



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
8 March 2019



*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

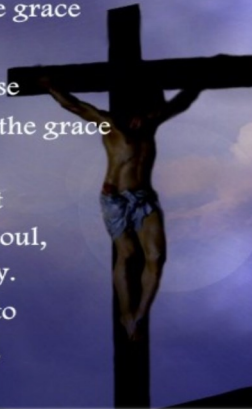
Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and
solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace
of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those
in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace
of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that
threaten the well-being of body and soul,
remind me of the grace and simplicity.
May this season be grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Families,

We are now in the season of Lent. The forty days of Lent are a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter, when we commemorate Christ's rising from the dead. St Paul and the early Christians called this the Good News – that by rising from the dead, Jesus Christ has conquered death for all of us as well. As Christians, this is our central belief. Because the Son of God was willing to die for us in order to rise again, we are called to live lives that reflect our gratitude for being saved. On Ash Wednesday, when we wear ashes on our foreheads we are participating in an ancient custom, which is a sign of our intention to try to be better people. I challenged our students to leave their ashes on all day, and I am pleased to report that a large number did. The traditional observance of Lent involves abstinence (giving something up), prayer and almsgiving to those less fortunate than ourselves. As we race towards Easter, let's all try to spare a moment to consider: "How will I prepare myself to be a better person this Lent?"

There are four weeks of school until Easter. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews are coming up. You are welcome to book either night, Thursday 21 March at the College in Leongatha or Tuesday 26 March at St Joseph's Parish Hall in Wonthaggi. Book your appointments online through PAM. All families are encouraged to come to the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and meet your child's teachers. When there is an active interest from home, student learning is greatly enhanced.

Our College Open Mornings will occur over the next three Fridays 15, 22 and 29 March between 9am and 11am. Prospective families, and interested community members are warmly invited to come through and see the College 'at work'. We want people to experience the friendly, welcoming environment of Mary MacKillop College. Our students are happy, co-operative and friendly, we are proud to show them off. The day will feature student-led tours and visitors will be able to see first hand the operation of the College on a normal school day. Specialist areas for Technology, Art, Science, French, Food and Sport will be on display, as will our excellent VCE and VCAL programs. There will be morning tea and an opportunity to meet the College Executive and ask any questions about the College. If you have friends or neighbours with school-age children, do them a favour and recommend a visit. I guarantee they will come home impressed.

Our Japanese Exchange Students arrived this week, we have 12 Students from Shibuya Junior High School in Japan here for a 12 day home stay program. We wish them well and hope they and their host families enjoy a fun and educational cultural exchange. Thank you to all our families who are hosting a student.

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

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

Central Australia Trip update: applications have been re-opened for students in Year 10 and Year 11. There are 15 more places available. We need to fill the trip to make it viable. The itinerary is outstanding and it is a great opportunity to experience the iconic Red Centre and Top End. Every Australian should visit Uluru at least once in your lifetime, it really is a "not to be missed" experience. Please see the letter sent home with all Year 10 and 11 students.

David Leslie
Principal



"The strongest trees are the slowest growing" - Julian Tenison Woods 1875

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

LENTEN REFLECTION: THE DESERT

So why does Jesus have to go on such a desert journey to get closer to God? Jesus is God. Wouldn't that mean he was going on a journey to get to himself? Isn't that what all of us do when we need to get closer to God, too?

Where do you go to seek God? How do you become closer to the One who made you? How do you get closer to yourself? What happens on the journey to yourself? How do you know you are travelling in the right direction?

When were you in a "desert experience"? When have you found yourself feeling alone, isolated, and in need of strength? When have you struggled in your journey back to God?

When have you had a "waiting room time" for you to sit out in the desert and be patient, and hope for the rich fertile awareness of God's presence in return?

Jesus lives his life facing real temptations and that is a measure of his humanity. As we enter Lent we ask ourselves how we face those temptations too. When things get rough and we feel empty and alone, do we still trust in God? When our life just seems a vast vacancy, do we still believe who loves us?

Are we willing to risk our necks for the sake of the Gospel, or do we settle for guarding our own security? Do we make our authority felt so that people are degraded, or is it a real service to others?

