



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 3
23 August 2019



*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

Holy God,
May your presence be in all that I
do. Renew in me awareness of
your sustaining love that touches
me each day, opening the eyes of
my heart to see that you touch
the world through the work of my
hands.
Amen.

Thursday last week was the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is a special Feast, celebrated around the world in honour of Mary, the mother of God, being assumed body and soul into Heaven. Mary is not the plaster saint many might picture – the scriptures show us she was a wise and courageous woman, well worthy of study.

On Tuesday 20 August we held our Annual Information Evening and Subject Expo for our Year 9 and 10 students. It was great to see so many parents come along with their child. It is an important part of the process for students heading into their senior years of study, there are lots of decisions to be made as they consider the pathways they will take. Please continue to have conversations with your child and revisit the information provided on the night. Please remember students must lodge their subject selections by the due date.

Our students have had considerable success in SSV Sport, GIS, Eisteddfods, Debating, Chess and Tournament of Minds lately. We are all very proud of them and of their achievements. There will be reports in this and following newsletters for us all to enjoy. As they say, winners are grinners, and we have a lot of grinners here at Mary MacKillop.

It's been great to see all the fundraisers and food stalls continuing to be held by classes again this week to support the Walkathon. Everyone's support and encouragement has been wonderful. It is now time to complete the process. All Walkathon cards and monies should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

With only 4 weeks of term left there is still a lot happening. These are a few activities that we are involved in and we encourage parents and families to attend and support students.

- ArtzFest in Traralgon - Tuesday 3rd September
- Camp Bravo - 4-6 September with the concert on Friday 6th September

We seek your views please: From time to time staff in senior roles undergo a process of review. Mr Kieran O'Dwyer is doing so at present. Families have received an email invitation to complete a survey, please make the time to contribute to Mr. O'Dwyer's professional formation.

Our Central Australia trip will be departing soon. Sunday 15 September for a very early start, and late home on Friday September 27th, just in time for the Grand Final. It should again be a great experience for all concerned.

Parent / Teacher /Student Interviews are coming up – these are an important opportunity to meet your child's teachers, hear about their achievements and discuss how they can continue to develop. The nights will be Thursday 12 September at Leongatha and Tuesday 17 September at Wonthaggi.

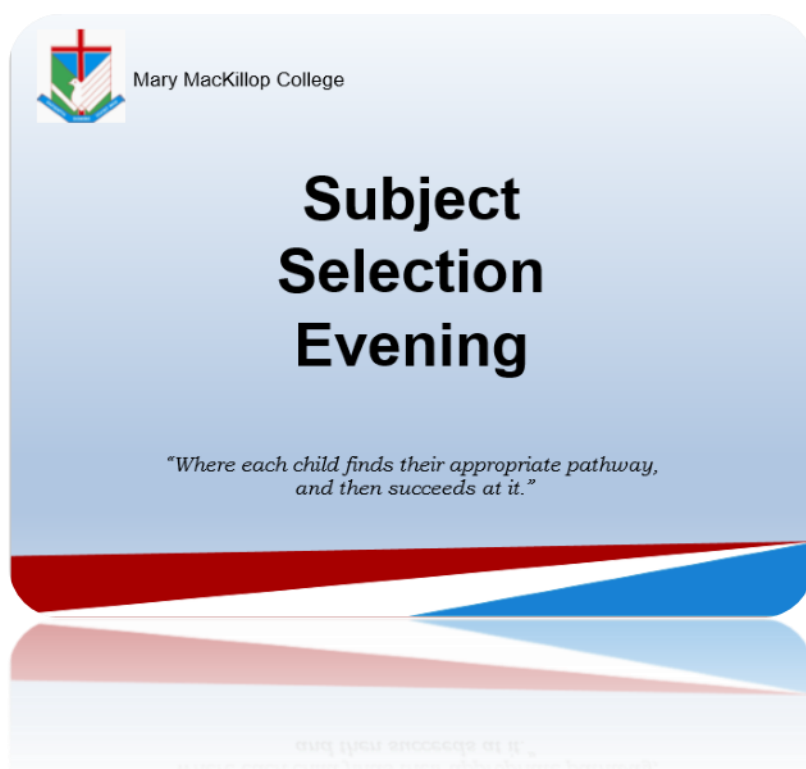
We look forward to seeing you at a College event soon.

**David Leslie
Principal**



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

Pathways for the Future:



Sam Wright
Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching

Earlier this week Mary MacKillop College held the 2020 subject selection evening which was very well attended by students and their parents. The evening was held to assist parents and students to make informed decisions when it comes to pathways for study into 2020.

