



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 3
3 August 2018



*"Let our Courage
Rise."*

Mary MacKillop

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

Last Sunday's gospel was the story of the loaves and fishes. You will remember the outline: 5000 people follow Jesus to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The disciples worry the people have no food, and there are too many to care for. Only one small boy offers up what he has: five small barley loaves and two dried fish. Jesus accepts the offering, says the blessing and starts handing out lunch. Astoundingly, 5000 people have plenty to eat. The scraps alone fill twelve baskets.

What is the point of this story? Jesus is able to work this wonder only when someone in the story is willing to share what he has. Even though what we may bring is not much by itself, when we give what we can, somehow, there is often enough to go around. Perhaps our example encourages others to contribute. The Kingdom of God can be glimpsed when many individuals all contribute and do their bit.

Which brings us to a modern miracle, our annual Walkathon. This year is walkathon number twenty. Our target is again \$20,000 dollars, which averages about \$40 per student. Every year, we reach our target. Why? Because each individual makes the effort to do their bit. Then, it was loaves & fishes. Now, it is dollars. Please do what you can to support the walkathon – your contribution does make a difference.

Congratulations and thank you to all the students who were involved in our very successful production of High School Musical.

The show filled the Wonthaggi theatre for FIVE performances, a wonderful achievement. When the cast all sang "We're all in this together", it was clear they really meant it. We are all very proud of you, thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

This week we have had the cyclic inspection of the College to ensure that it meets the requirements for registration under the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority (VRQA). This checks that child safety, curriculum, policy and facilities are all up to standard. It is our permission from government to operate as a school. I am pleased to report that the VRQA validators found all areas satisfactory and praised the College for its excellent preparation.

Many of our community are dealing with the death or serious illness of loved ones at present. Please keep them in your prayers. Just before term started, the husband of Mrs Mary Barrance became seriously ill. He is recovering in hospital but faces a long road back to health. In order to care for her husband, Mary has had to take indefinite leave from the College. Mary has asked that a letter from her to all our families, especially our Learning Support families, be printed in this newsletter. In her absence, Mrs Jenny Shea has agreed to look after the running of Learning Support and Mrs Cate Kavanagh will take over Mary's Year 7 English Class. I thank them both for their willingness to help in this way and I am confident they will continue the excellent care of our students. On your behalf, I thank Mary for her wonderful care for our students and families over many years and wish her family well as they face the time ahead together.

David Leslie
Principal



This Weeks Prayer

God of hope,
Hear our prayers and our hopes spoken aloud
and
held in our hearts.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Friend of the marginalised,
And the Spirit of community
Amen



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We are now on Instagram!
Mary MacKillop College - SG

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that I am no longer able to continue in my present position as Learning Support Co-ordinator. Due to an illness in my family, I am currently on Carer's Leave.

Throughout my time at Mary MacKillop College I have been privileged to be part of the Learning Support Team providing assistance and guidance to the students under our care, watching them grow into fine young adults.

It has been a pleasure to work in collaboration with you, as parents/guardians, over the years and I thank you for the trust that you have placed in me in my role.

I have no doubt that Learning Support will continue to grow and develop as an integral part of the Mary MacKillop College community. Many thanks to you all.

Regards, Mary Barrance

"Let our Courage Rise" Mary MacKillop

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Mary MacKillop has quickly amassed a culture of excellence in school productions. Over the last four years the College has gone from not holding musicals for 15 years to producing wonderful entertaining showcases of student talent. Last year's Blood Brothers which was awarded 'Junior Production of the Year' from the Musical Theatre Guild of Victoria could have been an opportunity to rest on one laurels yet the hard-working team of staff have extended themselves even further this year with a bigger brighter show involving a larger cast which in turn call on more support of the student body. Our dress rehearsal performed to over 370 Primary School Students from the Catholic feeder schools, set the scene for sell-out crowds and highly engaged and energised audiences. Each of the three evening shows were also 'sold out' with only standing room.