These are not easy questions. They were not easy for Jesus. That is why we need forty days:

PROJECT COMPASSION

The College Justice Captains are rolling out this year's Project Compassion. This year's theme is *Lives change when we donate 100%*. Boxes are being distributed to families and each Justice Captain will visit Years 7-12 classes, to share a short film, and promote the fundraising required. Information will be included fortnightly in the College newsletter. College staff will also promote the drive in classes.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019**

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Thandolwayo, a 12 year old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission



YEAR 9 CAMP



Our Year 9 campers set off bright and early Monday morning with a buzz of nervous excitement. As we approached our various starting points around Lake Eildon, many students began to understand the physical and mental challenge that lay ahead. Backpacks were bulging with camping equipment and group food. Students said goodbye to their creature comforts and headed off for a week in the bush. Most students met the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a sense of adventure that did our College proud. Opportunities to get wet during the two and a half day canoeing trek were gratefully taken up by the campers as they baked under 35+ degrees each day. The hike proved to be a significant challenge for most students but the team work and compassion they showed towards each other was inspiring. Three buses pulled back into the College around 5pm Friday with 86 exhausted and quite smelly campers. Special thanks to the fabulous teachers who sacrificed family time and their own personal comforts to accompany our students.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES

The Justice Captains Siobhan Beecroft, Hannah Giliam and Bridget Keily ably supported by Mitchell Bentvelzen, Daniel Kavanagh, Megan Thorn and Simone Dekker cooked up a veritable feast of pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on the 6th March. There were many eager faces lined up to sample the veritable feast prepared for them in grand style on our school BBQ's. A healthy total of \$83 was raised in 30 minutes of frantic sales; all in support of the noble work of Caritas, the Catholic Church's overseas aid agency.

Well Done Team.

Peter Charles



SSV VOLLEYBALL

We entered SSV Volleyball in the following levels - Senior Boys, Intermediate Boys and Girls and Year 8 Boys and Girls.



SENIOR BOYS
Back: Eldon Westaway, Ben Jones, Tom Vanderkolk, Tyson Hanegraaf and Mason McGannon
Front: Alfie Herbert, Lachlan Barkell
Coach - Jenny Damon

Our students represented the school wonderfully, playing against 4 other schools, Leongatha Secondary College, Mirboo North Secondary College and Wonthaggi Secondary College. On a very hot day to play sport, our students played and behaved well. There were some very close games and the ladder in a couple of divisions came down to 1 point the difference. With approx. 200 students, staff and parents at SPLASH it was great to see so many people enjoying the sport of Volleyball.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Back: Archie Brewer, Boyd Robertson, Kieran Vandenberg, Joey McNeil and Elijah Spaul
Front: Oscar Plenkovich, Ryan Giliam, Kelsey Dal Pozzo

Well done to our Senior Boys and Year 8 Boys A teams that will go on to compete in the Gippsland Division on 10 May. A special mention to the Year 8 Boys B team that were runners up to our A team.



YEAR 8 BOYS - TEAM A
Back: James Rowe, Will Whiteside, Tayte Wilkins, Sebastian Borg, Will Davies, Alessi Green
Front: Harrison Herbert, Jacob McRae

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Back: Nina Hunter, Tiana Doughty, Ellie Newton, Ellen Kavanagh, Lexie Jobling and Aston Rigby
Front: Emily Clarke, Zara Littlejohn, Amy Piasente and Zoe Patterson



YEAR 8 BOYS - TEAM B

Back: Jeffrin Mathew, Liam Richards, Ollie Brewer, Juma Joma and Ryan Ramsay
Front: Alex O'Brien, Xavier Spaul and Tom Piasente



YEAR 8 GIRLS

Back: Gloria Gordon, Madison Lazaroo, Mackenzie Delaney, Elsie Steenholdt, Mary McInnes and Ava Strentz
Front: Sophie Enbom, Zhi-Xia McNeil and Grace Barlow

From Coaches: Bernard Lumsden (Year 8 Boys & Girls Coach), Colleen Herbert (Assistant Coach), Tara Bland (Intermediate Coach), Jenny Damon (Senior Coach)



SSV SWIMMING



**AGE CHAMPION
14 YEARS MEN
FLYNN LORD**

**AGE CHAMPION
17 YEARS WOMEN
ARLIE WHITESIDE**



**AGE CHAMPION
18-21 YEARS
WOMEN
TOMEI DAL POZZO**



The 2019 SSV Swimming was once again run at Korumburra Swimming Pool. Once more Mary MacKillop College was very successful on the day finishing in second place behind Wonthaggi Secondary College by only a small margin after a really solid effort by our relay teams at the conclusion of the day's program. I am always pleased to see the spirit of the College be so evident on days such as this. It is evident in the senior students who are prepared to forgo class time to ensure their peers have a full relay team and it is evident in individuals who go above and beyond such as Elsie Steenholdt who swam regardless of stroke and age group to fill any gaps in the team's entries in the pool.