The Year 10 (2020) and VCE/VCAL (2020) Subject Selection Handbooks were available (since been emailed to all students).

For those students still unsure of subjects or pathways please visit either of these wonderful government resources below:

www.joboutlook.gov.au

www.vtac.edu.au

www.myfuture.edu.au



The Herald Sun has also produced a lift out to further assist students in their pathways and decisions. Spare copies are available in the College Library.

The subject selection process is open where students are required to nominate their subject preferences. These will be open until Wednesday 28th August. We use the information provided through this process to design our subject offerings.

Some advice when considering subject selections:



Changing World of Work



To consider when choosing your Pathway

Do

- * Think about what interests you
- * Play to your strengths
- * Discuss your subjects with your Parents and Teachers
- * Choose a subject that interests you

Don't

- * Choose subjects based upon what your friends have picked
- * Panic if you have no idea what you would like to study

Pathways

Students should

1. Discuss their best suited pathway with Family Teachers
2. Inform their decision through considering their,
 - * **Interests** Think about the subjects where they enjoy learning
 - * **Aptitude** Use feedback from teachers and past academic results
 - * **Personality** Think about their characteristics which will influence how and what they learn
 - * **Values** Consider what is important to them

CHESS GIPPSLAND

The competition was held on Wednesday 14 August with the competition being very fierce with 120 avid chess players that participated. It was a great feeling and an awesome sight to see so many young minds gathered to play chess.

The Middle School team played 7 games in the first half of the day with Mary MacKillop in 2nd place, and Jonah Wearne taking top spot for our school.

A couple more games in, Ava Strentz excelled to top of the table and played a game against a male student with a rating 200 higher than her own. A large crowd gathered around her game, including her own team mates willing her to win.

At the start of the 7th round the team was sitting fourth but only 1 and 1/2 points separated 2, 3, and 4.

At the end of the 7th round we had tied for third which meant we will be taking a team of 5 to the State Championships on Monday 21 October at North Coburg.

Of the 8 players that played the four that got us through to a tied third place were - Ava Strentz, Harry Herbert, Robert Ornsby, Jeffrin Mathew.

The Top Female player for the day was Ava Strentz who has been invited to the Girls Only State Finals on Thursday 17 October at Altona.

The Biggest Upset for the day was Jonah Wearne (that means that Jonah beat a player with a much higher ranking).

Mrs Colleen Herbert



SSV REGIONAL BADMINTON

On Friday the 2nd August, 4 girls (Anna Santhosh, Ashleigh Scimonello, Alice Evans and Divya Njarakulam) from Year 7 went on the bus with Mr Lumsden to Morwell Sports Centre. We were participating in the Regional Badminton Competition, which we got into from winning the division competition in Term 2.

The day was awesome we had the best time on the bus and then walked through the doors of the Centre to what was going to be a great day. We warmed up with a hit of the shuttle and had some advice from Mr Lumsden a big thankyou for his support. The competition was held in a big stadium which had about 8 courts that had teams from Years 7- 9 with both boys and girls. After we had played all games we came 2nd in Gippsland. We had an awesome day out and thanks to everyone that made the day happen.

Alice Evans (Year 7)

INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS

FEMALE

B2 Division

Team Result - First

Individual Results - 1st Abby Schreurs, 3rd Bella Kent,
4th Rachel Carlisle, 6th Chelsea Patton

C Division

Team Result - First

Individual Results- 1st Lily Richardson,
2nd Mia Schneidruk, 3rd Georgia Hamilton

D Division

Team Result - Third

Individual Results - 6th Niamh O'Connell

MALE

E Division

Team Results - First

Individual Results - 1st Tom Fitzgerald,



SSV GIRLS SOCCER



On the 15th August, the Mary MacKillop Year 7 Girls Soccer team that included; Ashleigh, Keely, Divya, Kealy, Alison, Makayla, Jessica, Kira, Mia, Lottie, Ruby May, Maddi and Alice all went to Morwell to compete in School Sport Victoria Regionals. When we got to the field we did some more training by running, kicking and doing some drills. We focused on all the ideas and skills Mr Preston had worked on, with us, during lunch time practice sessions.

We versed Lavalla Catholic College and worked really hard but in the end we came runners up. Maddi starred for us in goals and stopped many of the chances that Lavalla generated but we soon found ourselves behind on the score board. We persisted to the very end and put the ball into the net to score our only goal for the day, but we could not match the girls from Lavalla.

