



*The Wisdom  
of the Lord Teaches us*

# Mary MacKillop College

## Newsletter

Term 3  
31 August 2018



*"Let our Courage  
Rise."*

*Mary MacKillop*

Newsletter on our website  
[www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter](http://www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter)  
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

This weekend, September, is the official start of Spring. The blossom is coming out, and with it the promise of new life in the occasional sunny days which promise more to come. At this time of year our Year 12's start moving into higher gear as we approach the business end of the academic year. Other year levels are well into assessment and the year's work is starting to consolidate. There are only three weeks left this term and still lots to happen. Planning for next year is well under way. We have already had our Information night for our Year 9's and 10's moving into VCE and subject preferences are being selected. The Year 12 Valedictory invitations have been sent to families. Our Central Australia trip leaves in two weeks. In the last two weeks of term we have Parent/Teacher/Student interviews – Leongatha on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Wonthaggi on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Bookings will be made available in PAM shortly.

It's been great to see all the fundraisers & food stalls continuing to be held by classes again this week to support the Walkathon. Everyone's support and encouragement has been wonderful. It is now time to complete the process. All Walkathon cards and monies should have been returned to the office by today. Any outstanding cards need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. We will present all funds raised to the recipients at a whole school assembly on Thursday 6 September.

Our students continue to excel in their SSV sports with Senior, Intermediate and Junior Basketball and Table Tennis teams all competing over the past few weeks. Thank you to all our Coaches. Our students are being very successful at SSV and they are really enjoying it. This can only help their positive engagement with schooling.

The VCE performance evening was held last night. It was a great celebration of the talents of our young people, ranging from dramatic monologues, emerging singer/songwriters to a cool jazz trio. The evening was well attended by families and former students who came to support their younger friends' performances. Congratulations to all our performers and the staff who support them. We are blessed to have so much talent amongst us.

I will be away on leave for the last two weeks of term Mr Sam Wright will be Acting Principal.

Happy Father's day to all the Dads for Sunday. Both boys and girls need the stability of a solid male role model. Ours is a privileged role, I hope all our Dads enjoy a special day with your families.

**David Leslie**  
Principal



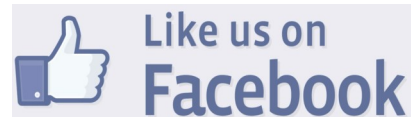
### *This Weeks Prayer*

**Lord,**

Teach me to love unselfishly, teach me to share without counting the cost. Teach me to adore You without restraint, giving my all and follow Your will. Let me see You in every people I will meet. Just let me see the beauty of life everyday, appreciating the sunrise or a bit of rain, knowing that in all these, You are there always!

*Amen*

We are now on  
Instagram!  
Mary MacKillop College -  
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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

### 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.mmccrc.catholic.edu.au>

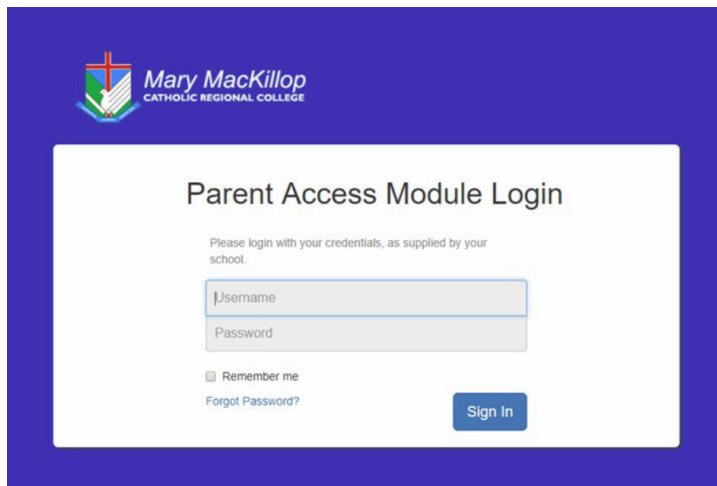
Our interviews are run over the following dates this term:

**Leongatha – Thursday 13 September 2018** at Mary MacKillop College Pioneer Hall Appointment Times: 3:50pm – 6:00pm and 7:00pm – 8:55pm

**Wonthaggi – Thursday 20 September 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) as of Friday 7th September 2018.