We also had many successful swimmers on the day who will go on to represent the College at Sale on the 14th of March including several relay teams. The standout individual achievers were our age group champions Arlie Whiteside, Tomei Del Pozzo and Flynn Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**WAS
MASS HELD IN**

**PIONEER
HALL
ON**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH
MARCH**

YEAR 11 MACBETH EXCURSION

On the morning of Monday 18 February, 2019, nearly all Year 11 students and their English teachers boarded a bus to Sale to witness the "visceral new production of Shakespeare's darkest and most streamlined tragedy". Through use of stage lighting and shadows and stunning performances, students were transported in to the supernatural world of *Macbeth*. Despite a last-minute change of actor and an overzealous sword-fight scene, the play went off without a hitch. The day-trip to The Wedge Performing Arts Centre in Sale gave students an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the play whilst viewing it in a live theatre experience. A unique and rewarding excursion for all who attended - **Maydia Parry VCE English**



"Don't judge a book by its cover" competition winners.

Eileen and Hollie



Students were kept guessing when several books were wrapped in brown paper with only a copy of the novel's first page, to guide them on the novel's identity. To win you needed to identify the title of as many books as possible.

Jack and Jake



MATHS HELP

Year 7 - 12

**Tuesdays - Room 17 -
Lunchtime**

**ALL STUDENTS
WELCOME**



Homework Club began on Tuesday 12th February from 3.30-4.30pm in the Learning Adjustment Centre.

All students from Year 7 – 12 are welcome to attend. Staff available will be John McKeown, Hannah Charlton, Jenny Shea and Michelle Hackett.

Homework Club provides the opportunity for students to keep up to date with their work and ask for help. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

YEAR 7 PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP



On camp we did a variety of fun things including canoeing, raft making, the giant swing, flying fox, camp cooking and of course swimming. My personal favourite was canoeing because we got to flip the boats and canoe in a boat of water.

Raft making was also a highlight when we had the race. It was intense (not really) and fun. The giant swing was also fun only after the jump though. It was a great experience because I got to meet new people, since I didn't know a lot of people before camp.

2019 VICTORIAN APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The annual Victorian Apprentice of the Year Awards were held in Traralgon on the 23rd of February. Forty apprentices across Gippsland from the fields of Building and Construction, Bricklaying and Decorating were nominated by their registered training agency or their employee for these awards.

The apprentices had to write an application and attend an interview as part of the process.

Five past Mary MacKillop Students were nominated for these awards. Jackson Harry, Josh Heyward, Ben Austin, Darcy Goad and Jarrod Appleyard who are all in their third year Certificate III Apprenticeships and work for a number of local building firms.

Three students from the all the apprentices were given the top accolade of "Apprentice of the Year. Jackson Harry and Ben Austin took out two of the three top spots and now will go through to compete at state level with the potential of then representing Gippsland at national level. Both students also received prizes worth a total of \$2500 each.

Ben spoke fondly about his time at Mary MacKillop College and how the VCAL and VET Building and Construction had helped set him up along his current career path. Well done boys, best wishes for the future.



AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE AT MARY MACKILLOP



Happy days in the paddock! The new vegetable garden is well underway!

The Year 10 Agricultural and Horticultural team has established a great garden bed. It has been well fertilised with 14 wheel barrow loads of chicken manure - from our own hen house!

Our plantings include cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, bok choy, silver beet and lettuce. It will be a winter wonderland of good produce.

The students work hard and in double periods enjoy a food and drink break. Sometimes they work straight through!

Next step, let's get that calf shed into shape and rear some locally bred cattle! - **Jack Pearce**

Free books for kids

One new book released weekly in store

BIG W is committed to making books more accessible to all Australian families by giving every child the chance to take home a classic storybook for free when they visit their local BIG W store. A new title will be given away each week for 12 weeks starting Thursday 21 February.

Meredith Drake, BIG W's Category Manager for Books and passionate advocate for reading to kids, says

The connection between access to books and the child's future success and wellbeing is very well established.

Research indicates that just 10 minutes of reading time a day can expose a young child to over 600,000 words in just one year, positively impacting childhood literacy.

