



*The Wisdom  
of the Lord Teaches us*

# Mary MacKillop College

## Newsletter

Term 4  
23 November 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

#### *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*

Oncology Nurse Educator, Actor, AFL Premiership footballer and two Olympians. We intend to induct 2 or 3 new MacKillop Achievers at the Dux assembly at the start of the year. I am pleased to invite nominations from our community for possible candidates. The selection criteria is:

- A graduate who completed his/her schooling at Mary MacKillop College
- Have distinguished themselves by high achievement, defined as being of conspicuous merit either by level or duration of achievement in one or more of
  - Academic achievement
  - Service or Humanitarian work
  - Community involvement and/or leadership
  - Career or professional achievement or leadership
  - Business achievement and/or leadership
  - Sporting endeavour/success at an elite level
- The MacKillop Achiever must be a person of excellent character, who is fit to be put before the student body as an exemplar they can aspire to follow.

Any member of the College community may nominate a prospective "MacKillop Achiever". Nominations need to be in writing, explain how the nominee meets the criteria and include the contact details of the nominee and the nominator. Nominations will be considered by a selection panel of four including Principal, Advisory Council Chair, Parish Priest and one other. Please email your nominations to [principal@mmcr.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mmcr.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 7 December. We look forward to hearing from you.

This is a very busy time at school. The Year 12 exams for 2018 finished on Monday. Our new Year 12 students are into their second week of studies in term zero. Year 7 – 10 students are completing their courses of study and working up to their end of semester assessment tasks. Teachers marking and reporting workload is reaching its peak.

Amid this, we are looking forward to our end of year Mass and Awards presentations. These will be held as usual in Pioneer Hall on Friday, December 7, commencing from 9.30am. All parents, grandparents, families and friends of the College are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. Proceedings will conclude around 12.30pm, after which students will be dismissed for the holidays.

We need your help please: Our cultural exchange with Shibuya High School, Tokyo is set to continue. Shibuya would like to send 12 students to visit us again next March. This will only be possible if there are 12 families willing to host a Japanese student. Please contact Carly Kitchingman at the office if you are able to host a student.

**David Leslie  
Principal**



The Victorian State election is this Saturday. It is fashionable to complain about politics and politicians, but sometimes we should stop and reflect on what the alternative might be. How fortunate we are that we have the right to choose our own representatives and government. This basic human right is denied to millions of people all over the world. In many places, people face violence and the threat of death simply for turning up to vote. Dictators and authoritarian governments either ignore democratic processes or control them in such a way as to confirm spurious legitimacy upon their regimes. When you cast your vote this Saturday, it should be a celebration that whatever our views, we can all peaceably express them and can have trust in an honest, reliable system.

Families are of course free to vote for whoever you wish. We ask that one of the matters you give consideration in deciding your vote is the funding of the Catholic schools you have chosen to send your children to. Every family has been emailed a brochure on behalf of the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited about the Catholic school funding positions of each of the major parties. This brochure is available on the website and from the College office.

In our 30 year celebrations, we instituted the "MacKillop Achievers" to recognise successful alumni. So far 12 former students have been inducted, under Humanitarian, Finance Professional, Intensive Care Nurse, Aerospace Engineer, Medical Specialist, Civil Engineer / Businessman, Economic Statistician,

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

### Semester 2 2018 Exam Information

#### General Exam Information:

Exam period will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the senior wing of the College. Exams are a summary of student learning that has taken place over the Semester and are used, along with Assessment Tasks, to determine a Student overall result for the subject.

Date	Mon 3/12	Tue 4/12	Wed 5/12	Thu 6/12	Fri 7/12
Activity	Year 9/10 Normal classes	Year 9/10 Exams	Year 9/10 Exams	Year 9/10 Exams	End of Year Mass 9:30am start
Room	As per timetable	VCE Centre	VCE Centre	VCE Centre	Pioneer Hall

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Yr 9/10 Exams in Room VCE Centre

- \* Year 9/10 exams will be conducted in the VCE Centre spread over 3 days
- \* Rolls will be taken in each of the exams
- \* Each day will have two exams blocks separated by a study block between recess and lunch
- \* Year 9 & 10 exams have varied length so students are encouraged to bring a book to read or study in case they finish the exam early
- \* Some Learning Support students will be completing their exam in another designated room
- \* Term 0 classes will run as timetables, students in accelerated subjects are to attend their Year 10 exam if it clashes with this class

