



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
4 April 2019



*"The strongest trees
are the slowest
growing".*

*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

Easter Prayer

We thank you that Easter
is not about *a* people,
but *all* people.
THAT your love and your
Salvation are for all who
confess with voices,
hearts and lives.
THAT the tomb is empty
because Jesus is risen.
THAT we might know
forgiveness.
THAT lives might be reborn
and your name glorified now
and for eternity.
Amen



Good Friday is so-called because by his Passion and death, Christ saved us all. This is remembered at the commemoration of the Passion in the afternoon. The third part of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. This is where the Paschal Candle is lit from the Easter fire and we enter the church by candlelight.

At the vigil we hear the stories of creation and of God's covenant with his chosen people. These Easter services are unlike any others – even if you haven't been for some time, it is well worth attending. You will be very welcome.

We have had very good turnouts to our recent Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and to our Open Mornings, held over 3 Fridays in March. Thank you to all our families for supporting these events in such numbers. The Grade 6 Activity Day is coming up on May 1st, with enrolments for 2020 due by the end of May. Demand for places at Mary MacKillop College continues to be strong. We endeavour to accommodate all eligible families, but please remind your friends & neighbours to apply on time or risk missing out.

The College will end the term with our Easter Liturgy at 12 noon in Pioneer Hall on Friday. Parents and families are most welcome to join us on the day. The Liturgy will conclude with the Parents & Friends' Easter Draw, with prizes of Easter goodies on offer to each year level. As usual, the buses will run early for the end of term and students will be dismissed from school at 2.05pm.

Classes resume on Tuesday 23 April. Until then, I wish all students and families a relaxing and safe holiday. Happy Easter to all!

Dear Parents and Families,

This is our last newsletter for the Term. Term One has been a very busy and successful start to the College's Year. This weekend is the start of the school holidays with Easter at the end of the break before school returns.

Easter is celebrated as one Feast over 3 days, called the Easter Triduum. Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus, is the core of our faith. On Holy Thursday Mass, we re-enact Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet and remember his institution of the Eucharist. Mass ends silently with the removal of Jesus, reminding us of his arrest. No Masses are said anywhere in the world from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil.

David Leslie
Principal



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

INSTITUTE OF GAMING – STUDENT AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Last week, both students and the community listened to Steven Dupon. Steven is the Founder and Director of The Institute of Games. For the past 8 years, Steven has specialised in the impact video games are having on the health and wellbeing of children and young people. Steven approaches gaming from a carer's point of view, not from a gamer's point of view. He may not play games very often but he certainly has a great respect for the entertainment value of video games and considers video games to be a form of art, combining visual art, music, stories, and so on.

In the community session, Steven outlined that parents needed to have a thorough understanding of the potential impacts of different games. "I like to promote gaming as a family activity and if a young person is playing a game in the bedroom then parents should try and get to know the game".

"Parents should ... try to involve themselves in the gaming."

Steven believes that an hour a day is considered a healthy amount of gaming, but parents should keep a close eye on their children's behaviour.

"If kids play obsessively and if they need the game to feel good, then that's where we're getting close to a mental health concern," he said.

Steven also recommends parents:

- * Always check the classification label
- * Don't allow young children to play online games where cyber safety could be a concern
- * Where possible, ensure children are gaming in a family room.

Snapchat

Snapchat is an app that allows users to share images and videos ('snaps') with friends. Before a user can access Snapchat, they must first create an account protected with a password. Typically, content shared with friends is 'ephemeral' and is deleted a short time after being viewed.

Recently, Snapchat released a new feature - 'Memories'. With Memories, users can preserve content in a secure archive on their phone. The feature includes a section called "My Eyes Only" - a PIN protected area where appropriate snaps can be stored.

The school is aware that some students have shared their Snapchat account passwords with friends or people they've met online. This has led to unauthorised individuals gaining access to account, and inappropriate or unwanted images or videos being shared, or threatened to be shared.

In some cases, once individuals have accessed an account, they're also requesting to know the user's 'My Eyes Only' PIN. Attempting to solicit information from a person in this way is a form of social engineering.

WHAT IS SOCIAL ENGINEERING?

Social engineering is the act of manipulating people into performing actions or divulging confidential information like passwords and PINs. The attacker uses social pressure, deception or threats to influence a person into doing something against their interests. Social engineering is not hacking.

Hacking involves the use of computer technologies to gain unauthorised access to systems and networks. Students sometimes use the term 'hacking' when in fact they have shared their password.

WHY IS SOCIAL ENGINEERING AN ISSUE?

Social engineering can be used to steal identities, violate people's privacy and to obtain 'high-value' information, such as intimate images. This type of cyber-threat can be subtle, and may appear as a simple request to help a friend. Spotting social engineering attempts can be challenging.

SELF-DEFENCE AGAINST SOCIAL ENGINEERING

Your child can decrease their chances of social engineering by following these steps:

- Set strong passwords and PINs for all devices and accounts – see more information on setting effective passwords
- Use two-factor authentication to secure all accounts, including Snapchat
- Never give out confidential information (even to friends) – this includes passwords and PINs
- Treat unsolicited emails with scepticism
- Review account activity regularly – most social networking sites and apps, including Snapchat, allow users to see where they're logged in and what apps or tools are connected.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—WELLBEING AND ORGANISATION

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR SNAPCHAT ACCOUNT IS COMPROMISED

If your child's Snapchat account is compromised, and inappropriate images or videos have been accessed and shared with others, follow these steps:

1. Visit Snapchat's Safety Centre
2. Click on the "Report a safety concern" button
3. Choose the "Report a safety concern" option
4. Choose the "A Snap or Chat I've received" option
5. Choose the appropriate dropdown option (for example - It contained nudity)
6. Click 'Yes' for the question "Still need help?" and fill in the required text boxes – try to provide as much information as possible in the 'What information should we know?' text box. This could include information about the particular way an account was compromised, or the ways in which intimate or embarrassing content has been shared without consent.


COMPLAINING TO THE OFFICE OF THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER

If Snapchat has not resolved your issue within 48 hours, you may be able to complain to the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner.

The e-Safety Commissioner will take action against cyberbullying material that is serious. Specifically, the material needs to seriously threaten, intimidate, harass or humiliate a child before we can step in. For information about the eSafety cyberbullying complaints scheme and to lodge a complaint see our website.

We encourage young people experiencing cyberbullying and related issues to contact the Kids Helpline. Their counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, free of charge. Counsellors can also chat online at Kids Helpline.



 **1800 55 1800**
Anytime. Any Reason.



Kids
aged 5 to 12



Teens
aged 13 to 17



Young Adults
aged 18 to 25



Parents
and Carers

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

WHATS HAPPENING IN CATHOLIC IDENTITY?

Friday April 5: Year 12 Youth Ministry Easter Liturgy in Pioneer Hall. Followed by Passover Meal for whole school.

Thursday May 2: Vinnie's College Conference Day Abbotsford. Year 10 Youth Ministry

Friday May 3: What is the Spirit Asking You? Avila College. Year 11 Youth Ministry

Wednesday May 8-11: AJASS Pilgrimage Melbourne to Penola and return. Year 10 Youth Ministry

Wednesday May 30: Diocesan Youth Gathering Newborough

PLEASE SUPPORT PROJECT COMPASSION. DROP YOUR BOXES AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21 year old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

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.



MICHAELA, AUSTRALIA

The Purple House is a 'home away from home' for First Australians who are suffering from chronic kidney disease.

Twenty-one year-old, Alywarr woman, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at The Purple House in Alice Springs.

She cares for patients as they receive dialysis away from home. Patients also pass on their traditional knowledge.



Trainee Michaela grinds some berranunga to use in the next batch of bush balm. Photo Credit Emma Murray.



MICHAELA, AUSTRALIA

Through healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps, patients can stay connected to culture while they are far away from their traditional lands.

Profits are invested back into supporting patients receiving remote care and to help to get people on dialysis back on country.



Trainee Michaela at Jessie Gap, about 10km outside of Alice Springs. This is where a number of leaves are processed to be used in bush balms produced by Michaela at Purple House. Photo Credit Emma Murray.



MICHAELA, AUSTRALIA

Michaela says that making and using the bush balms helps patients to feel a sense of home. "Hope means having something to look forward to," Michaela says. "If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong."

"Hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable."

- Joan Chittister OSB



Trainee Michaela next to the colourful exterior of the Purple Truck, which is fitted with two dialysis units. The truck allows patients in communities without dialysis units to return home for treatment, if only for a few weeks. Photo Credit Emma Murray.



John Ryan

Deputy Principal

Catholic Identity and
Mission



YEAR 9 STREET ART EXCURSION

Year 9 Art Students are currently working on the theme of Street Art for the semester.

Students were given a whirl wind tour of Melbourne CBD Street Art by a company called Urban Scrawl. Students will gain inspiration from an outside gallery where they could look up, touch, kick and smell the art work and the world in which the street art was produced.

Hopefully students will be inspired to create their own skateboards and graffiti boards.

Colleen Herbert



GRADE 6 ACTIVITY DAY AND PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2019

**Grade 6 Students from all
Primary School's welcome**



**Mary MacKillop College
South Gippsland**

Principal: David Leslie

For further information or to register please visit our
website or contact the College:
03 5662 4255

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CHESS

Group: Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

Place	Name	Score	Countback	New Rtg.
1	Pat Holian	4	25½	755 (21/20)
2	James Ryan	3	27	705 (21/20)
3	Josh Wright	2½	18	496 (6/20)
4	Sam Chadwick	2	22	644 (14/20)
5	Pat Biro	1½	16½	571 (20/20)

Five students from Middle MMCRC Chess and five from Senior MMCRC Chess competed at Pakenham Secondary College on the 22 March. There were an overall total of 110 chess players with some high ratings to compete against. Both our teams played well with some clever strategies and close games.

Colleen Herbert



Harrison Herbert, Ava Strentz, Zephyr Anderson - first time, since I started Chess that we have had a player on the top tables 4 tables together - awesome effort
Colleen Herbert

Group: Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

Place	Name	Score	Countback	New Rtg.
1	Harry Herbert	4	34½	808↓1
2	Zephyr Anderson	4	32	803 (7/20)
3	Ava Strentz	3½	29	705↓10
4	Jonah Wearne	3½	20	573↑3
5	Jeffrin Mathew	2	23	461 (22/20)



SSV REGIONAL SWIMMING



Our largest Mary MacKillop swim team, since joining the SSV, headed off to Sale to compete in the Gippsland Swimming Finals. This is a significant achievement for the growing number of our students who train locally with the various community swim clubs and it is an accomplishment of which they should be proud. The carnival draws swimmers from the length and breadth of Gippsland. The standard is very high as the competition pushes students on to see many records fall this year. Two of these records for the first time in the pool belong to a Mary MacKillop student. Tomei Dal Pozzo broke the Open Female 50m Freestyle and 100m Freestyle to be one of several successful swimmers on the day. She will head off to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic centre to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Titles to compete in these events and the 200m Freestyle. She will be joined by: Flynn Lord as our other individual competitor in the U14 Male Butterfly and Backstroke as well as our three victorious relay teams. Rem Dal Pozzo, Will Croatto, Will Whiteside, Kuga Heenan, James Rowe, Kelsey Dal Pozzo, Alex Duncan, Oscar Plenkovich and Archie Brewer.

Well done and Good Luck!

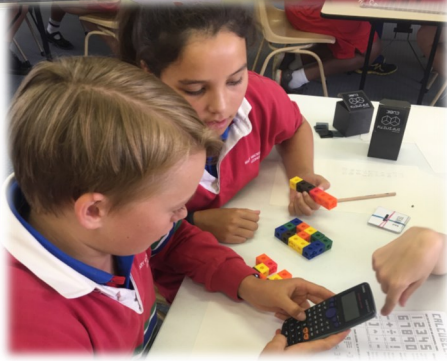
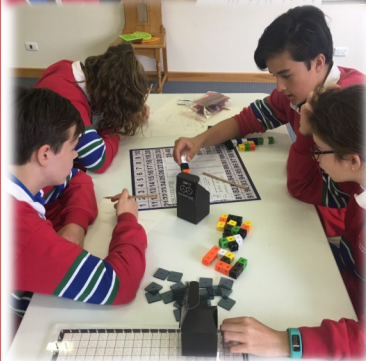
LEGO IN THE LIBRARY



This term we began Lego Club on a Thursday and Tuesday lunchtime and students are welcome to come along and have a go. Next term we will be challenging our Master Builders with some competitions.

TREE TOP PROGRAM

On Monday we launched our new Tree Tops Program. This is designed for Year 7-9 students to facilitate in accelerated academic growth. Students participate in activities focusing on literacy, numeracy and problem solving to help stretch their capacity.



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

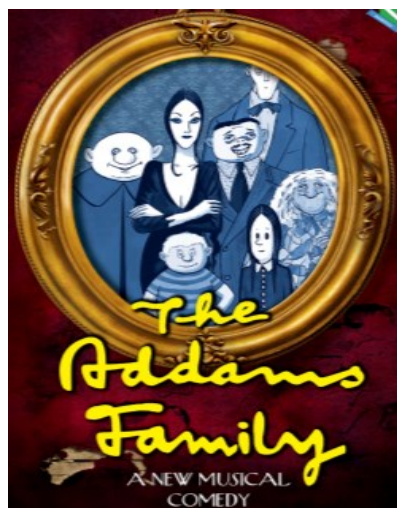
CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 22 April	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 23 April	Krista Evans
Wednesday 24 April	Marlene Dyke
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Friday 26 April	Belinda Brennan
Monday 29 April	Kaye Ellery Burke
Tuesday 30 April	Jenny Enbom
Wednesday 1 May	Catrina Donato
Thursday 2 May	Nena Caithness
Friday 3 May	Nadia Patton

Monday 6 May	Karli Densley
Tuesday 7 May	Rebecca Coulter
Wednesday 8 May	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 9 May	Rebekah Clarke
Friday 10 May	Michelle Witteveen

Monday 13 May	Paul Wilson
Tuesday 14 May	Marianne Bloye
Wednesday 15 May	Leah Dal Pozzo
Thursday 16 May	Robyn Colwill
Friday 17 May	Beth Hill-Smith

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TERM TWO Tues 23 April	Term 2 Commences
Thurs 25 April	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Fri 26 April	Gippsland Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 April	Regional Tennis Year 8 Girls
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
Fri 10 May	Regional Volleyball Year 8 & Senior Boys
Wed 8 May	SSV Netball & Football
Tues 14 May	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM Board Room
Mon 20 May	GIS MusArtz Rehearsal
Tues 21 May	House Cross Country
Sat 25 May	DEBUTANTE BALL
Mon 27 May	Gippsland Cross Country
Mon 27 May	GIS MusArtz Performance



WANTED

The College Production team are looking for items to borrow for the school production:

- a crossbow and arrows
- a banjolele (a hybrid ukulele and banjo)
- a rapier
- 2 fencing foils
- a silver ornamental tray
- a flight helmet and goggles
- a scythe with a long handle (think Grim Reaper)
- an old telephone - pictured
- glass bottles of various colours and sizes

These items can be dropped into the office.



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**.



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Student Absences

Please contact the College before 10:00am.

Messages can be left on our answering
machine

Please telephone 5662 4255 or
email:-

attendance@mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au
or on the flexibuzz app or on PAM before
8.50am

Please also complete an absence note (in the back of
your child's planner) on his/her return to school.
Please see your child's planner for more information.
Thank you



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!

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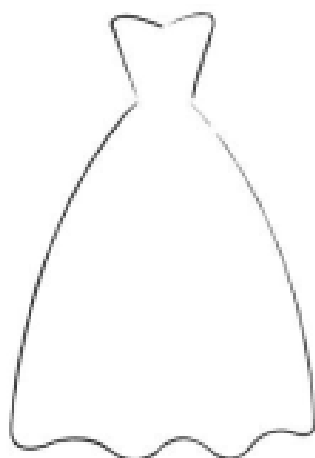
FRIDAY 10 MAY 7.30PM, SATURDAY 11 MAY 1.30PM AND 7.30PM

TICKETS: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BAYSK

ADULTS \$22 AND STUDENTS \$18

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Mary MacKillop College 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

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