



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 3
14 September 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 ACTING PRINCIPAL

This is the last newsletter for Term 3. The term has gone very quickly, with many notable achievements by our students and highlights along the way. Last week we held our Walkathon Presentation Assembly. Thank you to all who have supported our Walkathon and made it so successful once again.

Last night we held our first evening of Parent Teacher Interviews at Leongatha, there was a very good attendance of parents to discuss their children's progress and plan for their continued success. When home and school work together, there is no difficulty that cannot be overcome. Parents taking an active interest in their children's learning is one of the vital ingredients for success. The second night of Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews is scheduled for Thursday next week in Wonthaggi. You are still able to book appointments online via PAM. If you need assistance, please call the College Office.

Our College Captains for 2019 have been announced and they are Daniel Kavanagh and Simone Dekker. Our College Vice-Captains are Mitchell Bentvelzen and Megan Thorn. Congratulations to all, it was wonderful to have so many strong candidates for Student Leadership, we are proud of you all. Other student leadership positions will be announced soon.

Our Year 12's have been working hard all year and will have their Valedictory Mass and Graduation Dinner at the end of the second week of Term 4, Friday 19 October. Exams will follow soon after. Year 12 do not have holidays at this term break – it is an important time to consolidate and revise the year's learning.

Practice Exams for Year 12's have started this week. Socialising and part-time work should be cut back from now. If any student needs help negotiating with an employer, please let me know and I will be happy to assist.

This weekend our Central Australia trip heads off – we wish the students and teachers well as they begin their adventure, which will take them to the centre and the top end. It is a great itinerary – they return in the middle of the holidays and will no doubt need the rest to be ready for next term.

Term 4 classes resume for all year level on Monday 10 October. The second week of Term 4 we will be celebrating Mental Health Week, students have selected the College's theme 'Find your GLOW in the darkness', there are a number of competitions and activities happening for students and teachers during this time, we will also be holding a free event for parents – Craig Harper will be presenting a session. Craig is one of Australia's leading presenters, writers and educators, I encourage you to attend (details within). Until then, I wish all families and students a relaxing and safe term break. We look forward to seeing you all back ready to go for the final term.

This Weeks Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You know every decision I need to make and every challenge I face. Please forgive me for the times that I try to figure this life out on my own. I need you. I need Your Holy Spirit to give me strength, wisdom, and direction. *AMEN*

Sam Wright

Acting Principal



**We are now on
Instagram!
Mary MacKillop College -
SG**



"Let our Courage Rise" Mary MacKillop

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

We also use PAM for progressive and continuous reporting and for online booking of Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. These are now open to book. Parents and Guardians will be able to access the interim reports on PAM for their student 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.



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

Our interviews are run over the following dates this term:

Wonthaggi – Thursday 20 September 2018 at St Joseph's Primary School Hall Wonthaggi

Appointment Times: 4:50pm–7:00pm

Bookings for this evening is made via PAM (Parental Access Module) as of Friday 7th September 2018.

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

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 to much of this information as well. PAM access codes have been sent to all new families at the beginning of the year and all established families could use their existing code from last semester to access this site. If you have misplaced your PAM login or need help finding these reports please contact reception at the College. Parents will now be able to gain access to students work when marked, see upcoming work submission dates, view teacher feedback and obtain school reports.

When considering school reports and teacher feedback:

Your kids 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 3R's 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 can't 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 his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
- 4) Take notice of student's self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress.
- 5) Discuss the report with your child 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**





Got a niggling feeling that someone you know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they're just not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it.

By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member open up. If they say they are not ok, you can follow our conversation steps to show them they're supported and help them find strategies to better manage the load.



1. Ask



2. Listen



**3. Encourage
action**



4. Check in

Kieran O'Dwyer

**Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation**



INFORMATION EVENING

NEW CALEDONIA 2019

YEAR 8 & 9 2019 FRENCH STUDENTS

An Information Session will be held at the College on Wednesday 10th October at 7.00pm in the College Library. A representative from G.E.T Educational Tours will be presenting information of the trip. Any queries please contact Mr Sam Wright (Deputy Principal - Learning & Teaching).