Our coaches were Mr. Lumsden, Mrs. Herbert and Mr. Preston who worked really hard to bring out our full potential. We learnt a lot about the game and grew as players. Next year we will be back to push ourselves to be even better.

HORTICULTURE

Second Semester Agriculture and Horticulture is well underway. The calf shed has been cleaned and the bedding is now rotary hoed into our two garden beds.

In the glass house, we have started planting seed trays to get a head start on spring. Meantime the winter crop of garlic is coming on well.

The College is pleased with enrolments in Agriculture and Horticulture in Year 10 and we are planning to launch Agriculture into the Senior School Program in 2020.

Mr Jack Pearce



DEBATING

Final Round sees a win for B Grade

Thursday the 8th August saw the Final Round of the DAV Debating Competition. Our B Grade team competed against Berwick Grammar School and were affirmative for the topic: Assuming it were possible we should rebuild Jurassic Park.

The team consisting of Sophie Newton, Shae Van Dam, Amanda Rowley, Jessica Geary and Charlie Hall easily defeated their opponents with their succinct arguments detailing how they could build such a Park ensuring it was safe and enjoyable. It was a secret topic meaning that the girls had an hour to research and develop a speech after being informed of the topic. Five debaters are allowed in the preparation room to help build and write the speeches and then three speakers debate. A big thanks to Charlie who helped out the Senior Team to make the five. The experience of competing in her first secret topic, guided by the senior girls, was invaluable. Amanda, Sophie and Shae all spoke to their high standard resulting in a solid win. Shae won best speaker overall.



The final ladder for the competition was posted and our B Grade came in equal second with 4 other schools. A very impressive effort considering our opposition! Unfortunately, you have to finish top to progress to finals. Let's hope these girls consider debating in A grade next season.

Our D Grade team also finished around middle place on the ladder scoring 12 out of a possible 20 points. Again, a really good effort from these girls and the improvement Charlie, Holly, Ashley, Jaime and Willow have made this year has been admirable. Their next debate will be the Rotary debate later in the year.

The DAV Junior Competition is in Term 4 and we have entered a team so stay tuned!

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE PRESENTS:

BRASS WOODWIND INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

WHERE: DRAMA ROOM
WHEN: MON 26TH AUGUST
6PM-ONWARDS
COME AND WATCH OUR
BRASS/WOODWIND/BAND STUDENTS
PERFORM



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE PRESENTS:

DRUMS & GUITAR INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

WHERE: DRAMA ROOM
WHEN: TUES 27TH AUGUST 6PM-ONWARDS
COME AND WATCH OUR GUITAR AND DRUMS
STUDENTS PERFORM



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE PRESENTS:

VOCAL & PIANO INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

WHERE: DRAMA ROOM
WHEN: WED 28TH AUGUST, 6PM-ONWARDS
COME WATCH OUR TALENTED VOCAL/
PIANO/CHOIR STUDENTS PERFORM
P&F SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- 4:30PM-
\$2.50 EACH



YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7C and 7E Science Classes dissected squid, fish and prawns to look at skeletons.



YEAR 10 MUSIC

Year 10 Music Students had an all day incursion with Audio Engineer Andy Stewart, learning how to record and setting up our school recording studio.



SSV TABLE TENNIS



The Leongatha Table Tennis Association once again welcomed the SSV South Gippsland Secondary Table Tennis Girls and Boys Division Round at the Leongatha Table Tennis Centre. Bill Haw, Dom Murdica and Aiden Holwerda helped make the day a great success.

Mary MacKillop College entered Boys' and Girls' Teams in the Year 7, Year 8 and Intermediate Sections. All our students played competitively in the split round robin, competing in three matches consisting of six rubbers (four singles games and one doubles game each) on the day against Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Korumburra and Mirboo North Secondary Colleges. Our Year 7, 8 and Intermediate Girls' Teams have made it successfully through to the SSV Regional Competition. We congratulate the girls and wish them well for their participation at the next stage.

Mrs Colleen Herbert and Mrs Julia Leslie

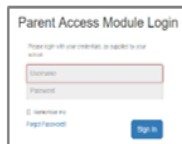
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**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
PRIOR TO 10:00AM BY:**



Phone



PAM by 8:45am



Flexibuzz (App)



Email

attendance@mmrc.catholic.edu.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Asking for interested people to form a new Parent Group for families of children with a disability or developmental delay in the Korumburra/Leongatha Area.

The group would be for families of children aged up to 18 years and would be based on an informal model of a coffee and chat with occasional speakers and information sessions.

Do you think you can help ?

