



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
9 March 2018



*"Let our Courage
Rise."*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and
solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a
prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the
well-being of body and soul and remind me of the
grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in
so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and
generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



There are now only three weeks of School until Easter. Parent Teacher / Student Interviews are coming up – please note how to book your appointments online. All families are encouraged to come to the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and meet your child's teachers. When there is an active interest from home, student learning is greatly enhanced.

Our College Open Day today was a great success, we had many visitors come to see the College 'at work'. It was great to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones. The student lead tours were very successful, and we thank the students for doing such a fine job showcasing our College. Visitors were able to see first hand what happens at our school at any one time including, Sport, Wood, Food, French, VCE, Art and more.

Our Japanese Exchange Students arrived yesterday, we have 11 Students from Shibuya Junior High School in Japan here for a 12 day home stay program. We wish them well and hope they and their host families enjoy a fun and educational cultural exchange.

As part of our revamp of the Junior School Buildings the new lockers have now arrived. Our Year 7's were very excited by their arrival and have successfully transferred all their belongings into their new space. There is a photo of the "locker opening ceremony" in this newsletter. A few families have expressed interest in purchasing a set of the old metal lockers, which there is only a limited number available. If you wish to purchase a bank of lockers, please write your name and phone number and forward \$20 in an envelope to the College Office, first come, first served.

Year 7 Welcome Mass and BBQ was held on Tuesday this week, we had a large turnout of parents and students with over 200 people in attendance. The Year 7 Student Leaders were presented with their badges and their class prayer candles.

Last week saw both Year 9 and Year 7 students head away on their respective camps. All reports back show they all had a wonderful time. I was lucky enough to be able to visit the Year 7's on camp and be able to judge the Talent Concert of which there were a number of outstanding performances. Well done to all our Year 7's and Year 9's for a very successful week of active outdoor learning.

Term will end on Holy Thursday, 29 March. All families and friends of the College are invited to join us for our Easter Liturgy on the day. I look forward to seeing you.

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 too much of 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. These will be open for booking from Wednesday 14th March. (A notification will go out as a reminder)

Parents and Guardians will be able to access the interim reports on PAM for their child prior to the evening. 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.

Our interviews are run over the following dates this term:

Leongatha

Thursday 22 March 2018 at Mary MacKillop College in the Pioneer Hall

Appointment Times: 3:50pm–6:00pm and 7:00pm–8:55pm

Wonthaggi

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

Appointment Times: 4:50pm – 7:00pm

Bookings for both these evenings 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 Second Week of Lent



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

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 Third Week of Lent



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

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John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity
and Mission



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—WELLBEING AND ORGANISATION

What I learnt from the Cyber Safety Talk Susan McLean?

On Wednesday the 21st of February Susan McLean came to Mary MacKillop College to talk to the Year 7 and 8's. We all gathered in the hall after lunch to be spoken to by Susan who first told us a little about herself, how she was in the Police Force, trained with the FBI in America and met both Prince William and Prince Harry.

We were told that online bullying is just as bad or maybe worse than doing it in person. If you are being bullied report them and go straight to a trusted adult to get help before it becomes worse. Susan showed us a video of celebrities that were bullied to show us that they could get through it. Some examples of these people would be Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and Demi Lovato who are now chart topping artists so if they could get through this so could you.

She helped us realise that you don't need the most followers on Instagram or the most views on YouTube to be a normal or real person, your life shouldn't be made around the Internet. As Dr. Seuss said "why fit in if your born to stand out". Just be you and don't let anyone change who you are, no internet troll, no on or offline bully, you be you and don't let anyone change that.

The tips we got that we got that I would share are...

- ◆ Always tell a trusted adult if you are being bullied.
- ◆ Don't create email addresses or Bluetooth names that are inappropriate or just unnecessary.
- ◆ Do NOT share passwords with anyone except your parents.
- ◆ If people ask for photos like nude send back a picture of a mole rat.
- ◆ Use the internet for good not evil because no one likes a bully.