From the VCAL Students and their set construction, the VET Fashion Students and their costume manufacturing and the parents and friend's countless hours of sewing, the musical is once again another opportunity to amalgamate the college community. This wonderful celebration of student talent and hard work could not be possible without the amazing talents especially of Bron Kalos, Meg Steenholdt, Elly Poletti, Michael O'Keeffe and Renae Scothern. Their commitment to excellence, dedication to the students, passion for the Arts and hours upon hours of extra co-curricular energy has made this all possible and worthwhile.

Over 25% of the student body was directly involved on putting on such a spectacular which was further supported by another 35% of staff also participated in this truly whole school event.

Sam Wright

**Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching**



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WALKATHON

Wednesday 8th August

9.30am - Mass Pioneer Hall

10.45am - Morning Tea

11.00am - Year 7, 11 & 12 depart for Koonwarra

11.30am - Year 8, 9 & 10 depart for Koonwarra

1.00 - 1.45pm - Lunch at College

2.15 - 3.15pm Student lead activities in Pioneer Hall

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

Wear their College Winter Sports Uniform

Bring a Raincoat

Bring medications that may be required - asthma pump, epipen, diabetic requirements

Bring something to eat for recess and bring water to drink



Riccardi Family



Access for All Abilities - Table Tennis



We Help Ourselves (Who Group)



Possible Dreams International

Provided
87
Women
with
livelihood
training in
Peru



Provided
Literacy
Training for
281
Teachers in
Timor-Leste



Provided
support to
93
First Nations
Scholars in
Australia



Imparted
preventative
health lessons
to over **4,900**
Children in
Timor-Leste

MARY MACKILLOP
today

Trained **19**
Community
volunteers
in inclusion in
Papua New
Guinea

Riccardi Family

**Access
for All
Abilities**

**We Help Ourselves
(Who group)**



Trinity Families

**Possible Dreams
International**

MARY MACKILLOP
today



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

Walkathon Preparations

Once again, we live in that time of the year when our College jumps into action and makes a real difference to the world. The walkathon is our twentieth since its inception. During that time, our families have raised over \$270,000 to assist deserving causes. Our actual Walkathon Presentation Assembly this Thursday touched the hearts of all in attendance. Our prospective Walkathon recipients attended and mingled with staff and students. Special thanks must be given to our College Justice Captains and Walkathon Committee who worked behind the scenes to enable the success of the Walkathon Presentation Assembly.

The annual Walkathon is our major fundraising event for the year. In order to meet the promised amounts, we need to raise \$20,000. Any additional monies raised will be directed to appropriate charities. This year our Walkathon starts at Koonwarra and finishes back at the College grounds on Wednesday August 8th.

The hard work starts in earnest for remainder of the term. Each homeroom in the College is encouraged to keep record of promised totals on their whiteboards. A running total will be published each fortnight in our College Newsletter. Please take the time to look at our card and collect as many sponsors as possible.

Walkathon Recipients 2018

Access All Abilities Program Wonthaggi - The program provides enjoyable activities for disabled. They have linked with the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Association to deliver these programs. Unfunded charity.

Wonthaggi W.H.O Group - make a commitment to care about the well-being of others with a disability of any kind, their friends and families. WHO stands for "We Help Ourselves"

Possible Dreams International - started by Dr Maithri Goonetilleke in Mirboo North, PDI has many projects supporting impoverished in Africa. These projects include:

- Daily Emergency care
- Maternal Child Health fund
- The mealie Meal Project to, name a few.

The Riccardi Family Fund - supporting care and the family of Mattea Riccardi who was badly injured and requires extensive hospitalisation and care.

Annual recipients include:

Mary MacKillop Foundation and Trinity Families.

Year 11 Retreat: Who Am I called To Be?

The Retreat sets the tone for the Leadership Process for our College Leaders of Term 4 2018 and 2019. We divide the students into gender based groups and the groups attend a day and half retreat at Casa Pallotti, Millgrove. We have found over the years that the gender groupings allow the students to discuss their aims and goals with greater confidence. See process outlined below.