Are you able to canvas families to see whether they would be interested ?

Yvonne Waite
Co-ordinator
Strengthening Parent Support Program
Right across the Gippsland Region



Building better futures
for children with disabilities

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6 Blackwood Place | Morwell Vic 3840
M +61 430 209 641 text & voice
Work Days Mon-Wed 8:30 – 4:30

BOOK WEEK

We were lucky to have Author Phillip Gwynne doing a creative writing workshop for Book Week in the Library



YEAR 7 MUSIC

One of our Year 7 Music Classes was treated to a Musica Viva Concert. It was a live exploration of Australian Contemporary music. It included cello, clarinet, piano instruments and soprano singing.



YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY

Year 11 Psychology Students conducted sensation and perception experiments with fellow students.



YEAR 12 SEMESTER PRACTICE EXAM TIMETABLE (Rooms 20 & 21)

Practice Exams prior to Term 3/4 break	Session	Wednesday 2 nd October	Thursday 3 rd October	Friday 4 th October
Monday 16th September HHD A Lessons 3, 4 & Lunch Tuesday 17th September HHD B Lessons 3, 4 & Lunch CBLA to supervise	Session 1	<u>9.00 – 10.15 am</u> Maths Methods Exam 1 Further Maths Exam 1	<u>9.00 – 10.45am</u> Theatre Studies <u>9.00 – 11.15am</u> Business Management	<u>9.00 – 11.15am</u> Maths Methods Exam 2 <u>9.00 – 10.45am</u> Further Maths Exam 2
Friday 20th September <u>9.10am – 12.25pm</u> English	Session 2	<u>11.30am – 1.15pm</u> Theatre Studies <u>11.30am – 1.45pm</u> Economics	<u>11.45am – 2.30pm</u> Chemistry Biology <u>11.45am – 2.00pm</u> History Visual Communication & Design	<u>11.45am – 2.00pm</u> VET Digital Literature <u>11.45am – 2.30pm</u> Biology
	Session 3	<u>2.30 – 5.15pm</u> Psychology <u>2.30 – 3.45pm</u> Further Maths Exam 1	<u>3.00 – 5.15pm</u> Geography Legal Studies PE	<u>2.45 – 5.30pm</u> Physics <u>2.45 – 5.00pm</u> Art Further Maths Exam 2

Rooms 24 and 25 will be available as a study space between exams



Homework Support



Homework Support runs from 3:30pm - 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

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 26 August	Julie Nettle
Tuesday 27 August	Emma McGannon
Wednesday 28 August	Emmeline Morris
Thursday 29 August	Melanie Heber
Friday 30 August	Kylie Reed

Monday 2 September	Eva Zubcic
Tuesday 3 September	Christie Hall
Wednesday 4 September	Janine Moller
Thursday 5 September	Julie Schnoor
Friday 6 September	Megan Vuillermin

Monday 9 September	Karli Densley
Tuesday 10 September	Deb Carmody
Wednesday 11 September	Jenny Enbom
Thursday 12 September	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 13 September	Rebekah Clarke

Monday 16 September	Linda Tack
Tuesday 17 September	Rebecca Coulter
Wednesday 18 September	Catrina Donato
Thursday 19 September	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 20 September	Deb O'Keefe

2019	
Tues 3 Sep	Artzfest - Traralgon
Tues 10 Sep	GIS Legacy Public Speaking
Tues 10 September	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Thurs 12 Sep	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Leongatha 3.50pm to 9.00pm
Sun 15 Sep - Fri 27 Sep	Central Australia Trip
Tues 17 Sep	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Wonthaggi 4.50pm to 7.00pm
Thur 19 Sep	Regional Athletics - Newborough
Fri 20 Sep	Last Day of Term 3 school finishes 2.05pm
Mon 7 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Fri 18 Oct	Year 12 Celebration Day and Valedictory Dinner
Thurs 24 Oct	Grade 5 Discovery Day
Tues 29 Oct	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Wed 30 Oct to Tues 19 Nov	YEAR 12 EXAMS

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.

Not at school ?

We need to know !!

Don't forget we need to account for all our students everyday
If your child is away for the day please let us know !!

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

Uniform Shop is open each Friday

from
12.50 pm - 1.35 pm

Canteen is open Monday - Friday

GIS ART3FEST

**Dance • Drama • Visual Arts
Photography • Theatre Sports**

**Tuesday 3 September, 7.00 pm
at Chairo Christian School
Balfour Road, Drouin**

All welcome!



**Gippsland Independent
Schools**