



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 2
31 May 2019



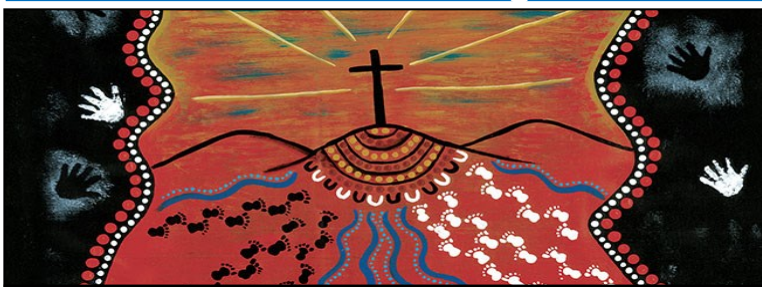
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*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer



Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image,
Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.
You gave your only son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.
We place before you the pain and anguish of disposition of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have experienced.
We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families. We are sorry and ask for God's forgiveness.
Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits.
In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.
Lord you are our hope.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Families,

This Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, which traditionally occurs forty days after Easter. At his Ascension, Jesus gave his disciples, which includes us, our Mission: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth". And now, here we are in South Gippsland, over 2000 years later.

We have just finished our Catholic Education week celebrations, which will be reported elsewhere in the newsletter. I will simply say that they went very well.

This week is also Indigenous Reconciliation week, which we marked with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony on Friday at lunchtime, led by Uncle Shane Clarke, and Elder of our local Bunurong people.

We are now half way through the term. The academic program gains pace at this time of the year, as classes move to complete end of semester assessments. The College is very busy with lots of things happening at all levels.

House Cross Country was held on Tuesday last week, once again we were pleased to host our partner primary schools for the morning to run the Mary MacKillop cross country course. We are very lucky to have such a picturesque and spacious site - very few schools in Victoria would have access to a course as good as ours, let alone being within their own grounds. Students ran in their various age groups. I was very pleased to note the happy and co-operative way that all students participated in the day.

The Debutante Ball was held last weekend at Korumburra. Our debutantes and partners all participated in a happy and successful evening, thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee who organised the evening. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and assisted to make the night such a success.

Our Year 11 Business Management class and Year 10 Law and Finance classes have started their planning for the Annual MacKillop 500, each class in the College has been asked to enter a 'car' the students have letters to approach businesses for sponsorship of their cars. All money raised will go towards our Walkathon to be held in August.

Enrolments for 2020 are about to close. We have had strong demand again for places next year. If you have friends with grade six children, please remind them they need to move fast to ensure a place for next year.

**David Leslie
Principal**



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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

Learning Resources Audit

At present, the College uses a multitude of resources to assist in the process of teaching our students. We are currently reviewing how these various resources are used both in and outside the classroom via an online survey for staff, parents/guardians and students.

Learning Resources covers the material used by students or teachers to deliver the curriculum. A summary of the main resources are listed below:

Learning Resource	Year level	Description	
Oxford Pack	Yr 7 – 10	Text books for English, Maths, Science & Humanities and supplementary digital material	Purchased by families
Education Perfect	Yr 7-9	Online subscription for differentiated material, lessons, tests, assessment and online subject support material for Maths, English, Humanities, Science and Health	Purchased by families
Studiocity	Yr 10-12	Student access to live online tutors for all subjects and ability to submit essays for review and feedback	Purchased by school
Edrolo	Yr 11 & 12	Digital lessons, practice exam questions and online support material	Purchased by school
Mathspace	Yr 7-12	Online resource for assistance in maths work	Purchased by school

A link to the current booklist for each year level is also included to refresh your memory to the items requested at the start of the year.

<https://order.campion.com.au/index.html#resourceListListView?code=71A09EF0>

the links for the survey are below:

Parents: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35W9M83>

Students: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KR9T5SV>

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)	<i>Student-Free Day</i>
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	<i>Queen's B'Day Public Holiday</i>	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

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	<i>Home/Study</i> (<i>Supervised in Rm 20/21</i>)	VET Music performance exam (Music room) Home/Study	<i>Home/Study</i>	

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 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

Sam Wright
Deputy Principal
Learning and
Teaching



AGRICULTURE

OUR CALVES ARRIVED THIS WEEK

Our thanks go to Glen Cocksedge, the father of Tyler, who kindly donated 5 bull calves to the Agriculture Program. He also chipped in with 30 litres of first milk – rich in colostrum - for the calves. Dr Alan Vaughan and Jack Brosnan collected the calves from Yanakie. Dr Vaughan has taught the class how to prepare the bedding and how to feed the calves. The Agriculture students delighted in being able to handle the livestock and feed them.