	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Lesson 1 & 2	Year 9 & 10 English (90 min exam)	Year 9 Humanities Year 10 Elective Block B - Physics/Art/Geography/ Money & Markets/Music (90 min exam)	Year 9 and 10 RE (50 min exam)
Lesson 3 & 4	Supervised Study In VCE Centre	Supervised Study In VCE Centre	Supervised Study In VCE Centre
Lesson 5 & 6	Year 9 Science Year 10 Elective Block A - Theatre Studies/Hospitality / Psych (90 min exam)	Year 10 Elective Block C - Biology/Chemistry/History/ Law & Finance Year 9 French exam (90 min exam) Rest of Year 9 Normal Lessons	Year 9 and 10 Maths (90 min exam)

#### Expectations of students during the exam period

- \* Check that you know when and where you are sitting an exam
- \* Check you have only the permitted materials. Check with you teacher before the exam if you are in doubt about permitted materials
- \* Be punctual to exams **and** supervised study sessions. This means preparing your material and being at the exam/study venue **earlier** than your exam/study start time

- \* Exam conditions are to be maintained from the time students enter to the time they leave the exam room. This means:
  - Silence - you must not communicate with other students raise your hand if you have a question
  - Watches must be on the desk
  - All materials must be brought in a clear plastic case ie: plastic sleeve
  - Listen to and obey all instructions given by the exam supervisor (s)
  - Mobile phones and other electronic devices (eg: mobile phones, MP3 players, laptops) will not be allowed in the exam room (or in to study areas) please lock your locker and do not bring them to the exam
  - No food or drink (allowed other than water in a clear bottle with no label)
  - You must remain in the exam room until you are dismissed by the supervisor
- \* Supervised study sessions are for **study**:
  - Be prepared with study materials to occupy you for the whole block. You do not need to be continually leaving the room to get new materials
  - All students should be in the rooms specified for study and **nowhere else**
  - Maintain a quiet atmosphere that is conducive to study. Do not socialise or distract others

### **Wisdom of the Elders!**

Exams are an inevitable part of student life, some simple skills and tips can help students in Year 9 to 11 prepare better for the exam period. Here are 10 tips for preparing for exams and getting through the exam period.

#### **1. Find out about the exam**

Find out as much as you can about the exam

- What type of exam is it ? Is it a multiple choice or essay ?
- Will there be a choice of questions or tasks ?
- How much will each question or task be worth ?

#### **2. Ask for help**

Don't feel bad if you need to ask for help. Talk to your teacher, Parents and pick the brains of other students. If you are feeling really stressed you might also find it helpful to speak to any of our Wellbeing Team.

#### **3. Sort out your subject material**

Check that you have all the relevant handouts and get all your notes together from the subject. Read the course outline and use it to organise the information you have collected. It might help to write your own summaries of each textbook chapter or section of the subject guide. This will make it easier to find what you need while you are studying.

#### **4. Check past exam papers**

Get your hands on any old exam papers from the subject and familiarise yourself with the structure and format. Practice answering the questions within the specified time limits and check your answers against your notes to make sure you have them right.

#### **5. Know where to go**

Check your exam timetable for details on when and where you will be sitting the exam. Make sure you have everything you will need to take with you (eg: calculator, pencil, ruler, etc). Try to do some study at the times your exams will be on. If you have an early morning exam, it is a good idea to practice getting up and doing some study earlier in the day.

#### **6. Don't cram**

Stick to what you already know when studying the night before an exam. You will only make yourself nervous if you try to learn new information. Review your notes or test yourself on key points.

#### **7. Keep your cool**

Do not talk to other students about the exam before the exam. It could confuse you or make you lose confidence in yourself. The same goes for after the exam. Do not stand around talking about what was on it or you will start to doubt yourself and stress out if you think you made a mistake.

#### **8. Use your reading time**

The way you use your reading time could make or break you in the exam. Use it to plan your writing time and start thinking about some answers. Read the instructions very carefully then scan the whole exam paper. Be sure to check how many pages there are and how much each question is worth. Plan how much time to spend on each answer and the order in which you will answer them. Start with the questions you are most confident with.