By Chelsea Patton

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation



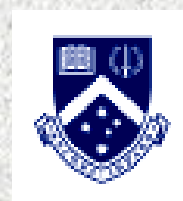
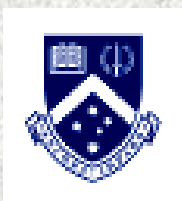
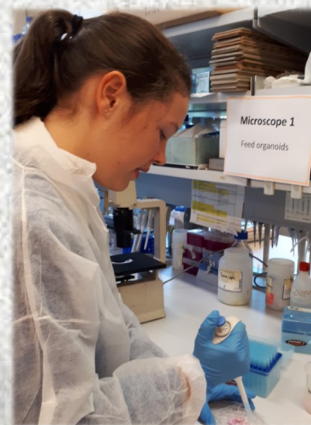
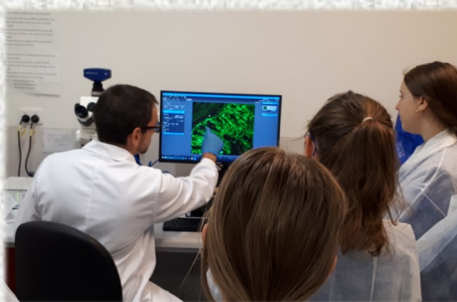
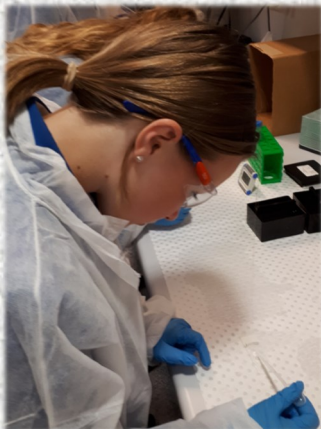
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

In celebration of International Women's Day, we were fortunate enough to be one of five schools invited to Monash University's School of Biomedical Sciences to a forum of inspirational female scientists; all forerunners in their fields.

As part of the day, we were also able to take our 12 enthusiastic students intrigued by a potential career in science into a working laboratory to meet the staff and use their equipment. The laboratory is breaking ground in the fight against cancer, having developed new technology that means bowel cancer patients now have access to personalised treatment.

Our girls were not only able to ask staff questions about their work, which is now branching into breast cancer treatment, but also to handle the equipment and analyse patient samples as if they really worked in the lab.

Mrs Atkin



YEAR 9 SCIENCE

A major part of scientific inquiry is the ability to develop a question, identify a potential answer, and test to see if you are correct. These skills were put to the test for our Year 9 students when they were asked to check a manufacturer's claim.

Starting with the question "Can we trust what packaging says?", students worked in teams to see whether major brands provide what they claim to.

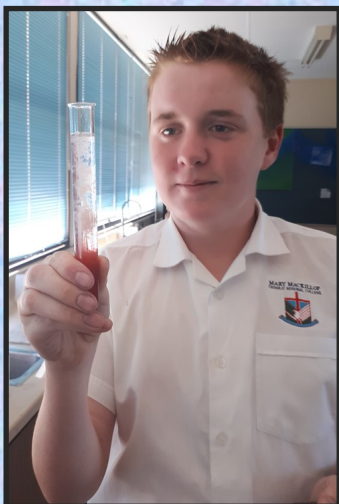
This process involved collaborating on a test design, controlling all variables, reducing identified hazards, completing the investigation and interpreting results to see whether they answered the initial question.

We had a wide range of investigations, asking questions such as "Which juice brand *really* has less sugar", "Does this packet *really* contain the amount of product claimed?", and "Does Nurofen *really* act faster than Panadol?".

Mrs Atkin



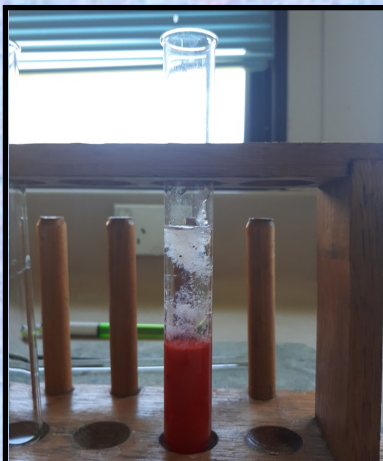
YEAR 10 BIOLOGY



In Year 10 Biology, we have been investigating what makes "us", "us"; DNA. Students not only visualised the structure of DNA using everyday items, but were able to extract it from the nucleus of strawberries and see for themselves what every living organism has sitting in their cells, coding for all the vital and unique things that makes us, "us".

They then moved onto the process which determines whether you have your father's nose or your grandmother's dimples, and why we share so many similar features, but are all so different; meiosis.

Students worked in pairs to make a "stopmotion movie" which shows in detail how DNA is passed onto the next generation, simultaneously learning, applying and creating.



RICCARDI FAMILY FUND

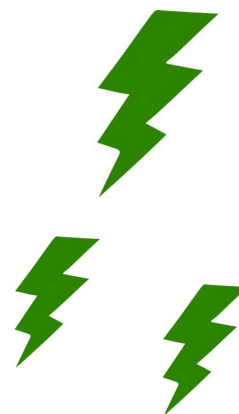
Fundraiser for a local family from Leongatha who was involved in a serious car accident coming back from a Warragul Basketball Tournament.

Temporary tattoos are being sold at the student office for \$2 and to be worn in the week of the 13th of March to the 16th of March. Tattoos will last two days and can be washed off easily.

On Friday the 16th of March students are to wear a small touch of **GREEN** in their uniform whether it be green socks, green ribbon or a green wristband with a \$2 gold coin donation.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will help the family with the cost of medical expenses, travel and nearby accommodation to stay close with their daughter Mattea while she is in recovery.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
\$2 TEMPORARY TATTOOS
ALL FUNDS DONATED DIRECT TO THE RICCARDI FAMILY FUND



YEAR 7 CAMP



The students were bustling with anticipation to get on the bus and get going to the Year 7 camp. Everyone was feeling excited but some were nervous. The bus ride to Phillip Island was loud with conversation about our expectations and hopes. On arrival, we could see the camp was everything we had hoped for. The staff were welcoming and the facilities looked amazing. As we were separated into our rooms with old and new friends, we knew it was time for us to grow-up a little and become more independent.

The activities were outstanding! Many people concurred their fear of heights, either on the giant swing or on the high ropes. The flying fox was very speedy and looked over at the lake. One of the many highlights was the canoeing, although you had watch out for Mr Bowman. If you got too close, you were completely drenched with water. Another highlight was team rescue, we were put in a scenario and had to carry a dummy with no head called Jay. We were also given three planks of wood and a few pieces of rope. We had to carry Jay, who was in a stretcher, across different obstacles without him falling on the ground.

On the second night we had a talent show, which was SPECTACULAR! Almost everyone participated in it. There was plenty of laughter, jokes, dancing, baton twirling and fun. However, no one will ever forget the opening of the show, where the teachers presented a performance like no other from the movie, The Greatest Showman. There were many winners that night but the best talent award went to Jeffrin Mathew, playing the classical guitar. After the talent show we had a dynamic disco. Everyone was joining in and having an amazing time, singing loudly and dancing.

As we were nearing the end to our fun filled camp, everyone was sad to say good bye to the staff and the cooks, but exited to see their family and have a nice relaxing weekend. The friends and the memories we made on camp will be with us forever. Like hearing the loud screams of Mrs Leslie having a go on the giant swing, or singing the titanic theme song when we tipped the canoe. There was so many highlights. The camp brought us all together as a year level and made us like one big family. We made new friends and reconnected with old friends. A big thanks to all the teachers for making it possible.

By Elisabeth Stephan 7A



NEW LOCKERS FOR YEAR 7'S



Pictured Above: Lenny Bishop, Brandon Bell, Caeleb Garlick, Maddi Chilver and Mr Leslie

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



Interested in finding out more about joining the defence forces. We invite you to attend an information session at one of the following venues.

Monday 19th March - Phillip Island & Wonthaggi

Philip Island RSL 5.15pm to 7.00pm
225 Thompson Ave, Cowes VIC 3922

Wonthaggi RSL 5.15pm to 7.00pm
60 Graham St, Wonthaggi VIC 3995
5.30pm Start

Tuesday 20th March - Leongatha & Yarram
Yarram Country Club 5.15pm to 7.00pm
322-340 Commercial Rd, Yarram VIC 3971



ENGLISH HELP

Year 7 - 12

Tuesdays - Room 19 - Lunchtime

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

| TERM 1 | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 12 March | LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 13 March | Julie Bloye |
| Wednesday 14 March | Kate Hocken |
| Thursday 15 March | Louise Keily |
| Friday 16 March | Julie Schnoor |

| TERM 1 | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 19 March | Tamara Treacy |
| Tuesday 20 March | Anna Hudson |
| Wednesday 21 March | HOUSE ATHLETICS |
| Thursday 22 March | Robyn Colwill |
| Friday 23 March | Belinda Brennan |

| 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 |



PARENTS & FRIENDS EASTER FUNDRAISER

The P & F have decided to hold a Hot Cross Bun Easter Fundraiser instead of the Easter Raffle this year. Order forms have been sent home with students and are available on Flexibuzz or from the College

| 2018 | |
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| Mon 12 March | LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL |
| Thurs 22 March | Parent Student Teacher Interview Leongatha 3.50 to 6.00pm and 7.00 to 8.55pm Wonthaggi 4.50 to 7.00pm |
| Tues 27 March | |
| Thurs 29 March | LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| 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 |
| Tues 15 - Thurs 17 May | Year 7-9 NAPLAN |
| Wed 16 May - Fri 18 May | Year 8 Camp |
| Sat 26 May | Debutante Ball |

| 2018 | SPORT |
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| Thurs 15 March | Gippsland Regional Swimming |
| Wed 21 Mar | House Athletics |
| Tues 24 Apr | Gippsland Athletics Newborough |
| Fri 27 April | SSV Year 8 & Senior Girls 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 |