Meantime we are building a fence for our laneway to the bigger turnout paddock.
...and Mr Pearce is back from school camp ... beaming like a new father!
Happy days down on the farm !!

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY

Year 11 Biology students attended a field trip to the Inverloch Rockpools, Screw Creek and to the Shell Muesum.

The excursion enabled students to participate in biotic and antibiotic testing as well as listen to a presentation at the Shell Museum regarding human impact on our local environment. Students collected data that was analysed and discussed in a subsequent Unit 1 SAC task. Despite a less than appealing weather forecast, the day was warm, dry and enjoyable for all.



Mike Cleeland - Bunnurong Environment Centre - discussing humans impact on the environment at Screw Creek - showing some of the introduced weeds that are impacting Inverloch's native plants



Students working together to collect data on their field trip



Exploring the rock pools - identifying and classifying organisms



Graham Walsh explaining antibiotic testing to the class

YEAR 9 STREET ART

This semester's Year 9 Art Class have a unit on Street Art - these are a couple of photos of their amazing work. They are on display in the corridor of the Main Office.



Year 7
LAUNCH
Having
'Fun Fun Fun'
with Scott at
Voyage Gym



YEAR 7 LAUNCH

SSV GIRLS FOOTBALL

AFLW is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. It has gained a significant space in mainstream media and our girls have been quick to get on board.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr Duckmanton and Ms Poletti the College fielded three highly competitive teams of very willing girls. I was really impressed with the standard of the football on the day with the ball transitioning from one end of the ground to the other by foot and hand. Any and every ball was hotly contested and the girls crashed in hard to gain possession. There were also some heavy tackles laid and strong courageous commitment of the body in often perilous situations set the standard for a tough day of competition. All our teams had victories on the day and all the footballers should be proud of their commitment and courage.

Unfortunately, the girls were unable to make it through to the next round, however, I left the ground thinking that AFLW is really on the rise at Mary MacKillop College. Well done girls.



DEBATING

Congratulations to both B and D Grade Debaters 2 wins

Last Thursday, both B and D Grade Debating Teams competed in the 3rd round of the DAV Competition.

It was the first night of Secret Topics for B Grade and stiff competition was given from Berwick Grammar School.

Secret Topics involve being given a topic 1 hour prior to the debate and an isolation and with no internet, teams have exactly 1 hour to prepare three speeches. The topic was: the burning of coal should be banned by 2022.

The girls spoke convincingly and with great flair. A big thankyou to Laura Muranty for running workshops on improvisation and public speaking techniques. It was really obvious how this knowledge helped with the delivery from the speakers.

D Grade's topic was: that all standardized testing should be banned and their opposition was, St Margaret's School Berwick. The team consisting of Charlie Hall, Jaime Findlay and Ashley Geary, delivered polished arguments with flair and conviction and were rewarded with a win! Thankyou to Jaime for standing in at the last minute. In addition to her generosity and team spirit, she also won best speaker for the night. Well done to everyone.

Thankyou again to Chris McHarg for her time and knowledge. The debating teams are certainly gaining great skills.

Robyn Synan (Library team)



MARY MACKILLOP DEBUTANTE BALL 2019



Back Row: Benjamin Jones, Harrison Dawson, Lucas Cannata, Angus Moller, Tyler Newton, Phillip Arbuthnot, Jared Campbell, Dexter Doughty, Charlie Adkins, Wade Oliver

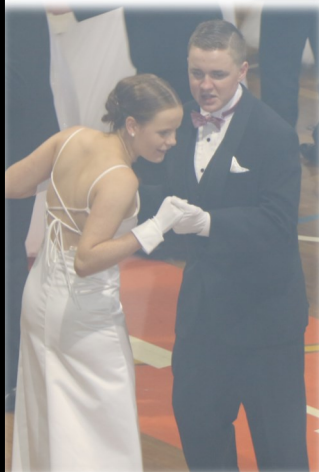
4th Row: Aljon Miel, Aaron Trease, Joshua Wright, Brock Furness, Harvey Chandler, Adam Watchorn, Jed Bessell-Browne, Daniel Biro, Rory Hanks, Mikey House, William Heenan

3rd Row: Lachlan Barkell, Kaitlin Funnell, Eryn Elger, Lillian Worsfold, Laura Brennan, Trinity McInnes, Jessica Geary, Darci Holmes, Jessica Wright, Audrey Lamers, Rowan Hercus