Publishers of the 12-book titles, Scholastic Australia, also revealed in its 2015 Australian Kids & Family Reading Report* that 86% of Aussie kids enjoy being read books aloud at home, with the main reason being because it is a special time shared with parents.

Collect all 12 books in store, no purchase necessary. Available nationally. While stocks last.

CHESS CLUB Wednesdays & Fridays Lunch in the Library



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund payment arrangements

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card as at the 29th January 2019 are eligible to apply for a payment of \$225, which will be paid directly to the College to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs.

Application forms to be completed and lodged with schools. However, the schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two.

Regular payment runs will occur throughout terms one and two.

Families wishing to apply for the payment should visit the CSEF website at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and download an application form, complete and return to school by **21st June, or alternatively pickup an application form from the College office.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the College office on 5662 4255.

Mary MacKillop College

Grade 6 Activity Day

Wednesday 1st May 2019

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Year 7 - 2020 Information Sessions

Date: Wednesday 1st May 2019

Time: 7.00pm for school tour with information
Session commencing at 7.30pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop College Chapel

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Wonthaggi

Date: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cowes

Date: Wednesday 29th May 2019

Time: 3.30pm

Venue: St John's, Koo Wee Rup

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 11 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues 12 March	Cathy Waldron
Wed 13 March	Sita Morton
Thur 14 March	Melanie Herbert
Fri 15 March	Megan Vuillermin

Mon 18 March	Claire Blackford
Tue 19 March	HOUSE ATHLETICS
Wed 20 March	Janine Moller
Thur 21 March	Sarah Donohue
Fri 22 March	Beth Hill-Smith

2019	
Fri 8 - 20 March	Japanese Exchange Students
Mon 11 March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 12 March	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM Board Room
Thurs 14 March	Regional Swimming
Fri 15 March	OPEN MORNING 9am to 11am
Mon 18 Mar	Forensic Incursion - Year 9
Tues 19 Mar	School House Athletics
Thur 21 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews - Leongatha
Fri 22 Mar	OPEN MORNING 9am to 11am
Tues 26 Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews - Wonthaggi
Fri 29 March	OPEN MORNING 9am to 11am
Fri 5 April	Easter Liturgy LAST DAY OF TERM 1
TERM TWO Fri 26 April	Gippsland Athletics Carnival
Tues 30 April	SSV Football, Netball, Table Tennis and Badminton
Wed 1 May	Grade 6 Activity Day
Mon 6 May - Sat 11 May	PRODUCTION WEEK Performances Fri 10/5 7.30pm Sat 11/5 1.30pm and 7.30pm

ATTENTION



MMC Parents and Friends NEED YOUR HELP!

**We need volunteers to
help in our Canteen and/or
Uniform Shop.**

**Please contact the General
office with your details.**

Phone 56624255

Thank you!

REMINDER

**Could you all those students who
have paid for their Bible and not
collected it, please do so from the
Library**

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

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

Canteen is open Monday - Friday

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
PROUDLY PRESENTS A PRODUCTION OF



The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

FRIDAY 10 MAY 7.30PM, SATURDAY 11 MAY 1.30PM AND 7.30PM

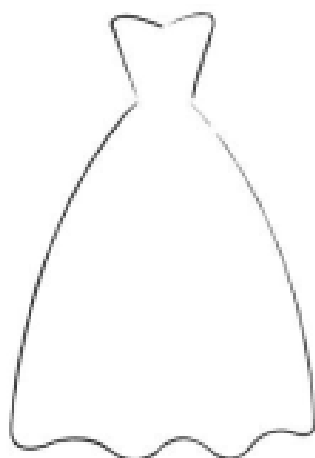
TICKETS: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BAYSK

ADULTS \$22 AND STUDENTS \$18

WONTHAGGI ARTS CENTRE, GRAHAM STREET, WONTHAGGI

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Parents and Friends - Deb Dress online catalogue



Parents and Friends are arranging for pre-loved deb dresses to be listed for sale on the College website. Sellers need to provide the details below and photos of both the front and back of the dress. No names or contact numbers will be put on the website. Purchasers can look at the online catalogue and contact the office for seller's name and phone number if interested in the dress.

Sellers Name: _____

Town where dress is located: _____

Contact number: _____

Deb Dress details:

Size: _____

Dry Cleaned? Yes or No (please circle)

Price: \$ _____

Any other details: _____

Please email the above details and photos of the front and back of the dress to Carly ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

Office Use only

Date received: / /

Dress Number: