www.surveymonkey.com/r/X65MPRS

*This invite is open for all to try, except for girls currently
in the Gippsland Power Talent Pathway.*



For more information please contact
Chelsea at chelsea.cagle@afl.com.au