2nd Row: Jordan Green, Sophie Whiteside, Zali Hill, Jelana Zizic, Brianna Cicala, Samantha O'Brien, Tahlia Hill, Zahli Butler, Arlie Whiteside, Molly Kent, Dakota Rigby, Cade James

Front Row: Isabella Thorpe, Chelsea Berryman, Louise Colwill, Mrs Julia Leslie, Mr David Leslie (College Principal), Mrs Kate Lindsay (Representative of the College Advisory Council), Mr Mark Lindsay, Zahli Charlton, Jade Hamilton, Katherine O'Brien, Gypsy Dawson (Flowergirls), Anton House (Herald), Katie Geary





MUSARTZ

On Monday the 27th of May, 25 instrumental and vocal students took part in the GIS Musartz performance at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon. Students either participated in a concert band, choir, string ensemble or guitar ensemble. It was a great event for all, as five different schools in the region came together to showcase a collaborative music extravaganza.

The event creates a challenging and unique opportunity for students to perform to a live audience following only two rehearsals prior to the show. This year Mary MacKillop had a broad range of instrumental students participating, with instruments in the brass, string and percussion sections. Musartz plays an integral role for students to practice and showcase their developing skills.



There was an overwhelming show of support from Mary MacKillop parents, who attended the performance and offered their praise and encouragement at the end. One parent commented on the impeccable performance and standard of Beth Winterhalter's stage band, who played a number of uplifting and entertaining songs. A special thanks to Alwayne Strentz, who played bass guitar alongside his three talented children.

This year Musartz introduced a string ensemble to the program for the first time. Students, Lily Smith and Liesel Clarke, were excited to have the opportunity to learn and play their violins alongside other students. Daniel Pellin, electrified the stage with his guitar ensemble of 14 students, featuring our very own Jess Sara, who sang 'Stand By Me,' while students strummed harmoniously on their guitars.



Once again Musartz proved to be another successful event on the GIS cultural calendar. Students spoke fondly about their experiences performing on stage and making new friends.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



Unit 1 Business Management

Thank you to Ms Sarah Wolf who spoke to my Unit 1 Business Management class last week. The class was delighted with her willingness to talk about the details of the structure, operation and management of the Stony Creek Racing Club Inc. They listened intently to advice Ms Wolf offered from her vast business experience for their business operations relating to the upcoming MacKillop 500. It is through the generosity of these business people that our students are able to receive exposure to the world of business beyond a textbook. Thank you.

Julia Leslie
Unit 1 Business Management Teacher

CHES



Pictured Above: Back Row: Will Davies, Andrew Martin, Zephyr Anderson, Jeffrin Mathew, Ava Strentz, Jonah Wearne, Robert Ornsby, Harry Herbert, Colleen Herbert



Pictured Above: Harry Herbert

The MMCRC Middle School Chess Team competed at Drouin Secondary College on Wednesday the 29th. The teams, both Senior and Middle school were mixed in a pool together which made for some very challenging games. Nearly all of our team played several seniors and performed well. Overall the team came 3rd. Individually Harry Herbert (Year 8) took 1st in the Middle School Section - playing all 7 games against seniors and winning 5.



Homework Support runs from 3.30-4.30pm in the Learning Adjustment Centre every Tuesday
All students from Year 7 – 12 are welcome to attend. Staff available will be John McKeown, Hannah Charlton, Jenny Shea and Michelle Hackett.

Homework Support 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!



John McKeown



Hannah Charlton



Jenny Shea

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 officer approves.

Thankyou

STATE VOLLEYBALL

Our Senior Boys represented Gippsland at the State Finals in Dandenong on 24th May.

Mary MacKillop College's Senior Boys team made it through 2 rounds to make it to the State Finals. The boys had played at South Gippsland Region, finishing on top of the round robin competition and then progressing to the Gippsland Level. They again finished top of the round robin competition to progress to the State Finals.

They were in the top 8 out of 400 teams for their age group. That is a massive achievement.

It was with much excitement that the team made the State Finals. This was the first time Mary MacKillop has made the State Finals in Volleyball. Mary MacKillop boys finished 4th in their pool.

Highlights of the day were:

Eldon Westaway connecting with some good spikes

Tyson Hanegraaf doing some amazing serves, the other team were not ready for them.

Mason McGannon's hands with his setting skills

Alfie Herbert jumping high in the air to block the opponents spikes

Tom Vanderkolk doing some great passes

Lachie Barkell throwing himself around the court to get the ball

Ben Jones and his strong serves, we won a lot of points from this

Jenny Damon (Coach) getting excited when we were winning a game

A big thankyou to Colleen Herbert who came on the day, Robert Damon for driving the bus and scoring.



L – R: Back Row: Mason McGannon, Eldon Westaway, Ben Jones and Lachie Barkell

Front Row: Tom Vanderkolk, Tyson Hanegraaf and Alfred Herbert.

Coach: Jenny Damon

FLAG PRESENTATION BY MELINA BATH



It was with great pleasure that the school was presented with an Aboriginal flag by Melina Bath, (Member of Eastern Victoria).

The Library requested the flag as they were putting together another fantastic display, for reconciliation week. Pictured below is the group from Mary MacKillop receiving the flag from Melina Bath.

Pictured Left to Right:

Kieran O'Dwyer (Deputy Principal), Robyn Synan (Library), Jordan Bertacco, Sienna Burge, Melina Bath (Member of Eastern Victoria) and James Wearne (Aboriginal Liaison Officer)

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Monday 17 June	Catherine Riseley
Tuesday 18 June	Krista Evans
Wednesday 19 June	Catrina Donato
Thursday 20 June	Nena Caithness
Friday 21 June	Christie Hall

Monday 24 June	Karli Densley
Tuesday 25 June	Deb Carmody
Wednesday 26 June	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 27 June	Melanie Herbert
Friday 28 June	Sarah Wolfe



PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Thankyou to the families who supported our Pie Drive and ordered delicious Bread and Pickles Bakery Pies.

We raised over \$600 which is a great contribution to our yearly fundraising !

2019	
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
Tues 18 June	MacKillop 500
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
Mon 15 July	TERM 3 COMMENCES
Wed 24 - Fri 26 July	Year 10 Retreat
Wed 24 - Fri 26 July	Year 11 Retreat

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

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

Canteen is open Monday - Friday



Do you like doing fun things? Going on adventures?
Camping in the great outdoors? Learning new and exciting things?

Then Cubs or Scouts could be just the thing for you!

Come and try Cubs or Scouts for yourself – 3 Nights for FREE

Where: 2nd Leongatha Scout Hall, Allison Street Leongatha

When: Tuesday nights from 7.00pm until 9.00pm – Scouts

Thursday nights from 6.30pm until 8.00pm - Cubs

Sound good? Want more information?

Contact the Group Leader on mobile 0499 233 158
or by email at gl.2ndleongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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.

2019 MMC Debutante Ball

Congratulations to the 25 Debutantes and their Partners who presented themselves in front of their parents, family and friends, and distinguished guests at the Debutante Ball on Saturday. They should be very proud of themselves, and the way they danced and celebrated such a lovely occasion.

The Parents and Friends Committee would like to thank Donna Wylie for her continued organisation of this event on behalf of the P&F. To Sibby Wilson who stepped in when Donna was on Long Service Leave, a huge thank you for all your hard work. And to Carly Kitchingman, Michelle Krohn and Leanne Soderlund for their administration assistance, Thank you!

Thank you also to our School Captains, Simone Dekker and Dan Kavanagh, for being MC's for the evening, with help from our Dance instructor Shane Gray.

Thank you also goes out to the volunteers who lend a hand setting up the Hall Friday night, co-ordinating photos, pinning on flowers, bringing their sewing kit, being kitchen hands and waiting tables, washing dishes, making tea and coffee, supervising door entry, transporting numerous items to and from the College, and packing up at the end of the night, this event could not run without all of you doing an amazing amount of work and generously donating your time to allow this night to run like clockwork! A special shout out to a couple of Year 7 parents who helped set up Friday night!

To the Parents of our Debutantes and Partners, thank you for the slices/cakes you provided for supper. An extra special thankyou to Matt Holmes, Cam Green and Julie and Samantha Schnoor who stayed behind at the end of the night to clear tables of rubbish and decorations, pack up and put away all the chairs and tables, and cart rubbish to the dumpster. These awesome foursome were a godsend at the end of a long day and I appreciate them taking time to assist me with the end of proceedings pack up. If we had some other Deb parents to help it would have made our job much easier and faster. This College function is *entirely* run with volunteers, and without them this event will not continue into the future.

So to this year's Year 9 and 10 parents, stay tuned for what you can do to contribute towards making the 2020 Debutante Ball a fantastic experience for all.

Donna Muldoon - President - Parents and Friends Committee