#### **9. Break the questions down**

A great tip for any exam is to break the questions down to make sure you really understand what you're being asked. If you don't answer the question properly you won't get full marks for it. Look for the key parts in the question and these will give you the clues on how to answer it. For example, for the question "Explain the difference between study and revision", you can split this question into four parts: **1. Explain - give reasons to show how or why something is the way it is** **2. The difference - what are the distinguishing factors between study and revision** **3. Study - what is study ?** **4. Revision - what is revision ?**

#### **10. Review your performance**

While there's no use stressing out over an exam you've already done, it does help to look at what you can improve on. If you didn't do as well on an exam as you would've liked, ask your teacher if you can go through it with them and find out what you did wrong. Come up with your own strategies.

Remember - these tips are only some of things that you can do to get the most out of your exams. There might be other things that work even better for you. Ask around - find out what your friends do for their exams - maybe some of their tricks will work for you too! Maybe your teachers have some good recommendations too. Whatever it is, whatever strategy when you find something that works for you, put it into practice and good luck!

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





## 2018 COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM



The Mary MacKillop College 2018 Debate Team (Shae Van Dam, Sophie Newton and Amanda Rowley) momentarily won the final round in the Leongatha Secondary Colleges Rotary Club Debate against Chairi Christian School on Monday 12th November.

Shae, Sophie and Amanda convincingly argued, for the affirmative team *'That Santa Claus is a justifiable deception'*. The debate team worked incredibly hard in preparation for the final round debate and were pleasantly acknowledged by the judging panel as having presented a most enjoyable debate with good manner, sound method, and strong points and rebuttals.

Well done to all the Mary MacKillop College Debate Team members!

**Mrs Roberta Hatley-Smith**

## AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION 2018



Mary MacKillop has again entered this state-wide competition - *and again we have done very well!*

Ninety students from years 7 to 12 entered the competition. Our scorecard was excellent: we saw 81% of our candidates awarded Proficiency, Credit or Distinction awards.

The Distinction award winners were: Sharon Sabu, Kelsey Dal Pozzo, Jamillah Enbom, Lisa Whiteside, Jaime Findlay, Sandra Sabu, Marley Walker, Charlie Hall, Emily Ray. All students are ranked in the top 20% of the state. Nine of our candidates received Distinctions.

Marley Walker was awarded the "Best in School" award.

The top students by year gathered for their award presentation and were photographed here with Principal: Mr David Leslie and Teachers: Mrs Kate Dwyer, Mrs Jackie Van Dillen and Mr Jack Pearce.

We congratulate all participants and we thank their teachers.

The College is keen to see our young people to excel. "Our goal is to enhance our credentials in "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)" and we look forward to next year's competition.



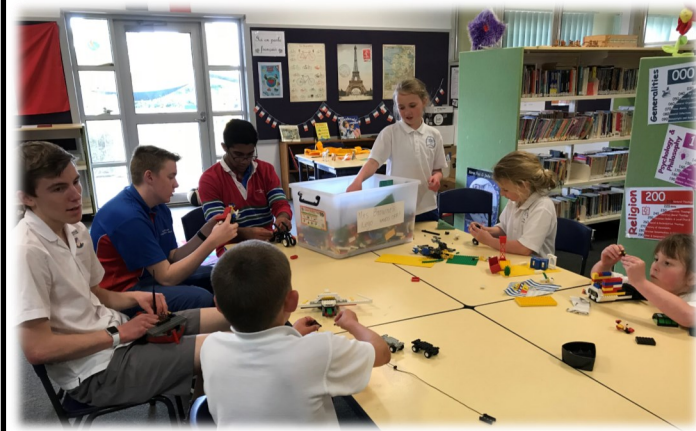
## YEAR 10 YOUTH MINISTRY CLASS



On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 10 Youth Ministry class took a bus to St Laurence O'Toole Primary School to run activities with the Grade 2 Students. We split into 6 groups and offered a wide variety of fun and interactive activities that the Grade 2's could enjoy. Activities included origami, card making, dancing, decorating paper hearts, musical statues and outdoor games. These activities gave the students a chance to think creatively and explore the theme of love; which is the focus of our current unit in Youth Ministry. Through these activities, we were teaching the students about the value of love, expressing yourself and caring about the people around you.

The students of St Laurence's seemed to really enjoy the day we planned for them, especially the activities that involved getting them moving. It was great to see their engagement in the day, and the ability that we all hold to make a simple difference in the community. This experience allowed the Youth Ministry class to apply some of the skills that they have been learning throughout the year and get involved in the community.

**Hannah Perry and Audrey Lamers**



## SCHOOL TRIP TO NEW CALEDONIA 2019

**Saturday 25 May to Saturday 1 June 2019**

**\$300.00 deposit required by Monday 3 December**

**For all enquiries see: Mr Sam Wright**



## YEAR 9 LAUNCH

Year 9 Launch with Mick Ognenovski at a SOUTH GIPPSLAND FREESTYLE KARATE session



Some of the students that have participated are:

Tom Crocker, Luca Bobe, Elijah Spaul, John Denbrok, Lucy Phipps, Jack Cooper, Kasey Hill, Lachie McRae, Jordan Thomas, Liam Waldron

## GIRLS IN SCIENCE FORUM

In the very early hours of the morning on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November, I accompanied Lily Smith, Yahnika Mandemaker and Liesl Clarke to Melbourne University for the Girls in Science Forum. We heard from some very inspirational women who received grants from L'Oréal to assist in their research. Their projects included robots that can work collaboratively, the link between obesity and influenza, skin diseases in aboriginal children, collisions on Mars and augmented reality. They spoke to all the girls from across the state about why they chose a Science career and that it was ok to not know what you want to do yet. One of the girls even mentioned that she didn't know what she wanted to do until her second year in university.

After the forum, we were given lunch and a chance to mingle with other schools in the region. We then attended two interactive lectures. The first was using card tricks that could be explained by some mathematical concepts and the second was the chemistry of chocolate.

Overall, it was a worthwhile experience for the girls and it has helped to open their minds to a career in STEM.

**Cassandra Roberts (Science Teacher)**





## STATE ATHLETICS



**16 Boys Relay**  
Ben Jones, Cade James, Rowan Hercus and Lachlan Barkell



**Lara Stefani & Ada Hill**



**Back Row:** Harrison Garlick, Ben Jones, Ryan Giliam, Lara Stefani  
**Middle Row:** Joel Tom, Cade James, Rowan Hercus  
**Front Row:** Ada Hill, Lachlan Barkell

### RESULTS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ALBERT PARK

12-13 Girls - 400m Run - Ada Hill 6th  
14 Girls - Shotput 3kg - Lara Stefani 8th  
15 Boys - 400m Run - Ryan Giliam 7th

16 Boys - 4 x 100m Relay - Ben Jones, Cade James, Rowan Hercus and Lachlan Barkell

17 Boys - 200m Run Joel Tom 5th

14 Girls - 200m Run - Georgia Burns 8th  
14 Boys - 1500m Run - Harrison Garlick 9th  
15 Boys - Discus Throw 1kg - Lachlan Smith 6th

## YEAR 8 GIRLS STATE TENNIS



**Pictured Left to Right:**

**Charlie Hall, Rachael Carlisle, Olivia Vuillermin, Kate Little**

On Thursday 22nd November the girls competed in State Finals against 8 other teams.

They reached the semi-finals and finished in the top 4 in the State.

Congratulations to all the girls that competed.

Thankyou to the parents that came to support.

## 2016 and 2017 Yearbooks

At long last, our much anticipated College Yearbooks for 2016 and 2017 have arrived and are being distributed to students.

There will be one copy per family.  
Copies will be posted to students who have left the College.

If you haven't received your families copy by the end of November please contact the office.



Mary MacKillop College  
invites all Families and Parents  
to attend the  
2018 Closing Mass  
and Presentation of Awards  
Friday 7 December 2018

## WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECKS

It is compulsory for anyone coming into the College, including parents who volunteer in the Uniform Shop or Canteen, to have a current Working with Childrens Check (WWC).

You can apply to get a free one through this website <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> by clicking volunteer in the application process, and putting our College down as the school.

For further information please contact College Reception.