Proposed Leadership Process

Year 11 Leadership Retreat @ Millgrove Voting Student Leadership Information Forum (applications distributed)

- Applications for all Student Leadership positions due
- College Captain speeches at WSA
- Shortlisted candidates for College captain notified
- College Captain Interviews with Principal and panel
- College Captains informed personally in meeting with Principal
- College Captains return letter of acceptance
- All other Mission Team Candidates to be interviewed

Late September	College Captains Announcement made at Special Whole School Assembly (subject to change)
25 Sep – 8 Oct	School Holidays
October	2018 Mission team handover Lunch
November	Leadership Formation Day - Inverloch

2018 Leadership and Justice Camp August 1-3 Rawson

Responding to the feedback from last year and in line with the hopes and dreams of the organising REC Diocesan committee, the Justice and Leadership Camp is designed to give the students opportunities for voice, leadership skills development, mixing and sharing, self-reflection and action planning. Teachers play an active role in the workshops and discussions, supporting the sharing of views but not dominating the dialogue/idea sharing. Students from Years 9-11 attending including 49 female students and 20 male students. Mary MacKillop College has sent five students from Year 10 and five students Year 11.

John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission



COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

This Statement is intended to provide the central focus for child safety across Mary MacKillop College Leongatha, which is built around a unified understanding of the moral imperative and overarching commitments that underpin our drive for improvement and cultural change.

Our College sets out to be a school for the human person and of human persons. 'The person of each individual human being, in his or her material and spiritual needs, is at the heart of Christ's teaching: that is why the promotion of the human person is the goal of the Catholic school'. (Congregation for Catholic education 1997, par.9)

Our College holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Our College has a universal expectation about the protection of children. It is resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged in school life at our College promote the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

Our College has a moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create a nurturing school environment where children and young people are respected, their voices are heard and where they feel safe and more importantly are safe. When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, our College staff, wellbeing team and leadership will take prompt action to have these allegations appropriately investigated. While the context and reality at our College will differ from other schools, the fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm remain the same. Our College will strive for continual improvement, initiating practices that respond to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating child-safe school environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and imposing responsibilities on schools, families and the broader community. Effective child – safe environments are underpinned by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum and practices.

Every person involved in our College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively in ensuring that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make. Ministerial Order 870 defines the 'children and young people' in this document as those children and young people enrolled as students in Catholic Schools in Victoria.

In accordance with Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd, our College commits to providing a safe and nurturing culture for all children and young people in its care by:

1. Upholding our highest priority for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

At all times, the ongoing safety and wellbeing of all children and young people will be the primary focus of care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

To create and maintain a safe and nurturing culture, our College will actively and continually develop and review all policies, processes and practices, informed by emerging thinking and evidence.

2. Empowering families, children, young people and staff to have a voice and raise concerns

Our College in partnership with families, will ensure children and young people, are engaged as active participants in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on their safety.

This means that the views of staff, children, young people and families are taken seriously and their concerns are addressed in a just and timely manner. Children and young people are also provided with the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and maintain their personal safety and wellbeing.

3. Implementing rigorous risk-management and employment practices

Our College will systematically and continually identify and assess risks to child safety and will eliminate (where possible) or reduce all potential sources of harm. Effective risk management will be embedded in school life through effective, transparent and well-understood policies, procedures and practices.

Our College will employ highly competent professional staff who are informed and challenged to maintain the safety of all students. The high-quality of staff appointments will be upheld through rigorous employment and staff review processes and practices.

Our College will stay abreast of current legislation and will meet their legislative duties to protect the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in their care, including the Victorian Child Safe Standards (Victorian Government 2016), mandatory reporting, grooming, failure to disclose and failure to protect requirements.

Adhering to this commitment will ensure that Mary MacKillop College Leongatha will be a safe and nurturing culture for all children and young people attending the school.

