

*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 3
6 September 2019



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

*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

O Lord, seize us with your
power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better
future,
for the coming of your
Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and
beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

September is the official start of Spring. The blossoms are coming out, and with it the promise of new life in the occasional sunny days which promise more to come. At this time of year our Year 12's start moving into higher gear as we approach the business end of the academic year. Other year levels are well into assessment and the year's work is starting to consolidate. There are only two weeks left this term and still lots to happen. Practice Exams for Year 12's will be held during the coming term break. Socialising and part-time work should be cut back from now. If any student needs help negotiating with an employer, please let me know and I will be happy to assist.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads for last Sunday. Both boys and girls need the stability of a solid male role model. Ours is a privileged role, I hope all our Dads enjoyed a special day with your families.

Planning for next year is well under way. We have already had our Information Night for our Year 9's and 10's moving into VCE and subject preferences are being selected. This was very well attended and I thank all families for your interest. The Year 12 Valedictory invitations have been sent to families.

In the last two weeks of term we have Parent/Teacher/Student interviews – Leongatha on Thursday 12th September and Wonthaggi on Tuesday 17th September – Bookings will be made available in PAM shortly. Interim reports are made available to families on PAM from Friday 6th September. These interviews are an important opportunity to meet your child's teachers, celebrate achievements and plan together for future progress. We look forward to seeing you.

Any outstanding Walkathon cards need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

We will present all funds raised to the recipients at a whole school assembly on Friday 13 September.

Three Music Performance evenings were held last week. Each night was a great celebration of the talents of our young people, ranging from Brass and Wind Instruments, Guitar and Drums to Piano and Voice. Each evening was well attended by families and former students who came to support their younger friends' performances. Congratulations to all our musicians and the staff who support them. We are blessed to have so much talent amongst us.

Next weekend our Central Australia trip heads off – since I am leading the Trip this year, Mr Sam Wright will be Acting Principal for the last week of term. Our adventure begins on Sunday 15th September with a very early departure. The group will be travelling up through the centre of Australia and to the top end. It is a great itinerary and I am sure all the travellers will have the experience of a lifetime. We return in the middle of the holidays, early on Grand Final Day.

Staffing update: As previously announced, Sam Wright will take up his appointment at Padua College next term. Courtney Young (Blair) commences Maternity Leave. John Ryan is taking Long Service Leave for Term 4, during which his duties will be shared by Jacinta Johnston and John Poole. It is with much regret that I advise Sibby Wilson from the Office is leaving. Sibby was one of the original pioneers of the College - she was one of the first students, and has worked here ever since. We are all very grateful for all she has done over the years to keep the office running smoothly. It is hard to imagine the College without her. We wish Sibby, John, Courtney and Sam all the best as they embark on their next adventures.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching. Ms Jodie Connell will join us after week three of next term. Jodie is currently Head Pedagogy Coach at St Peter's College, Clyde North. She brings extensive leadership experience and post-graduate qualifications to the role. Many will remember Jodie, who was previously a teacher here for over ten years. She will make a great contribution and I know you will join me in welcoming her back to Mary MacKillop College.

Uniform: The changeover period begins on Monday. For the last two weeks of this term and the first two weeks of term four, students may wear either summer or winter uniform. Please note that scarves are not part of summer uniform.

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

**David Leslie
Principal**



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MUSIC EISTEDDFOD TRARALGON

JUNIOR CHOIR - 1st in the Primary/Secondary Section
BOYS VOCAL GROUP - 3rd in the Primary/Secondary Section
SENIOR CHOIR - 3rd in the Secondary Section