WALKATHON SUCCESS FOR OUR COLLEGE

It is with great pleasure that I can report to the College community that this year we have exceeded our target and raised \$20,835 with over 91% of our students and families contributing to the recipients chosen. Our presentation assembly on the 6th September was a resounding success. Key note speaker was Dr Maithri Goonetilleke. Dr Goonetilleke is a senior lecturer in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine. Having graduated medicine in 2006, he spent a large part of the next ten years working in rural parts of Swaziland, Southern Africa where he founded the non-government organisation Possible Dreams International (PDI). PDI works in 32 rural communities addressing social and structural determinants of health and is managed on the ground by local Swazi people. In addition to his work in Southern Africa, he has also co-ordinated single doctor primary care clinics with the Daasanach people of Northern Kenya and the Orma tribe of Eastern Kenya. His speech left the students spellbound and it was a fitting way to complete this year's Walkathon for the College.



MBBS, B Med Sci, BSc (Biomedical) Senior Lecturer

The College strongly supports local, national and international charities through funds raised in our annual College Walkathon. In twenty years, we have raised over 310,000 thousand dollars. Students spent all of Term 3 learning about the charities chosen and raising the required funds.

Our College Justice Captains who have the specific responsibility for promoting social justice within the College should be congratulated for their marvellous work in helping choose charities, preparing two assemblies and events connected to the successful running of the Feast Day on August 8th.

Increased opportunities for formation in faith, spirituality and the Josephite charism.

The College Retreat Program has expanded in the past few years to include specific experiences outside the classroom curriculum. Trips included the Portland to Penola experience for Year 10 Youth Ministry class, eleven students attended World Youth Day and a strong commitment to the Australian Catholic Youth Festivals in Adelaide and Sydney. Our College has attended further AJASS experiences with faith-based retreats in Tasmania, South Australia and Sydney.

The Year 11 Retreat Program "Who Am I Called To Be" has been strategically placed at the start of Term three to commence the search the students leaders for the next academic year. The Student Mission Team is embedded with the language of the College mission and vision.

The Year 12 Retreat "There where you are you will find God" has been re-written and re-contextualised to engage senior students in their understanding of their faith moving into their final academic year.

This week we followed up with Year 12 Reflection Day, which was an opportunity for Year 12 students to take a breather from the rigours of study and reflect about the year thus far. I thank the Year 12 Retreat Team for their support in the facilitation of this important event. We look forward to Valedictory Mass to be held at St. Joseph's Wonthaggi at 6 pm October 19. This is followed by the Valedictory dinner at Silverwater Resort later that evening.



John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission



SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2019



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

**Simone Dekker
Daniel Kavanagh**

VICE CAPTAINS

**Megan Thorn
Mitchell Bentvelzen**

ARTZFEST



Around 20 students from Years 7-9 attended this year's GIS Cultural ArtzFest event on Tuesday the 11th of September at Marist Sion in Warragul. There were 5 local schools participating in the collaborative event, which celebrates the Arts through dance, drama and art. The event once again proved to be a great way to celebrate the arts in our schools and to bring our communities together.

This year, students were given the theme, "Footprints," to imbed in the dance and drama performances. The Drama students from Mary MacKillop, Lavalla, Marist Sion and Chairio Christian School constructed a performance based on two constraints; the theme of footprints and the incorporation of non-naturalistic drama techniques. Each school wrote their own interpretation of the idea that we all leave footprints on this earth through the choices we make. Mary MacKillop students focused on the idea of the environmental footprint we leave on the earth. The outcome of the complete performance, following two rehearsals only, was fantastic.

Dancers of all calibres worked hard to learn either the dynamic musical theatre choreography to the dance, "Footloose," or the lyrical contemporary piece to the song, "Walk." Feedback from the dancers was extremely positive and the response from the audience was very encouraging.

Artzfest is not only an opportunity for drama students and dance students to extend their experience but it is also a platform for schools to showcase and highlight individual performing arts students work. Each school was able to provide an act and Mary MacKillop's Year 12 Theatre Studies student, Jaive McEwan was a stand out with his monologue. He played, The Announcer from War of the Worlds, which is based on the novel by H. G. Wells.

INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS



JUNIOR GIRLS D DIVISION
Isabella Tomkinson, Bhavani Harry, Samantha Schnoor, Samantha Dyke, Jessica Stephens, Rachael Ramsay, Kelsea Schnoor



JUNIORS GIRLS D DIVISION
6th Place - Bhavani Harry, Isabella Tomkinson, Kelsea Schnoor



JUNIOR GIRLS D DIVISION - YEAR 7
4th Place - Chloe Caithness, Jorja Warren, Christine Denbrok



**JUNIOR GIRLS D DIVISION
YEAR 7**
1st Place - Jorja Warren



JUNIOR GIRLS D DIVISION - YEAR 7
Coach: Miranda Wilson, Jorja Warren, Chloe Caithness, Christine Denbrok



**YEAR 8
B2 FEMALE GYMNASTICS**

Finished 2nd Place

Pictured:

Bella Kent, Tanaiya Lim, Tiana Hutchinson, Chelsea Patton

INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS



PICTURED LEFT: Back Row - Coach Miranda Wilson, Cody Cox, Sullivan Herbert, Thomas Fitzgerald, Valentino Auddino, Caeleb Garlick, Colleen Herbert
Front Row: John Denbrok, Alex Hudson, Harrison Garlick, Darcy Methven, Ollie Dawson and Blake Hill

PICTURED BELOW MIDDLE: John Denbrok, Cody Cox, Thomas Fitzgerald, Sullivan Herbert

PICTURED BELOW LEFT: Valentino Auddino, Caeleb Garlick, Blake Hill

PICTURED BELOW RIGHT: Harrison Garlick, Ollie Dawson, Darcy Methven, Alex Hudson



RESULTS

BOYS TEAM GYMNASTICS

Year 7 Boys - 4th Place

Year 8 Boys - 3rd Place

Year 9 Boys - 1st Place

BOYS INDIVIDUAL

John Denbrok - 4th Place

Cody Cox - 5th Place

JUNIOR C DIVISION GIRLS - YEAR 7

Pictured Below: Taya Cameron, Elizabeth Stephan, Mia Schneidruk



SCIENCE AWARDS

YEAR 7 STUDENTS WIN GOLD AND BRONZE LEARNING AWARDS

Andrea Binnichen and Andrew Martin from Year 7 recently participated in the National Education Perfect Science Championship which was held over one week from Monday August 13 – Sunday August 20. The goal was to answer as many Science questions as possible on the Education Perfect learning platform over the week. Education Perfect is a learning platform that the College has been trialling for Science learning since May this year.

Andrea received a Gold Award for answering 3000 Science questions correctly. She challenged herself to go for gold when she saw one of her friends win an award in the Big Science Competition in Term 2. Andrew received a Bronze award for answering more than 1000 questions correctly during the week, balancing his time with his swimming training. When asked why he participated in the competition, Andrew says that his favourite subjects are Science and Maths and that he is interested in how things react and work.

Congratulations to them both !



YEAR 12 REFLECTION DAY



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
SOUTH GIPPSLAND
Grade 5 Discovery Day
Thursday 25 October 2018



Come and See!
All Welcome!

To register: Phone 5662 4255 or download a form at www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 3	
Monday 17 September	Kate O'Halloran
Tuesday 18 September	Rebecca Clark
Wednesday 19 September	Sharon Shea
Thursday 20 September	Robyn Colwill
Friday 21 September	Michelle Witteveen

TERM 3	
Monday 8 October	Linda Tack
Tuesday 9 October	Kerrie Fleming
Wednesday 10 October	Marlene Dyke
Thursday 11 October	Nena Caithness
Friday 12 October	Belinda Brennan

TERM 3	
Monday 15 October	Paul Wilson
Tuesday 16 October	Anna Hudson
Wednesday 17 October	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday 18 October	Jenny Delaney
Friday 19 October	Kerryl Battersby

TERM 4	
Monday 22 October	Claire Blackford
Tuesday 23 October	Cathy Waldron
Wednesday 24 October	Robyn Ellen
Thursday 25 October	Kristy Leys
Friday 26 October	Nadia Patton

2018	
Thur 20 Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews at Wonthaggi
Sun 16 Sep - Fri 28 Sep	Central Australia Trip
Fri 21 Sep	LAST DAY OF TERM school finishes at 2.05pm
Mon 8 Oct	Term 4 commences
Mon 8 - Fri 12 Oct	Portland to Penola Pilgrimage
Wed 10 Oct - Fri 12 Oct	Year 9 Melbourne Camp
Mon 15 Oct - Fri 19 Oct	Mental Health Week
Wed 17 - Sat 20 Oct	New Zealand Pilgrimage
Fri 19 Oct	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Thurs 25 Oct	Grade 5 Discovery Day
Tue 30 Oct	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed 31 Oct	VCE Exams commence
Mon 5 Nov	STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 12 Nov	Term Zero Commences

2018	SPORT
Thurs 20 Sep	Gippsland Athletics
Thurs 18 Oct	Regional Basketball Year 8 Boys

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

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

Parents & Friends require helpers for Uniform Shop on *Fridays 12.45 pm – 1.30 pm*

Parents & Friends 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.



Mary MacKillop College

South Gippsland

MENTAL HEALTH

WEEK 2018



Guest Speaker

**CRAIG
HARPER**

Presenting on:

**Creating our best
life - Motivation - Physical,
Mental and
Emotional Health**

DATE: Wednesday 17 October 2018

TIME: 7.00PM

VENUE: Mary MacKillop College - Pioneer Hall

RSVP: by Friday 12 October 2018

<https://www.trybooking.com/424910>

Craig is one of Australia's leading presenters, writers and educators in the areas of health, high-performance, resilience, leadership, self-management and communication.

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

MICHAEL'S SUPA IGA

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Are you missing out on becoming a
**LOCAL SPORTING
CHAMPION?**



If you're a dedicated junior sportsperson
you may be eligible for a grant to help you
pursue your sporting dreams.



For further information on the Local Sporting Champions program,
including the application form and eligibility criteria, please visit:



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ausport.gov.au/LSC

The LSC program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance young people between 12 and 18 years (inclusive) when competing, coaching or umpiring/refereeing at an official national School Sport Championships or Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO) state, national or international sporting championships. If successful, applicants can use the \$500 grant towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when attending the nomination championship.

MMCRC

Mental Health Week

Mood Food Cook-off



**Heats will be held during class
17-21st September**

Junior Division (Years 7 & 8)

Work individually or in pairs to create a Mood Food Snack. See what ingredients you have to work with the on the Snack Food Ingredient List.

Senior Division (Years 9-12)

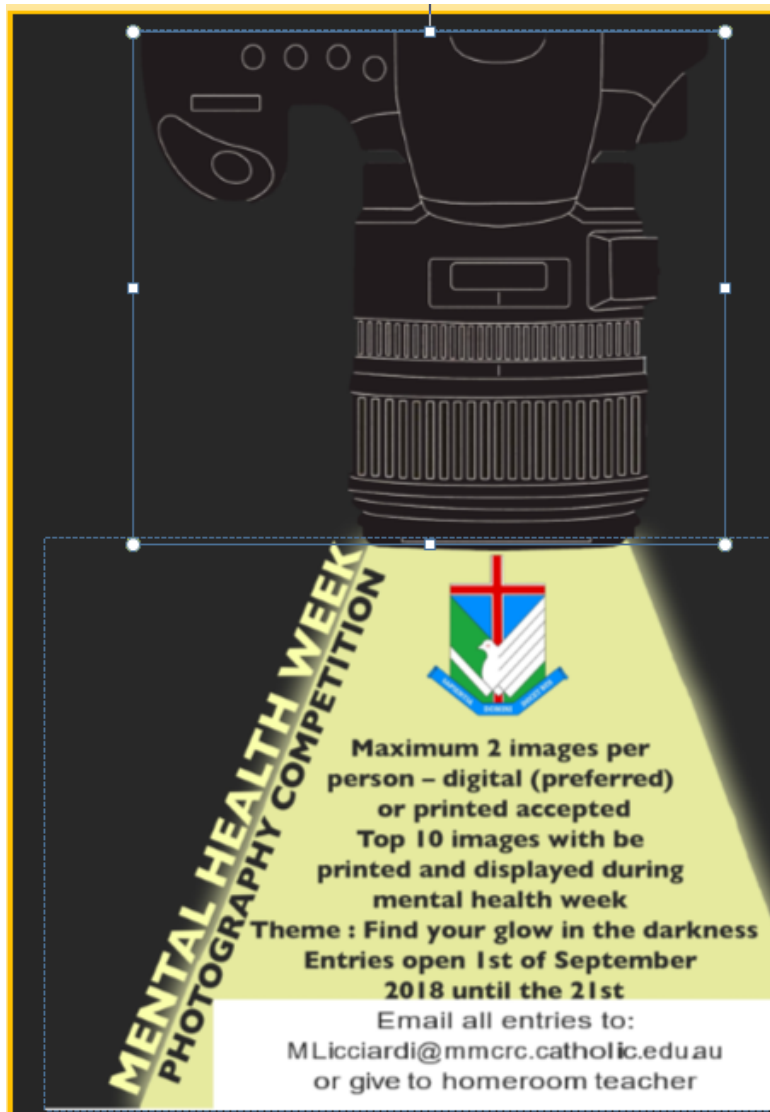
Individuals will create a Mood Food Lunch Bowl. See the ingredients you can choose to work with on the Food Bowl Ingredient List.

Students not currently participating in a food tech class can make contact with Mrs Mills before September 14th to arrange an opportunity to cook.

MMCRC Mood Food Finalists will compete for the Junior and Senior Mood Food Titles on 9th October, and the winners' food will be available for purchase on 17th October during mental health week !

Great prizes up for grabs.





**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Maximum 2 images per person – digital (preferred) or printed accepted
Top 10 images will be printed and displayed during mental health week
Theme : Find your glow in the darkness
Entries open 1st of September 2018 until the 21st
Email all entries to:
MLicciardi@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au
or give to homeroom teacher

St. Joseph's Primary school presents

PRIZE MONEY TO BE WON!

LIVE AT THE BURRA

Showcase your talent!
Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, do a magic act, stand up comedy or have any other talents?

Auditions for this event can be submitted from 17th August and close on 30th September!
For an application pack and event criteria please contact the Live at the Burra Facebook page

Categories:
Primary Aged
Secondary Aged
Open Aged

Sunday 21st October
11am - 3pm
Coleman Park

***This event is open to the whole community**

Leongatha Little Athletics

COME AND JOIN THE FUN & FITNESS AT LEONGATHA LITTLE ATHLETICS



The 2018/2019 season begins Saturday the 6th of October 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome.

New athletes can "Come and Try" prior to registering.
Catering for athletes Under 6 - Under 16.
On Track Skill Development Program for 5 - 7 year olds.

(Athletes must be aged between 5 & 15 to register)

Registrations are online at www.lavic.com.au/join and select Leongatha Centre.

Email us at leongathalac@gmail.com

Request to join Leongatha Little Athletics on Facebook.

RETURNING ATHLETES MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID PRIOR TO COMPETING

President: Ben Cruickshank 0438 551 976
Registrar: Karen Cruickshank 0419 315 300

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 !!!