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation



YEAR 9 LAUNCH GYMNASTICS

These are the Year 9 Launch Students participating in Gymnastics with Head Coach Miranda Wilson. The college is working towards competing in the Interschool Secondary Competition in September.



STATE CROSS COUNTRY



The recent SSV State Cross Country Championships were held at Bundoora Park on an unseasonably warm and windy day. The College was extremely well represented with individuals competing in several age groups achieving the following results: Caeleb Garlick 40th, Ada Hill 16th, Lily Maxwell 66th, Harrison Garlick 9th, Talei Falkingham 60th, Kelsey Del Pozzo 61st and Chantelle Petrie 51st. All ran the course in under five minutes per kilometre to finish close in a very competitive manner.

YEAR 10 CAMP



On the 25th July all Year 10 students travelled to Neerim south to the Forest Edge Christian Camp, where we would stay for the next three days. On the first day we were lucky enough to participate in a workshop with the Youth Ministry Team from Melbourne, where we were offered many learning experiences and opportunities to connect with others and our inner-self's. The following day involved many exciting and challenging activities such as the flying fox, high ropes and some questionable trampoline wrestling. Finally, at the closing of the camp we all enjoyed a photo challenge around the camp grounds, followed by a nature hike which featured a humorous display of students falling and slipping down the steep hills. All students thoroughly appreciated the hard work put into the organisation of the camp, as well as all the team members at Forest Edge that provided us with all the necessities needed for the stay.

Darci Holmes & Eryn Elger



On the 25th of July all the Year 10 students went to Forest Edge Camp for 3 days or two nights. We would be at this camp to take a step back on our lives and reflect, this was more of a retreat than a camp. On the first day after we drove down we had a talk about life and decisions by a group of people from the Youth Mission Team. The talk was interesting and good. On the second day we were put in six groups and did many activities some of which include a high ropes class, the flying fox, initiatives and trampoline "wrestling", these activities were pretty fun. At the end of this day we had a talent show where most of the students did acts. The best performance most likely being the flannel boys. This was then followed by a movie which didn't work thanks to the projector, but we had hot chocolate so it was fine. On the last day we had a photo challenge in our six groups we had for activities where we would take photos of different things about the camp site. We then had a 3km hike. After that we had lunch and then drove home on the bus. All in all it was a good camp.

Year 10 Students



SCHOLARSHIP WITH MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY

Once again a Mary MacKillop student has had the privilege of participating in the Betty Amsden Youth Scholarship Course with Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC) over the school holidays. Every year Mary MacKillop is invited to apply for a scholarship for one student who best fits the criteria. This year Laura Muranty, the nominating teacher, chose Lily Smith from 9A, who is an aspiring drama student. She was accepted into the unique five day course with great success.

The course is run by a group of dynamic facilitators who work for MTC. They jam pack the program full of diverse experiences that students would normally be unable to access in a school program. They learnt about a broad range of dramatic styles and techniques, such as physical theatre and non-naturalistic conventions. They explored theatrical styles, such as Theatre of the Oppressed and Image Theatre. Each class provided an important learning aspect for acting and theatre making.



Lily said, at MTC I learnt many skills in drama especially from the guest artists who came in to help us explore different elements used in drama. I learnt about using rhythm when performing on stage, and that rhythm isn't about the sounds you can use and make, it's also about the way you may be moving in an area or time. I also learnt a lot about physical theatre and how you can create a story line by making a still frame, then creating a before and after picture to go with it.

One of the major highlights for me was meeting a lot of new people from all around Victoria and creating memorable friendships. I also got to go see inside the headquarters of the Melbourne Theatre Company and see where they keep the costumes, make wigs and hats as well as the props room. Another highlight was the play that I saw called, 'The House of Bernarda Alba'. It was an all-female cast with 7 actresses'. The story was about four sisters who face the struggle of living together after their father passes away and their eldest sister inherits all the money that they all thought was theirs. I really enjoyed watching this play and experiencing a professional theatre production.

I felt the experience of being with Melbourne Theatre Company, meeting new people and learning more about drama and acting has helped me grow as a performer and as a person. I feel a lot more confident in myself and in my acting skills. I am grateful that Mrs Muranty gave me the opportunity to improve on my drama skills and highly recommend the experience to any students interested next year.

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PRESENTS



UNITED WE STAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

CHAIRO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - TYSON HALL
6:00PM GAMES // 7:00PM UWS // \$5 AT THE DOOR

CONTACT: ADAM MIHAIL - ADAM@CCW.ORG.AU

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AMBULANCE MEMBERS

All families are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service. At times of accidents or illness, the First Aid trained staff member/s in attendance will make a decision as to whether or not they should request the attendance of the ambulance service.

In doing so, the health and safety of the patient will be the only determining factor. **Ambulance membership, or potential costs to families will not be a point of consideration.** Such a decision will always be made with a conservative 'better safe than sorry' attitude. Parents (or next of kin for an adult) will always be contacted as soon as possible so that they may be in attendance when the ambulance arrives. A familiar staff member will always accompany a student to the hospital if the attending ambulance officers approve. Thank you.



For further details please contact Jonathan Bowman
or Meg Steenholdt

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 3	
Monday 6 August	Rebecca Little
Tuesday 7 August	Anna Hudson
Wednesday 8 August	WALKATHON
Thursday 9 August	Jenny Delaney
Friday 10 August	Nadia Patton

TERM 3	
Monday 13 August	Kate O'Halloran
Tuesday 14 August	Kerrie Fleming
Wednesday 15 August	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 16 August	Robyn Colwill
Friday 17 August	Julie Schnoor

TERM 3	
Monday 20 August	Claire Blackford
Tuesday 21 August	Marianne Bloye
Wednesday 22 August	Sharon Shea
Thursday 23 August	Kristy Leys
Friday 24 August	STUDENT FREE DAY

TERM 3	
Monday 27 August	Rachael Cameron
Tuesday 28 August	Rebecca Coulter
Wednesday 29 August	Leah Dal Pozzo
Thursday 30 August	Nikki McCurdy
Friday 31 August	Megan Vuillermin

2018	
Tue 7 Aug	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Wed 8 Aug	WALKATHON
Thurs 9 & Tues 15 Aug	Year 7 2019 Enrolment Interviews
Tues 14 Aug	Central Australia Parent Information Evening 6pm
Fri 24 Aug	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 4 Sep	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Thur 13 Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews at Leongatha
Thur 20 Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews at Wonthaggi
Sun 16 Sep - Fri 28 Sep	Central Australia Trip
Fri 21 Sep	LAST DAY OF TERM

2018	SPORT
Tues 7 August	Regional Year 8 Boys Soccer & Senior Boys Netball
Fri 10 August	Regional Year 7 Girls Netball
Wed 22 August	Gippsland Year 7-10 Boys/Girls Basketball and Table Tennis
Fri 14 Sep	Year 8 Boys State Badminton
Thurs 20 Sep	Gippsland Athletics

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 12.50pm - 1.35pm

P & F require helpers for Uniform Shop *Fridays 12.45pm – 1.30pm*

P & F also require helpers for Canteen which is open Monday - Friday

If you could lend a hand please contact the General Office with available dates and we will be in Contact.

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September 30th
2018

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Karmai Community Children's
Korumburra Primary
Korumburra Secondary
Leongatha Pre Schools
Leongatha Primary
Leongatha Secondary College
Leongatha Specialist School
Loch Pre School
Loch Primary
Mary MacKillop CRC
St Josephs Primary
St Laurence O Toole Primary

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ATTENDANCE CALLS

Attending school regularly matters.
Absent students miss learning opportunities.
Help us verify your student absence.



**Not at School ?
We Need to know !!!**

**Don't forget we need to account for all our
students everyday**

**If your child is away for the day please let us
know !!!**