## 2019 SCHOOL FEES

The 2019 School Fees for Mary MacKillop College have been approved by the DOSCEL Board

The College has endeavoured to keep fee rises to a minimum whilst maintaining excellent curriculum and facilities.

The school fees for 2019 are:

One student family, \$4,564 plus \$448 Capital Levy

Two student family, \$8,215 plus \$448 Capital Levy

Three or more student family \$10,725 plus \$448 Capital Levy

Discounts will continue to apply to the tuition fee component as per the College school fee policy. The Capital Levy is a per family compulsory fee to assist with the ongoing capital requirements of the College.

**Our preferred method of payment is direct debit for easy of payment but there are a variety of payment methods available. Should any family need to discuss fee payment arrangements, please contact the Finance Department.**



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### CANTEEN NEWS

<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>Monday 26th November</b>	Rachael Cameron
<b>Tuesday 27th November</b>	Rebecca Coulter
<b>Wed 28th November</b>	Sita Morcom
<b>Thursday 29th November</b>	Nena Caithness
<b>Friday 30th November</b>	Beth Hill Smith

<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>Monday 3rd December</b>	Tamara Treacy
<b>Tuesday 4th December</b>	Julie Bloye
<b>Wed 5th December</b>	Kate Hocken
<b>Thursday 6th December</b>	Eve Zubcic
<b>Friday 7th December</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>

### 2019 CAMPION BOOKLISTS

**These lists have been distributed to all students and are to be returned to school by Friday 7th December 2018 or can be ordered online**

**[www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using "FZQY"**

**If you have any queries with your booklist please contact Campion direct on 1300 433 982**

### 2019 STATIONERY BOOKLIST

**Can be ordered online now at [www.express.booklists.com.au](http://www.express.booklists.com.au)**

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<b>2018</b>	
Tues 27 Nov	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 pm
Tues 4 Dec	Year 7 2019 Orientation Day
Tues 4 Dec - Thurs 6 Dec	Year 9 & 10 Exams
<b>Fri 7 Dec</b>	<b>End of Year Mass 9.30am School Finishes at approx. 12 noon</b>
Wed 19 Dec	School Office Closes
<b>2019</b>	
Mon 21 Jan	School Office Re-Opens
<b>Tues 22 Jan</b>	<b>BOOK COLLECTION DAY</b>
Wed 30 Jan	School Resumes for Years 7 & 12
Wed 30 - Fri 1 Feb	Year 12 Retreat
Thurs 31 Jan	School Resumes for Years 8-11

### Returning to the College in 2019

If your child is not returning to the College in 2019 then please contact your child's Director (Junior/Middle/Senior) and collect a College Exit form from the Office.

This will help to determine classes for next year.

Thank you.

### \*\*\*\* WANTED \*\*\*\*

**The Uniform shop is in need of second hand uniforms for sale.**

**Please drop any unwanted uniforms into the College Office.**

### 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 Parents & Friends Christmas Raffle

**1st** Google HomeMini

**2nd** Betta Home Living Gift pack

- Car Care Gift Pack
- Micro4 Network Media Player
- CoCo Phone Retro Handset

**3rd** Fitbit Flex 2

**4th** JBL GO Bluetooth speaker

**5th** Double pass to Hardrock Indoor Rock Climbing

**6th** Membership to Stony Creek Racing Club

**Please return tickets  
by Wed. 5th Dec 2018**

**Drawn Fri. 7th Dec  
2018**

***Tickets \$2/each***

***(10 tickets per book)***



Help set your child up with

## Healthy *TEETH* for life

**Regular Dental visits are important for healthy teeth**



### WHAT DOES BASS COAST HEALTH DENTAL SERVICE OFFER?

- **FREE** Dental services for children aged 2 - 17 years who are eligible through the *Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule*
- **FREE** Dental services for children aged 0 - 17 years who are concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
- **LOW COST** Dental services for children aged 0 - 12 years who are non-concession card holders & who are not eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule

**No waitlist for children! Get the next available appointment within 2 weeks!**

**Make an appointment:**

**PHONE:** 03 5671 3268

**ONLINE:** [basscoasthealth.org.au](http://basscoasthealth.org.au) - select 'Dental Clinic' under the 'Contact Us' tab

**IN PERSON:** Bass Coast Health Dental Clinic, Wonthaggi Hospital, 235 Graham St