

The Wisdom of the Lord Teaches us

Mary MacKillop College Newsletter Term 3 17 August 2018



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www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter

also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

Mary MacKillop

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families.

Wednesday was the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is a special Feast, celebrated around the world in honour of Mary, the mother of God, being assumed body and soul into Heaven. Mary is not the plaster saint many might picture – the scriptures show us she was a wise and courageous woman, well worthy of study.

On Wednesday 22 August we will hold our Annual Information Evening and Subject Expo for our Year 9 and 10 students. It is an important part of the process for students heading into their senior years of study as they consider the pathways they will take through school and on to work and study. I encourage all parents to come along with your child, and please continue to have conversations with your child and to revisit the information provided on the night. Every year the teachers put a lot of hard work and effort into the night. Please remember students must lodge their subject selections by the due date.

Please note that next Friday 24 August is a student-free day, there will be no classes that day.

Following on from our Walkathon last week there continues to be many activities happening at the College which have been organised by the classes, including the ever popular food and drink stalls at recess and lunch times over the past week to raise money towards the Walkathon collection. There has been great enthusiasm and co-operative effort by each class, the students and their teachers are to be commended for their efforts. These activities will continue over the next few weeks, we thank families for their support. Students and families are reminded to return their walkathon cards and money to the office as soon as possible.

On Friday we held our Captain's speeches for 2019 College Captains, again I am very proud of the quality of speeches and calibre of Students who have put themselves forward to be the next leaders of our College. Announcements will be made in the coming weeks once the selection and interview process has been completed.

Our students continue to be very successful in competitions representing the College:

- Year 7 Girls Netball won SSV Regional Champions, going on the State Finals
- Senior Boys Table Tennis played in State Finals
- Year 8 Girls Badminton won through to State Finals
- Chess Intermediate Team won through to State Championships

And we had a string of successes at the Yarram Eisteddford:

First Place – Secondary Schools Choir First Place – Secondary Schools Stage Band Second Place – Open Vocal

Second Place - Secondary Schools Small Ensemble

We congratulate our students in all these teams, you have done yourselves and your College proud.

David Leslie Principal



This Weeks Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that You are always with them, specially through these difficult times.

In Jesus, we pray. Amen





We are now on Instagram! Mary MacKillop College - SG

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

Pathways for the Future:

Planning for 2019 is now underway and in the coming weeks students in Year 9 & 10 will be required to make some important pathway and course decisions to shape their senior years.

The recent 'Work Experience' placement should have provided the Year 10 students with some ideas of possible employment pathways or at the very least encouraged them to apply themselves more diligently to their studies. The focus of this term's Year 10 Retreat was also to challenge our students both spiritually and pastorally. Our current Year 9 students have also recently participated in the VET Open Day across three local vocational institutions to get a better understanding of possible pathways in the future.

Through our Active Learning initiative, we are encouraging our students to 'Take Ownership', 'Think Deeply', 'Be Courageous' and 'Make Connections'. These priorities are well suited to the mindset required to approach senior pathways and the VET/VCE/VCAL.

On Wednesday 22nd August 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Pioneer Hall, the College will be holding our Subject Information Evening.

This will be structured in two parts:

Year 9 students moving into Year 10 (2019)

7:00pm – 7:25pm Presentation to students and parents

7:25pm – 7:45pm Subject area displays and teacher consultation

Year 10 students entering the VCE or VCAL

7:45pm – 8:15pm Presentation to students and parents

8:15pm - 8:30pm Subject area displays and teacher consultation

At this evening, we will be discussing the Subject Selection Process. Mrs. Steenholdt (Careers Co-ordinator & Director of Learning) will be discussing Pathways and Mr Bowman (Co-ordinator of VET/VCAL) will be available to discuss VCAL and Applied Learning. The Hall will be set up with subject displays and our current VCE Teachers will be on call to help students with their subject choices.





This evening is being held to assist parents and guardians of students to make informed decisions when it comes to pathways for study. The format will be of a Trade Show format, allowing a greater opportunity for parents and students to chat with different teachers about subjects they are interested in.

The Year 10 (2019) and VCE/VCAL (2019) Subject Selection Handbooks will be available and students will be encouraged to read through to assist in the selection process. Students will also find resources like the VTAC - Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre website www.vtac.edu.au and "myfuture" website (Australia's national online career information and exploration service that provides access to resources to help plan students' career journeys. www.myfuture.edu.au) to be extremely valuable. The Herald Sun has also produced a lift out to further assist students in their pathways and decisions.

At the conclusion of the evening, subject options will be open online for students to nominate their subject preferences. These will be open until Friday 31st August. We use the information provided through this process to design our subject offerings.







Sam Wright

Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

This week our aspiring student leaders for 2019 stepped forward and gave their speeches to the College community in Pioneer Hall. These students are to be commended for their courage to to publicly put their case forward to be College Captains next year.

Leadership within any organisation must be aware and informed by the mission and vision of that organisation, but perhaps more-so its culture. In the case of our Catholic College community, that culture is largely influenced by the values expressed through our charism.

Catholic schools have a tremendous challenge in bringing to life the gospel message of Jesus for the students in its care. This is of course no simple task, particularly given the rapidly evolving demographic in Catholic schools. Recognising this, and acknowledging the enormous potential present within the student body, we are hoping to effect 'buy-in' through empowerment.

Our desire is for a student leadership, which embraces the wonderful Josephite charism, exercises its mission through that charism, and which inspires a love of that charism throughout the community.

Objectives

Increase opportunities for student leadership within the College Improve processes for the selection of student leader Build leadership capacity through formation and training Provide a workable structure to ensure the efficiency of student leadership teams Empower students to take ownership of the College's charism

We firmly subscribe to the belief that our faith ought to be the primary motivation for mobilising our community. Therefore, it is critical that the student leadership of our college, operates through the vision and values inspired by our charism.

We have extraordinary and accessible role models in Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods, and indeed their own role models. Through building the capacity and profile of our own student leaders, we hope to foster similar role models within the College community.

This model allows for the direct participation of ten percent of the student body. It promotes distributive leadership, allows a substantial system for the flow of information, appropriate forums to address issues/ideas, a framework for succession planning, and sound avenues for the transmission of the charism.

Who am I Called to Be?

Student leadership opportunities enable students to explore their capacities for contribution to the community. Although we offer various positions of leadership across all year levels, it seems appropriate to restrict formal positions to the senior students, providing effective role models for aspiring younger students.

Our formal process begins with the Year 11 Retreat. This retreat offers students a chance to reflect upon, and develop a deeper awareness of the possibilities available to them through the appropriate application of their individual gifts.

Students are encouraged to view these opportunities within the context of vocation, to consider their future in altruistic terms, utilising their gifts in building God's kingdom.

The notion of leadership is explored in similar terms. Leadership at all levels, but perhaps most importantly, Christian leadership – our faith in action.



John Ryan

Deputy Principal

Catholic Identity and

Mission



RADA - Student Leadership

We have named the student leadership model 'Rada', an ancient Hebrew word which translates as 'the centre of strength'. More specifically it refers to the strong point between a plant and its roots, an integral point of connection between flourishing plant and support structure. It is within this context that we are developing our student leaders as that 'centre of strength' ensuring a sustainable, charism-based culture for the College.

This program aims to develop leadership capacity amongst the students and to provide a model of succession planning which ensures that student leadership continues to stem from the charism of the College.

We aim to achieve this through the appropriate inculturation of the students in all aspects of the Charism – developing a greater appreciation of the history and mission of the Josephites and our own College community. Our desire is for a student leadership which emanates from the values of the charism, which models those values and which promotes them throughout the student body.

We recognise that the most effective way to reach the students is through students. Empowering student leaders with a sense of ownership of the charism appears to be the most effective means of engendering loyalty to it.

Following the model of discipleship, we have chosen to refer to the central student leadership team as the Student Mission Team. This aligns its purpose more closely with the mission of the College, and ensures that the focus of its endeavour is constantly driven by the values of the charism. Moreover, this model provides a solid structure and processes which supports the efficiency of the group, empowering it and ensuring it has a voice.

Following our speeches successful students will be called for interviews with a panel to discern the merits of their application.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—WELLBEING AND ORGANISATION

Attendance

When your child goes to school every day they will achieve their best. Here are some tips for helping your child turn up, achieve more and maintain a good attendance habit:

Let your child know it is important to go to school every day

One of the best ways to encourage your child to go to school every day is to talk about school in a positive way. Tell your child it is important that they go to school, even on special days like their birthday or the last day of term. Occasionally, your child may need to stay home from school—they might be sick, or there might be serious family matters you have to attend to (such as a funeral). While these kinds of events are unavoidable, other events such as shopping trips, holidays, visiting family and friends, or appointments such as haircuts can be scheduled out of school hours.

Create routines for your child

Help your child get organised and prepare for their school day. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Encourage them to lay their school clothes out the night before and pack their bags in advance so they can get to school on time.

How can you help?

Talk positively about school with your child.

Create and maintain a routine.

If possible, make appointments out of school hours.

Avoid taking your child away for holidays during the school term.

The College can be notified of a child/s absence by 8.45am through one of the following:

- Phoning the College on 03 5662 4255 (leave a voice message)
- Email attendance@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au
- Parent Access Module PNA (Parent Notified Absence). Instructions on how to undertake this process are attached.

Child Safety

Mary MacKillop College is a Child Safe School. We have a zero tolerance stance on child abuse and are committed to the protection of all children from all forms of abuse.

Parents/guardians or other community members who have concerns that a child may be subject to abuse should contact the College and ask to speak with one of the School's Child Protection Officers. The College can be contacted on 5662 4255.

If you believe the child is in immediate danger, please call 000

The College Child Protection Officers are:

- Kieran O'Dwyer Deputy Principal Wellbeing and Organisation
- Melinda Licciardi Student Counsellor
- Jo Eady Student Counsellor
- Bron Kalos Senior School Wellbeing Co-ordinator
- Kate Lafferty Middle School Wellbeing Co-ordinator
- Nicole Dudman Junior School Co-ordinator
- Renae Scothern Learning Support
- Roberta Hatley-Smith Librarian
- Jenny Damon Administration

In response to your concern, the College will:

- Ensure accurate records of discussions are kept;
- Ensure the matter is handled sensitively and in a confidential manner;
- Ensure any required mandatory or legislative reports required by the School are made;
- Take all reasonable steps to remove the risk of further harm to the child;
- Support you in understanding any other legal obligations you may have.

Youth Mental Health

Adults are often wary of discussing mental health with teenagers. Many have internalised pervasive myths about risks associated with talking about mental health. Others just do not feel confident that they can communicate well with them when it comes to sensitive topics. Generation Next provides education and information about the prevention and management of mental illness in youth to professionals, young people and the wider community. They are providing a free webinar which highlights practical and simple tools which will help you to talk effectively about mental health to the young people in your life.

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Presented by Dr Claire Kelly a provider on education for the public in mental health areas since 2003. She completed a PhD on the mental health literacy of adolescents in Australia in 2005, and has been working with Mental Health First Aid Australia ever since, in research, curriculum development and training. Claire is passionate about the mental health of young people, having experienced mental illness in her adolescence and young adulthood, and having an understanding of how difficult it is to seek or accept help during these important years, and knowing how important it is to do so.

Information about and registration for the event can be obtained from the links below.

https://www.generationnext.com.au/

https://healthed.eventsair.com/gnw060918/tracking/Site/Register

Kieran O'Dwyer Deputy Principal Wellbeing and Organisation





YEAR 7 LAUNCH - GYMNASTICS



BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

On the 14th May, 50 of our students competed in "The Big Science Competition" which is an Australian wide competition with 37,000 students taking part. The results were as follows:

• Year 7 : 22 Participants

High Distinction - Robert Ornsby

Distinction - Chloe Caithness, Grace Barlow, James Rowe.

Credit - Caeleb Garlick, Christine Denbrok, Elsie Steenholdt, Hannah Cole, Jack McNally, Visma Biju.

Year 8 : 16 Participants

High Distinction - Alexander Battersby, Jaime Findlay, Samuel Evans.

Distinction – Malachi Ashley.

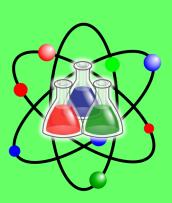
Credit – Benjamin Joynes, Charlie Hall, Holly Belsar, Kaatje Smolders, Olivia Vuillermin, Reuben Strentz.

Year 9 :10 Participants

Distinction – Archie Brewer, Cody Cox, Jordan Thomas.

Credit - Liesl Clarke, Yahnika Mandemaker

Year 10 : 2 Participants



SUMMARY:

Year 7 - 10 awards from 22 participants (1 HD), Year 8 - 10 awards from 16 participants (3 HD's) Year 9 - 5 awards from 10 participants

Congratulations to all students who took part

Mr. Walsh



YARRAM EISTEDDFORD















YEAR 7 SCIENCE



Year 7 Dissection

At the beginning of Term 3, the Year 7's of Mary MacKillop College took part in a dissection activity. We learnt about the fascinating skeletons of the marine animals and how to use dissecting equipment safely.

Students dissected a squid, fish and shrimp. While dissecting we were observing the skeletons of each animal. We had to determine what type of skeleton it had - was it a vertebrae or an invertebrae? Dissecting the octopus was a little disgusting but it was a really good experience. The octopus did not have a skeleton at all. Instead it had a gladius (small length of cartilage). This task was really fun and I am looking forward to doing more dissections in the years to come at Mary MacKillop College.

By Grace Burns (7F Science Student)

Pictured Left to Right:

Kaelem McCurdy, Noah Christensen, Grace Burns, Haylee Whiteside

CHESS COMPETITION









SENIOR SCHOOL RESULTS

Place	Name	Score	Countback	New Rtg.
1	Pat Biro	3 1/2	24	713 (7/20)
2	Pat Holian	3 1/2	18	693 (7/20)
3	Samuel Chadwick	3	25 1/2	675 (0/20)
4	Aaron Farrell	2 1/2	16	486 (0/20)
5	James Ryan	2	21 1/2	651 (7/20)

MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS

Place	Name	Score	Countback	New Rtg.
1	Harry Herbert	5 1/2	32	830 up 38
2	Ava Strentz	4	28	730 (7/20)
3	Robert Ornsby	3 1/2	22 1/2	614 (7/20)
4	Jonah Wearne	3 1/3	20	578 (6/20)
5	Jefferin Mathews	3	20 1/2	477 (0/20)









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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

MMCRC will be hosting

Mental Health Week activities

between

15-19th October.

It's time to

"Find your **Glow**

In The Darkness"

Create a poster with that theme

to help promote

Mental Health Week activities at our college!

Entries close 3.30 pm on Monday the 10th of September. You can either email a digital copy of your poster to Mel Licciardi at,

MLicciardi@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

or hand it in to your homeroom teahcer if it's a hard copy.

The prize will be awarded to the winning entry and the image will be used as a poster to promote

Mental Health Week.

One Entry Per Student

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

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	

TERM 3	
Monday 3 September	Tamara Treacy
Tuesday 4 September	Marianne Bloye
Wednesday 5 September	Deborah Menary
Thursday 6 September	Eva Zubcic
Friday 7 September	Belinda Brennan

TERM 3	
Monday 10 September	Emmanuel Vella
Tuesday 11 September	Krista Evans
Wed 12 September	Robyn Ellen
Thursday 13 September	Louise Keily
Friday 14 September	Janet Phillips

2018	
Wed 22 Aug	Year 9 & 10 Subject Selection Information Evening 7pm
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
Mon 8 Oct	Term 4 commences
Wed 10 Oct - Fri 12 Oct	Year 9 Melbourne Camp
Fri 19 Oct	Year 12 Valedictory
Tue 30 Oct	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 PM
Wed 31 Oct	VCE Exams commence

2018	SPORT
Wed 22 August	Gippsland Year 7-10 Boys/Girls Basketball and Table Tennis
Fri 7 Sep	Year 7 Girls State Netball
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.



our friendly customer service team

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Mary MacKillop College **DOUBLE POINTS**





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Mary MacKillop College DOUBLE POINTS







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!!!

Detach and return Entry Form and fee to Harry Leggett, "Bringa" Phone: 0418 363 299. Make cheques payable to "ROTARY CLUB Unless you state otherwise, į presumed that you , 605 Mardan Dumbalk Road, OF LEONGATHA". (Do not are a "hobby artist" (Do not send and Dumbalk Vic. 3956

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PHONE **ADDRESS**

RESIDENT OF SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

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TITLE/DESCRIPTION

(Refer Entry Categories List

CATEGORY

YOUTH AWARD AND ALL ABILITIES AGE GROUP

ENTRY

ENTRY

EMAIL

SURNAME

Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms

FIRST NAME

FOR QUICK AND EASY ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT GO TO: www.leonartshow.com.au OR FILL OUT FORM BELOW AND POST WITH CHEQUE **ENTRIES CLOSE 10th August 2018**

ROTARY CLUB of LEONGATHA

is inviting you to participate in the





42nd ANNUAL ART & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Cnr Ogilvy & Horn Streets LEONGATHA VIC 3953

AUG - SUN 2 SEPT 2018

www.leonartshow.com.au

ENTRY FORM

Entries Close 10th August 2018

OFFICIAL OPENING Friday 31 Aug 2018 - 8.00 p.m. (\$20 per head - Entered Artists free entry)

HOURS

FRI 1.00 - 5.00 p.m. OPENING NIGHT 8.00 p.m.. SAT 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. SUN 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

ENOUIRIES

Harry Leggett
Phone: 0418 363 299 - Email: info@leonartshow.com.au

Paul Beck

Phone: 0418 515 612 www.leonartshow.com.au Email: info@leonartshow.com.au

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Proceeds from this show go to various local charities and services.

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Art, Performance, Pizza Just the essentials

The Art Show is an exhibition of photography and visual art a staged performance of written art pieces by young artists in Southern Gippsland

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER DOWNSTAIRS @ SERAFINOS **5PM TO 11PM**

FREE ENTRY & REFRESHMENTS

Pizza, Finger Food, Mocktails at the Bar

Semi Formal

Exhibition opens at 5pm, Judging announcements at 8pm

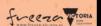
Live Music from 9-11pm

ARTIST INFORMATION

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER

sophied@southgippsland.vic.gov.au / 5662 9202 or visit the website for an Entry Form https:// sophiedixon2.wixsite.com/theartshow

ALL AGES - YOUTH FRIENDLY MADE IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND FREEZA EVENT DRUG, ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE



St. Joseph's Primary school presents

PRIZE 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