



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 2
17 May 2019



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

*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer



Prayer of Blessing

Compassionate God, soothe the hearts of Mother and Father, and grant that through the prayers of Mary, who grieved by the Cross of her Son, you may enlighten their faith, give hope to their hearts, and peace to their lives.

Lord, grant mercy to all the members of this family and comfort them with the hope that one day we will all live with you, with your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

Dear Parents and Families,

Mary MacKillop College has experienced great sadness recently, but also great signs of hope. On Saturday 4th May the College community was informed of a terrible tragedy with the passing of one of our own Year 10 students Campbell Ion. Campbell had been travelling with his brother Lucas to play football and was killed when their car lost control. Lucas was taken to hospital in a serious condition and he is now thankfully out of intensive care and into a rehabilitation hospital, still in Melbourne. On Monday 6th May, the whole College gathered in the Pioneer Hall for a sombre and solemn occasion. As a community we came together to pray for one of our own, Campbell. We were pleased to be joined by about 100 parents, families and former students.

The profound silence in the hall spoke powerfully of the respect and reverence felt by all our students, staff and community. The heartache was dreadful, but our Faith and Prayers give us comfort, both for the living and the dead. We are very grateful for the support of the Catholic Education Office, and neighbouring schools who sent staff to assist our students with the loss of their mate. Counsellors & helpers came from Newhaven College, Marist-Sion College, Chairo Christian School and St Peter's College. We have received hundreds of messages, cards, emails, flowers and calls – we are very grateful. We continue to pray for Campbell's family, in particular, Lucas and his recovery.

After careful consideration The Addams Family Production went ahead at the end of the week, the students relished their roles and put on three amazing sold out shows to each packed auditorium. To our wonderful team – Sam Wright (Producer), Bron Kalos (Director), Meg Steenholdt (Creative Director), Elly Poletti (Music Director), Michael O'Keeffe (Construction), Tara Cox (Props), as well as the many volunteers who assisted with all aspects of the show. We thank you all for your hard work.

In this newsletter you will find the President's Report from the recent Parents & Friends' Annual General Meeting. I am delighted to report that all Office Bearers agreed to be re-nominated for another year, President – Donna Muldoon, Secretary – Catherine Riseley, Treasurer – Tracey Mildenhall and Advisory Rep – Sarah Wolf. Our very dedicated President Donna has thanked everyone else, but not herself. We are very lucky for her tireless service on your behalf, and I thank her very much for all she does for the College and your children.

Our enrolments for Year 7 2020 are currently open. We have had record numbers attend our Grade 6 day, which suggests demand for places will be strong. To be sure to be considered, applications for a Year 7 place next year must be returned to Carly Kitchingman, Registrar, by 31 May. We expect to make offers of places to the successful applicants early next term.

David Leslie
Principal



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FAMILIES, STUDENTS AND STAFF:

I am sorry to inform you that Mr Sam Wright will be moving on from Mary MacKillop College. Sam has been appointed as Vice Principal in charge of Students at Padua College, Mornington. This is a significant role in one of the largest colleges in Victoria. Sam will exercise responsibility for some 2,400 students across campuses at Mornington, Rosebud and Tyabb. Sam's appointment to Padua will commence at the start of Term Four. The process of seeking a replacement will commence shortly.

Sam has been Deputy Principal at Mary MacKillop College for ten years now. In that time he has been responsible for Student Wellbeing and Organisation, and in later years Learning and Teaching. Sam has been instrumental in driving significant change through his leadership of multiple teams, participation in the College Executive, helping lead the School Review process and as a member of the College Advisory Council.

His most noticeable legacy is the establishment over the last five years of the College's annual Musical Production to its current position as a regular highlight of the College's year. From *Fame Junior* in 2015, through *All Shook Up*, *Blood Brothers*, *High School Musical* and this year's *The Addams Family*, Sam has been the Producer and driving force in making our productions so successful. *Blood Brothers* winning the Victoria Musical Theatre Guild Award in 2017 was a particular highlight, and it was fitting that Sam accepted the award on behalf of the College.

Mary MacKillop College will miss Sam's energy and enthusiasm. His knowledge of and care for our students has been exemplary. I am personally grateful for the loyalty and dedication he has shown in every role or task he has been given. I have always been able to rely confidently on Sam's ability to get the job done, especially in difficult circumstances. Padua College is gaining a great asset. Sam will make his mark there, just as he has here. I know you will join with me in thanking Sam for his great contribution here, just as we all congratulate him on his new appointment.

David Leslie

Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 - 2020

Enrolment Form

Birth Certificate

Sacrament Certificates

Deposit

Due by 31st May



Celebrating Catholic Education

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..." Rev. 2:7



**Catholic Education Week
24 - 31 May 2019**



A REFLECTION FROM OUR DIRECTOR - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Campbell was someone who grabbed life with both hands and lived it. He was a live wire who not only savoured life but relished the experiences each day brought. His smile lit up his face and his twinkling eyes reflected his mischievous nature. He was a young man who enjoyed life, laughter, family and friends. The regard with which he was held was apparent by the sense of loss felt by everyone.

He had a distinctive voice. Campbell was unable to speak in hushed tones. His voice would penetrate the walls of whatever classroom he was in. Along with the voice came the laugh which was as equally penetrating and distinctive. You always knew where Campbell was. However, Campbell was maturing which was evident by the way in which he heeded the advice of his homeroom teacher, Mr. Pearce. His response to Mr. Pearce's advice was swift, prompt and decisive. Campbell was growing into the young man of quality which everyone knew him to be.

The students of Mary MacKillop College have been given a very hard lesson in life. The fragility of life has been made apparent to them. This tragic event did provide numerous opportunities for the staff and students to care, console and comfort one another. The overwhelming sense of loss enabled the students to become aware of how much each and every one of them is valued by all the staff at the College.

Campbell will be long remembered in our hearts and minds as the mischievous young man with the heart of gold. To his family, the students and teachers extend their deepest sympathies. We are sure a thousand angels took Campbell to his rest. Vale Campbell.

Gerard Gordon



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

Education Perfect & Studiosity



In 2019, Mary MacKillop College adopted Education Perfect on the booklist as an online platform enabling students to access detailed, relevant and exciting content at their own level encouraging collaboration and individual growth. **Education Perfect is a compulsory online learning tool that Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College has integrated into its curriculum.**

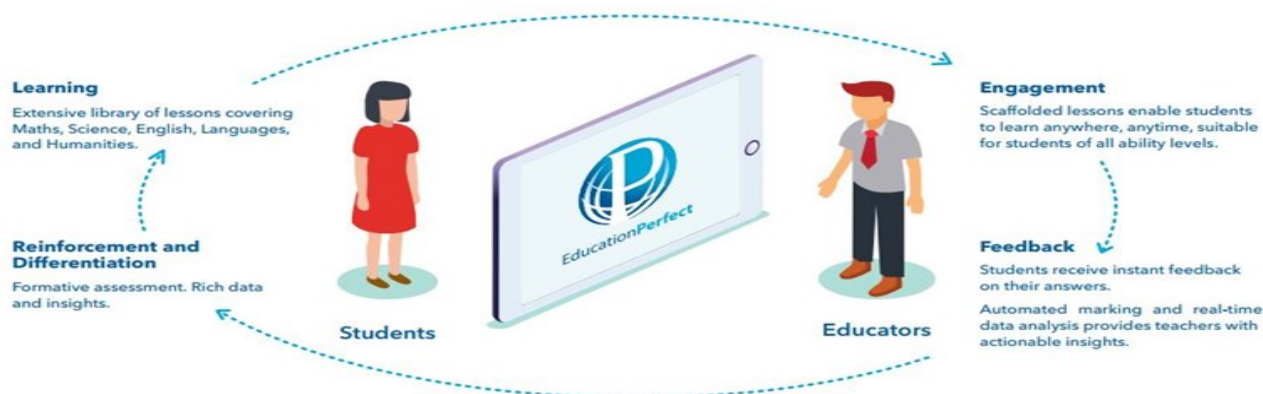
Education Perfect enables students to focus on a wide range of learning tasks independently. Education Perfect has successfully been implemented in hundreds of schools around the world, with notable impacts on students' motivation and grades. Inter-class, state and global competitions run throughout the year which encourages students in their learning.

Education Perfect enables teachers to automatically assign remedial lessons to target and address key skill areas for students. Education Perfect then allows teachers to measure and track individual student learning growth across a range of subjects.

Education Perfect using leading Professor John Hattie's extensive research into effective learning strategies integrated throughout every lesson. These include explicit learning intentions, timely and specific feedback, and scaffolded content.

Lessons within the platform are scaffolded and designed to promote higher order thinking skills and students receive immediate feedback on their working. The school values this as an extremely important part of the learning journey. Currently there are some families that are yet to finalise their booklist payments for their subscription. I ask that this be rectified as soon as possible. In this situation students will receive a pop-up reminder when the student logs in to the platform. **Unpaid accounts will be deactivated from Friday 10th May.**

Education Perfect is uniquely placed to address many of the challenges schools are faced with today.



Semester 1 2019 Exam Information

General Exam Information:

Year 11 Exam period will run from Tuesday 4th June to Thursday 8th June in the senior wing of the College. Year 9 & 10 Exam period will run from Wednesday 19th June to Friday 21st June in the VCE Centre.

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.

A summary of the key learning dates for later in this term is shown below:

Week 7

Date	Mon 3 rd June	Tues 4 th June	Wed 5 th June	Thurs 6 th June	Fri 7 th June
Event	Normal Classes	Unit 1 Exams (Year 11)	Unit 1 Exams (Year 11)	Unit 1 Exams (Year 11)	Student-Free Day
Room		20/21	20/21	20/21	

Week 8

Date	Mon 10 th June	Tues 11 th June	Wed 12 th June	Thurs 13 th June	Fri 14 th June
Event	Queen's B'Day Public Holiday	Unit 2 starts Exams	GAT (Year 12)	Normal Classes	Normal Classes

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

Week 9

Date	Mon 17 th June	Tues 18 th June	Wed 19 th June	Thurs 20 th June	Fri 21 st June
Event	Normal Classes	Normal Classes	Year 9 & 10 exams	Year 9 & 10 exams	Year 9 & 10 exams
Room			VCE Centre	VCE Centre	VCE Centre

Week 10 – Year 10 Work experience, all other year levels timetabled classes

Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th June: Year 11 Exams in Room 20/21

- * Year 11 exams are spread over the 3 days.
- * Year 11 classes will not run during this time and if students do not have an exam, they are not expected at school
- * Rolls will be taken in each of the exams
- * Year 10 students studying an Accelerated VCE Subject will be expected to sit the Unit 1 exam and then return to their timetable classes. During this time these students will be revising in the library when their timetabled classes were due to run
- * Students with clashes will need to contact Mr Charles to organise another suitable time

Wednesday 12th June: GAT in VCE Centre

- * All students completing a Unit 3/4 subject are required
- * No Year 12 classes will run on this day
- * Year 11 students completing a subject out of sequence are expected to participate in the GAT and may return to class after lunch

Wed 19th – Fri 21st June: Year 9 & 10 Exams in VCE Centre

- * Year 9 & 10 exams will be conducted in the VCE Centre over these 3 days
- * 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 Adjustment students will be completing their exam in another designated room
- * Off-Site VET students are still to attend their TAFE course on Wednesday and complete their catch up English exam Thursday lesson 3 & 4
- * Year 10 students without an exam on Friday 21st may choose to stay home

Exam timetable

Year 11 Exams

	Tuesday 4 th June	Wednesday 5 th June	Thursday 6 th June	Friday 7 th June
Period 1 & 2	English Literature	Psychology Chemistry Accounting Vis Comm	Biology Theatre Studies Physics HHD	No buses Student-Free Day Please note the following:

Period 3 & 4	General Maths	Art Geography Legal Studies Maths Methods PE	History Bus. Man HHD (<i>clash students</i>)	Unit 2 begins Tuesday 11 th June GAT – involves all Unit 3/4 students Wednesday 12th June
Period 5 & 6	Home/Study (Supervised in Rm 20/21)	VET Music performance exam (Music room) Home/Study	Home/Study	

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Year 9 & 10 Exams

	Wednesday 19 th June	Thursday 20 th June	Friday 21 st June
Lesson 1 & 2	Year 9 & 10 English (90 min exam)	Year 9 and 10 RE (50 min exam) <i>then</i> <i>Supervised Study</i>	Year 9 Humanities & Year 10 Elective Block B - Psych/Geography/Music/Money & Markets (90 min exam)
Lesson 3 & 4	Supervised Study In VCE Centre <i>(Catch-Up exam block)</i>	Supervised Study In VCE Centre <i>(Catch-Up exam block)</i>	Year 10 Elective Block C - Physics/French/VET Sport & Rec (90 min exam) Year 9 Normal Lessons
Lesson 5 & 6	Year 9 Science Year 10 Elective Block A - Art/Biology/General Science/Vis Comm/Food/Law & Finance (90 min exam)	Year 9 and 10 Maths (90 min exam)	Normal Lessons Year 9 Year 10 – set up for Formal

Expectations of students during exam period

- Check that you know when you are sitting an exam
- Check you have only the permitted materials. Check with your 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 study areas) please lock in 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 some tips for preparing for exams and getting through the exam period.

Plan your time

Create a study plan which incorporates all of your weekly activities and divide the remaining study time between each of your subjects. You may need to make some adjustments to your work or social commitments for a few weeks.

Identify your learning needs

Begin your exam preparation by identifying, what you know well, what you know a bit about and what you don't understand at all, in each of your subjects. Use the traffic light method to help you with this. Set your study activities to reflect your learning needs. Research has proven that completing practice questions and gaining feedback from your teachers has the fastest improvement in your results.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

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.

Ask for help

Students who ask for help have the greatest chance of achieving their personal best. Ask for exemplars for question responses. Talk to your teacher, parents and pick the brains of other students to clarify your understanding. If you are feeling really anxious you might also find it helpful to speak to any of our Wellbeing Team.

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?

Check past exam papers

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

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.

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 (e.g. 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.

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 hang around talking about what was on it or you will start to doubt yourself and stress out if you think you made a mistake.

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.

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 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?*

Review your performance

While there's no use worrying about 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. Then come up with your own strategies to use in the end of year exams in November/December.

Remember - these tips are only some of the 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



MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN – WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

TALK – Talk with your children about their mental health. Make topics around stress and anxiety, fear and feelings common in your home and your child's life.

TRUST – Trust your gut; you know your child best! If you believe your child is struggling or needs help, trust that feeling.

ROLE MODEL – Show your children that it is ok to talk about and care for their mental health by talking care of yourself.

ASK FOR HELP – Get a referral to a mental health specialist, if needed. Provide your child with every opportunity to receive treatment and support – just as you would for a broken arm or the flu.

CONNECT – You are not alone. 1 in 5 children struggle with a mental health condition. Connect with other families who have had similar experiences and can offer support, help and resources.

TEAM UP - Build a team with the professionals and child serving systems involved in your child's life. An open and honest dialogue with your child's teachers, coaches, doctors and others will give them the information they need to support your child.

GRIEF

Grief is a natural response you experience when you lose someone close to you. Grieving is a normal part of life and there is no right way to grieve – everyone is different. It can begin as soon as you become aware of a loss and can continue over the course of the first 12 months.

If your child is experiencing grief, try to reassure them to not stress too much about what's "normal". Everyone goes through grief differently and should be able to grieve at their own pace and in their own way.

5 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH GRIEF

ACCEPTING YOUR FEELINGS - It's okay to feel sad about losing someone special and to take time to cope with what has happened. Losing someone is stressful and upsetting, and it's normal to experience strong emotions.

ALLOWING YOURSELF TIME TO GRIEVE - and if you can, let yourself cry. You might need a safe place at home or at school to go when you're especially sad.

TAKING TIME OUT - Being around other people can sometimes be stressful and overwhelming, especially if they are also grieving. Go for a walk, listen to some music, sit in a park or do something enjoyable like shopping or going to a movie.

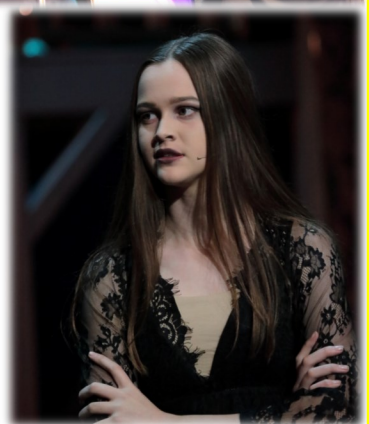
LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF - is really important so try to keep regular routines of sleep, eating and exercise. These things can feel hard to keep up but they can improve how you think, and how you feel.

ALLOWING YOURSELF TO FEEL HAPPY - and to move on with your life without feeling guilty. People sometimes feel bad if they let themselves smile or if they seem to be moving on; it doesn't mean that you have forgotten the person you have lost.

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation



ADDAMS FAMILY SCHOOL PRODUCTION





Three sold out shows!
A large inclusive Year 7-12 cast!
Biggest student contribution to the band in our history!
Visually spectacular!
Exquisite detailed costumes!

The audience was immediately broken into the infectiously snappy theme song and the wickedly witty repertoire of the leads, dance numbers and all amalgamated to another amazing Whole School Musical for Mary MacKillop College. Once again, the students rose to the situation through their dedication and hard work and hours upon hours of time dedicated to the pursuit of the arts.

A massive thankyou to the team of (Director) Bron Kalos, (Artistic Director) Meg Steenholdt, Music Director) Elly Poletti, (Construction Coordinator) Michael O'Keeffe and (Promotions) Carly Kitchingman. Without their leadership and direction for each of their portfolios, this event would not happen.



SSV ATHLETICS



Congratulations are in order for the SSV Athletics Team for 2019. A team of over one hundred students ventured to the Joe Carmody Track to compete on a wet and frigid morning. Thankfully by our arrival at the track the clouds had lifted somewhat and the event was on in earnest. Our students excelled in all endeavours and the team worked tirelessly to fill as many events as possible. As a result we secured the overall title as well as the boys and girls aggregate shields.

Special mention should go to Cade James, Jamillah Enbom, Ryan Gilliam and Ada Hill as they were awarded their respective age group titles for their success on the track and in the field events. Our relay teams also did a great job finishing the day off strongly and all were a credit to the College. We now look forward to taking our biggest team to the Gippsland Titles in Term 3 and hope to see a contingent of students heading off to State in Term 4.



SSV VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys and Senior Boys that made it through to the Gippsland Finals and played last week in Morwell. Our Year 8 Boys put up a good fight and played well against teams from across Gippsland. They won 1 game and lost 2, they were very close games. Their enthusiasm on the day was great. I look forward to coaching them next year to see how they go. Thanks to coach Tara Bland for her coaching.

SENIOR BOYS OFF TO STATE FINALS. The Senior Boys had a great day with 2 wins and a draw. We had some great rally's with some excellent spiking and scrambling on the day. This has put them into the State finals which will play in Melbourne next week. Thanks to Jenny Damon for coaching.



SSV NETBALL

True to form of recent years, the SSV Netball was held on a cold, wet and windy day at the Leongatha Netball Courts. Mary MacKillop College was strongly represented across all age divisions, with 5 teams in total. The draw was tough for a couple of teams, with four games in a row. There was no time to think of the cold and wet conditions. All teams played really strong netball, with our Year 7 Girls bringing home the flag. They now advance to the next round. In all the other divisions, our teams only narrowly missed the final, by placing 2nd in their pool.

Overall, it was a great day with some excellent netball on show.

Kate Dwyer



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 20 May	Claire Blackford
Tuesday 21 May	Julie Bloye
Wednesday 22 May	Karen Kreutzberger
Thursday 23 May	Sarah Donohue
Friday 24 May	Kerryl Battersby
Monday 27 May	Rebecca Little
Tuesday 28 May	Cathy Waldron
Wednesday 29 May	Sita Morton
Thursday 30 May	Melanie Heber
Friday 31 May	Deb O'Keefe
Monday 3 June	Julie Nettle
Tuesday 4 June	Emma McGannon
Wednesday 5 June	Emmeline Morris
Thursday 6 June	Danielle Mackie
Friday 7 June	STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 10 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 11 June	Eva Zubcic
Wednesday 12 June	Janine Moller
Thursday 13 June	Julie Schnoor
Friday 14 June	Megan Vuillermin

2019	
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
Fri 31 May	Enrolments for Year 7 - 2020 Close
Tues 4 June	SSV Soccer Boys and Girls
Tues 4 - Thurs 6 June	Year 11 Exams
Fri 7 June	STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 10 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tues 11 June	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Wed 12 June	Year 12 GAT
Thurs 13 June	Regional Cross Country
Wed 19 - Fri 21 June	Year 9 & 10 Exams
Wed 26 June	Tree Top Program
Fri 28 June	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM school finishes 2.05pm

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.

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

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

Canteen is open Monday - Friday

PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2018/2019 - 14 MAY 2019

As President of the Mary MacKillop College Parents and Friends Association for 2018/19, I would like to say "Thank you" to all the P&F Committee Members who have taken the time out of their busy lives to attend meetings, helped with requests of all kinds and assisted with fundraising activities.

Some of the P&F's achievements this past year include;

- **Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser** - Thankyou to staff, Kate Lafferty and Julia Leslie (and their Business and Home Room classes) for their organisation and promotion of this successful fundraiser. And to Carly Kitchingman for helping with collection and distribution. This will be run again in 2019
- **Pie Drive** - Thanks to Sarah Wolf for organising
- **Debutante Ball** with 28 couples - Thanks to Donna Wylie and Sibby Wilson (when Donna Wylie was away) for co-ordinating this huge event
- **Purchase of Easter Egg Baskets** for prizes in Year level special draw for Easter celebrations. Thanks to Sharron Stephens for putting these together
- **Annual Christmas Raffle** - with donations from generous businesses
- **Swimming and Athletics Sports Day** BBQ fundraisers
- **Volunteers** helping with BBQ on Walkathon Day
- **Supplying morning tea** for staff at the College in celebration of World Teachers Day on October 26, 2018. A small appreciation for all they do for students at the College
- **Running of the Uniform Shop and Canteen**
- **Michaels IGA Leongatha and Korumburra Community Rewards** \$1150 cheque. Thankyou to Michaels Supa IGA for their Community Rewards Program, and to the shoppers who donate their points to MMCRC. It is a great contribution to our fundraising for the year.
- **Donation of \$50,000** for construction of the Junior School Playground. Thanks to Kieran O'Dwyer and ASpace for their work on this project
- The Parents and Friends are now represented on the NEW College Website, featured on our own page
- Successful listing of secondhand Deb Dresses for sale to the College Community, via the College Website (P & F Page)

THANK YOU...

In the constitution of the Parents and Friends it documents that one of the goals of the P&F is "to provide a spirit of community among parents, friends and staff". This was evident when I sent out a request for slices/cakes for the funeral of MMC Founding Principal, Ed Carmody. I had an outpouring of volunteers putting their hands up to provide all manner of help, had an inundation of food provided, and even some past committee members on dishes!

It is such a wonderful feeling to know that there are a lot of parents, friends and staff of the College out there willing to step up and lend a hand if the need arises. Thank you to all those who did volunteer themselves to help out. The Carmody family were very appreciative, and so am I!

Thank you to all the Committee Members, Parents and Carers in our School Community who have been involved in many of our activities, especially those who volunteer their time to help out in the Canteen and Uniform Shop, and participation in our fundraising opportunities throughout the year, whether it be selling or buying raffle tickets, helping at BBQs, buying pies or donuts, every little (or big) contribution goes a long way!

To the ever efficient office staff who help in the background of all our events, and never complain when I request their assistance, your hard work is greatly appreciated. And once again the P&F has had full support from our Principal, David Leslie and the Advisory Council.

Lastly I would like to sincerely thank the 2018/19 P&F Committee Members, Secretary Catherine Riseley, Treasurer Tracey Mildenhall, Sarah Wolf as our representative on the College Advisory Board, Fran Backman as Canteen Manager, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Catherine Riseley and Donna Wylie and Sibby Wilson as Deb Ball organisers. I truly appreciate your willingness to step up and volunteer your time and expertise to the smooth running of the Committee and our endeavours throughout the year.

Everyone's enthusiasm has resulted in a rewarding and enjoyable year for me as President. I highly recommend any and all parents getting involved in the P&F, whether that be by nominating for (and possibly joining) the Executive Committee, or participating in the discussions at General Meetings and volunteering to help with events and activities.

Best wishes for another successful year to come.

Donna Muldoon - President Parents and Friends Association 2018/19

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

AMBULANCE MEMBERS

All families are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service. At times of accidents or illness, the First Aid trained staff member/s in attendance will make a decision as to whether or not they should request the attendance of the ambulance service.

In doing so, the health and safety of the patient will be the only determining factor. Ambulance membership, or potential costs to families will not be a point of consideration. Such a decision will always be made with a conservative 'better safe than sorry' attitude. Parents (or next of kin for an adult) will always be contacted as soon as possible so that they may be in attendance when the ambulance arrives. A familiar staff member will always accompany a student to the hospital if the attending ambulance officers approve. Thank you.

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.

Did you know Students are not to text their parents if they are ill

All students are to please follow the procedure below, do not text parents directly as this leads to class disruption. A student who requests to go to the First Aid room must have a note in his/her planner from the classroom teacher explaining the ailment. The planner must then be taken to the office where the office staff will sign the student into the First Aid room and enter the time of entrance and exit. **The office staff will call parents if your child needs further attention.** Please do not contact parents directly via SMS/email etc. If your child contacts you then please ask them to tell their teacher that they are unwell and we will call you.

Did you know A note must be supplied in the event of an absence

Student Absences - In addition to notifying the school if your child is absent, parents or guardians **must send a note to the Homeroom Teacher upon his/her return**, providing an explanation for the absence. All schools are obliged to record a reason for **EVERY** absence from school.

Did you know ... We are unable to make announcements during class time

Early Dismissal - **Please note that we cannot call classes for parents to collect students or pass on messages.** This interrupts classes which may be running tests, exams etc.

Parents need to complete the early dismissal note in the back of the student planner or send a note. This note is to be given to the Homeroom Teacher in exchange for a class pass. This will allow students to leave at the required time, preferably not during lessons. **We are unable to make announcements during class time.**

More details regarding Communication Procedures are in the front of your child's student planner.

Did you know ... Bus Passes

Bus passes must be applied for through student reception with **48 hours notice.** Bus drivers will not accept a note from a parent—the pass must be issued by the College. Just handing a note in at the office does not automatically mean a bus pass will be issued. Please note that Bus passes **will not** be issued for sporting or social purposes. Most buses are at capacity therefore passes cannot be issued. We appreciate your help with the above, thank you.