<http://pam.mmccrc.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.

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

- 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.

### Pathways for the Future:

Thank you to all the families who attended our Subject Selection evening last week. In excess of 300 people attended to gain valuable information for all the various pathways on offer as students move into their senior schooling. The Pioneer Hall was decked out like a Trade Show, thanks to the great work of the curriculum staff, which provided a valuable opportunity for students and parents to ask specific questions of staff.

Our Careers Co-ordinator and Director of Learning Mrs Meg Steenholdt was also on call to help the Senior Students with course requirements. The College appreciates that this can be a very nervous time for parents so please do not hesitate to contact the College with any questions, or alternatively email any number of the leadership team if you have any questions about the process of pathways, subject selection of pathways.



**Sam Wright**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Learning and Teaching**





## IGA COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



Thanks to Michaels Supa IGA we were lucky enough to be presented with a cheque as part of their Community Rewards Program! Our school captains Meg Minogue and Bailey Patterson accepted the cheque on behalf of the College at a presentation held on Tuesday 21st August 2018. These funds will be put towards some new outdoor seating for the College.

Michaels Supa IGA Supermarkets are very generous when giving back to the community. We encourage you to support this local business, shop at either the Korumburra or Leongatha Stores, scan your IGA tag (or barcode) and donate your points to Mary MacKillop College. It is **\*\* DOUBLE POINTS \*\*** for schools until the end of September.

## YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES

The Victorian Drug Court is a division of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria that provides for the sentencing and supervision of the treatment of offenders with a drug and/or alcohol dependency who have committed an offence under the influence of drugs or alcohol or to support a drug or alcohol habit.

Unlike traditional courts, the Magistrate conducts a conference with a support team to discuss each offender appearing before the Drug Court that day. The students were given the opportunity to review the cases that were being discussed and listen to the Magistrate and support team make decisions regarding their Drug Treatment Orders. The Drug Court opened after all cases had been decided and the students were present to see the enforcement of these orders.

This was a powerful experience in restorative practice and rehabilitation. We had the opportunity to celebrate the small successes of the participants - three weeks of clean drug screens and the reward of museum passes, to the threat of prison days being enforced due to avoiding drug detection. At all times the participants were treated respectfully and they responded to the empathy shown to them.

A powerful day for all who participated and an insight into what a 'just society' truly looks like.



Ben Gibbins, Ethan Falkingham, Pia Westaway, Caeleb Wearne, Molly Kent, Simone Dekker, Tomei Dal Pozzo, Isabella Ferguson, Jennifer Bals, Kylie Smith, Brigid Johnson



## YEAR 7 SSV BASKETBALL



**Team A - Will Croatto, Cooper Rickard, Tayte Wilkins, Alessi Green, Will Whiteside, Valentino Auddino and coach Cade Maskell**



**Team B - Sebastian Borg, James Rowe, Braith Minchen, Albert Hercus, Blake Hill, Flynn Lord and coach Cade Maskell**

### SSV Boys Basketball

The Year 7 Boys Basketball teams had a great day at the recent SSV Competition, held at Leongatha Secondary College. Both teams managed to be competitive; however, came up against strong competition in Wonthaggi and Leongatha.

The Boys demonstrated excellent team work and sportsmanship, which they are to be commended for.



**Back Row: Coach Colleen Herbert, Chloe Battersby, Hayley Whiteside, Kyla James, Grace Berryman, Jade Kenny, Assistant Jess Cook**  
**Front Row: Sophie Enbom, Phoebe Hinds, Alannah Reid**

### SSV Girls Basketball

Initially the tryouts were held in Term 2 with 32 girls attending the first sign up, which was very exciting. We then came up with two teams in case we could have two on the day - unfortunately no. The Year 7 girls have been doing skills and drills in the hall for the last two months. The competition was in two groups, played at the Secondary College. We won our first game, lost our second and then played off for third and fourth spot, of which we came fourth. Our focus for the entire event was good sportsmanship, fair court time and to have fun. We were very successful at those things. Also thank you to Jess Cook for assisting us on the day.

Mrs Herbert

## SSV NETBALL

On Friday 10 August, 11 excited and happy Yr 7 students (alongside their excited and happy coach) travelled to Traralgon for the Regional Netball Finals. The trip was chatty and musical, with a feel of friendship and anticipation in the air. Once arrived and warmed up, the girls were straight into their first game, which they won unexpectedly comfortably. There was a bit of a wait until the second game. We had heard good things about the next team, so we were bracing ourselves for a tough game... and a tough game it was. The final score of 15-19 did not reflect the closeness of the 4 quarters. We were very happy with the win. Finally, we were up against "the top team". Whoever won this last match would make it into State Finals!! Well, it was close! Everyone was on the edge of their stadium bench seats throughout. It was a thrilling match and the team and coach could not have been prouder and happier with the win!! A well-deserved success and an extremely fun day. Stay tuned for news of our State Finals adventure on September 7. Go Mary Mac!!!





## SSV TABLE TENNIS

The Leongatha Table Tennis Association once again welcomed the SSV South Gippsland Secondary Table Tennis Girls and Boys Division Round at the Leongatha Table Tennis Centre. Bill Haw, Ian Rasmussen and Dom Murdica helped make the day a great success.

Mary MacKillop College entered Boys' and Girls' teams in the Year 7, Year 8 and Intermediate Sections. All our students played competitively on the day against Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Mirboo North Secondary Colleges. Our Year 7, 8 and Intermediate Girls' teams have made it successfully through to the SSV Regional Competition. We congratulate the girls and wish them well for their participation at the next stage.

Our Senior SSV Boys' Table Tennis team ventured to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park to compete in the State Finals. Tim Hardacre, Jake Waldron, James Rowley and Michael Brandon, represented Mary MacKillop College having qualified in the School Sports Victoria Regional Competition in early August. The boys played competitively and well in the split round robin, competing in three matches consisting of six rubbers (four singles games and one doubles game each). They won some rubbers, but they did not ultimately qualify for the cross over Semi Finals on the day.

Well done, boys!



**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](http://www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au)**



## INTER-SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Pictured Shae Van Dam, Jared Campbell, Kiara Vann, Makenzie Mills, Amanda Rowley

On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, five Year 9 and 10 students competed in a GIS Inter-school Public Speaking Competition. This was the first competition of its kind in the GIS cultural event calendar. Lavalla College held the event, and organisers were honoured to have a high profile guest judge, Sally Warhaft. She is the editor of *The Monthly*, Australia's national magazine of politics, society and the arts. She is a regular commentator on ABC radio, as well as frequently participating in public debates, including guest spots on the ABC program, Q & A.

Sally opened the event with an inspiring speech about the importance of public speaking. She reiterated that communication is the backbone of our society. It allows us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. Without communication skills, the ability to progress in the working world and in life, itself, would be nearly impossible.

All students were given the inspiring prompt from Malala Yousafzai, a young Palestinian activist for female equality and education. She said, "We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." The quality of the speeches was extremely high. Mary Mackillop students wrote and spoke with great eloquence. Although there were no winning trophies, the judge made a special reference to the overall consistent quality of our students.

## YEAR 9 ART



**URBAN  
SCRAWL**  
MELBOURNE  
ART TOURS

Year 9 Art had a whirlwind tour of some of the inspiring Street Art in Melbourne CBD. Amelia from Urban Scrawl tours was our guide. Students will gain inspiration for their own art work this semester which has a Street Art theme.

The class will be creating and spraying a skateboard deck, graffiti board and a ROA inspire piece this semester.



## Mental Health Week 2018

Preparations are well underway for Mental Health Week activities, and our theme "Find your glow in the darkness" has been set. As you can imagine this theme opens up infinite opportunities for creativity and learning and we will endeavour to spread a message of hope around mental health for our young people and our community. A small student working group as well as staff working group have been meeting to finalise the plans for Mental Health Week which will run at Mary MacKillop College between 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October.

We launched our annual Mental Health Week Poster Competition earlier in the month. The Poster Competition invites students to take our 2018 theme (Find your glow in the darkness) and create an image that can be used on our posters to promote our Mental Health Week activities. We are also launching our Photography Competition this week which gives students the opportunity to explore use of photography to capture an image that reflects what our mental health theme means to them. Entry details and our entry form can be found within this edition of the newsletter.

We are keen to hear from members of our school community who may be interested in contributing to our Mental Health Week program and donations of prizes, balls of wool, photo printing and fresh produce will be gratefully accepted. A basket for wool donations will be located outside the counselling office. Please contact Mel Licciardi for further details or correspondence.

## 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



## MMCRC Mental Health Week PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

### ENTRY FORM

Find your **GLOW** in the darkness

Name: ..... Home Room: ..... Photo Title: .....

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The photo (s) that I have entered were taken by me and I give consent to them being displayed during Mental Health Week 2018. Tick here to agree

Any other details you believe necessary: .....

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### CANTEEN NEWS

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

<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>Monday 10 September</b>	Emmanuel Vella
<b>Tuesday 11 September</b>	Krista Evans
<b>Wednesday 12 September</b>	Robyn Ellen
<b>Thursday 13 September</b>	Louise Keily
<b>Friday 14 September</b>	Janet Phillips

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

<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>Monday 8 October</b>	Linda Tack
<b>Tuesday 9 October</b>	Kerrie Fleming
<b>Wednesday 10 October</b>	Marlene Dyke
<b>Thursday 11 October</b>	Nena Caithness
<b>Friday 12 October</b>	Belinda Brennan

<b>2018</b>	
Tue 4 Sep	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 pm
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	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
Mon 8 Oct	<b>Term 4 commences</b>
Wed 10 Oct - Fri 12 Oct	Year 9 Melbourne Camp
Mon 15 Oct - Fri 19 Oct	Mental Health Week
Fri 19 Oct	Year 12 Valedictory
Tue 30 Oct	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed 31 Oct	VCE Exams commence

<b>2018</b>	<b>SPORT</b>
Wed 5 Thur 6 Sep	ISG Gymnastics Year 7-9
Fri 7 Sep	Year 7 Girls State Netball
Fri 14 Sep	Year 8 Boys State Badminton
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.**

Find us on Facebook  
michaelsiga.com.au



# Community REWARDS

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

## Double School Points NOW ON

Double Points from July 2nd until September 30th 2018

### To find out how you can donate ask our friendly customer service team

**Registered Schools**

- Chairo Christian College
- 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

**MICHAEL'S SUPA IGA**

**MICHAEL'S SUPA IGA LEONGATHA** **Mary MacKillop College**  
**DOUBLE POINTS**

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### FROM THE BUS CO-ORDINATOR - LEONGATHA BUS NETWORK

A Reminder for parents of bus travellers that you are responsible for the safety of students at bus stops.

This morning we were notified of an incident that occurred on another school bus network last week. The parent was sitting in a car on the opposite side of the road to the bus stop. A child got off the school bus and proceeded to cross the road to the parent, but in the process was hit by another vehicle. Fortunately the child has escaped with only minor injuries!

Can parents please be proactive in collecting students from bus stops. Please park on the same side of the road if possible and leave plenty of room for the bus too. If you can't park on the same side of the road, please escort children across the road instead of watching from inside a car, especially with younger bus travellers. If a traveller needs to cross the road, they should wait for the bus to depart to ensure there is a clear view of any approaching traffic.

And, a reminder of this particular condition of travel that appears on the bus application form, for which your signature on the form signals you to agree to abide by:

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus. Supervision is not provided at roadside stops. Parents/guardians are responsible for their children upon disembarking the afternoon service.
- It is most important that parents waiting for bus passengers at a roadside bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus, to prevent accidents.
- School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions. It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.