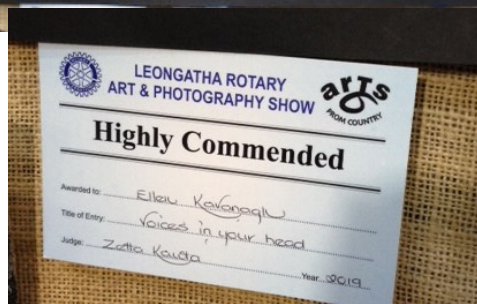
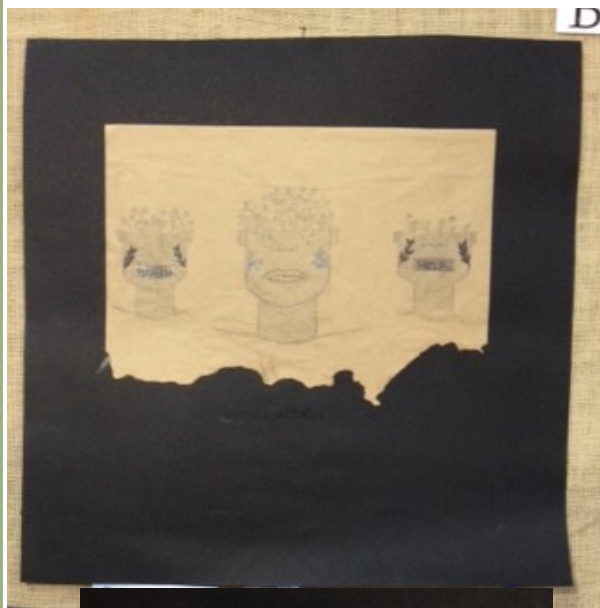


YEAR 8 LAUNCH - GYMNASTICS



ROTARY ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW 2019

It was great to see so many students art work in the exhibition this year. We had work entered from a number of year levels with an array of traditional and contemporary mediums. Very pleasing to see Ellen Kavanagh receive a Highly commended for her pencil piece, titled 'Voices in your Head' in the Youth 13-18 Section.



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Grade 5 Discovery Day

Thursday 24 October 2019

Come and See!

All Welcome!



To register download a form at
www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 5662 4255

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS



On Saturday 23rd August, 28 students represented Mary MacKillop College across four separate disciplines, STEM; Arts; Social Sciences and Literature in the annual Tournament of Minds competition at Kurnai College, Churchill.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students integrated across year levels from 7-10. The Tournament's aim is to enhance and develop diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging, creative and competitive environment.

The first competition round begins on day one of term three when registered teams are issued a Long Term Challenge and given six weeks to prepare their response as a ten minute presentation. Teams are limited to a modest budget and a recommended list of materials to produce a solution. Each discipline is given a different challenge that requires the team to demonstrate how they produced their result without any outside help from anyone else. Additionally, teams are given a Spontaneous Challenge on the day of competition to strengthen and test the teams resolve.

In our first year of competition the Tournament of Minds teams worked diligently each week to produce and prepare their best team effort. Lunch and after school workshops and rehearsal helped to motivate exciting concepts and ideas to solve challenges across all disciplines. Students continually asked and pushed for more time to ensure they got the best chance to advance to the next round.

We are very proud of our teams and supporting teachers who have encouraged all Mary MacKillop students to think outside the square, dare to risk failure and strive with all the necessary effort to believe that their ideas count and their voices should be heard. Congratulations to all teams and supporting teacher's for setting the bar so high! We wish STEM, Arts and Literature teams all the best for the State Finals on Sunday 8th September at La Trobe University, Bundoora.

YEAR 8 SCIENCE



Some of our Year 8 Students making caramel slice to look at chemical and physical changes !

A very yummy experiment !



GIS PUBLIC SPEAKING AT LAVALLA COLLEGE



On Thursday the 29th of August, three Year 9 students, Jamie Findlay, Holly Bellsar and Georgia Burns competed in the GIS inter-school Public Speaking Competition. Lavalla College held the event with the high-profile guest judge, Tasneem Chopra, who is a human rights advocate and advisor on multi-culturalism in Australia. She is also a regular media commentator, frequently participating in public debates, including guest spots on the ABC program, Q & A.

All students were given the inspiring prompt, "We must always take sides," from Elie Wiesel, who was a holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Winner. The quality of the speeches were extremely high from all students participating. Mary MacKillop students wrote and spoke with great confidence, while tackling serious topics, such as mental health, violence against women and the plight for girls to be educated in Sierra Leone. Holly Belsar placed third and Georgia Burns first.

The senior debating team also attended the event, offering their support and mentoring. The day was extremely successful, highlighting the importance of public speaking skills.

VCAL EXCURSION



Mr Ryan and Mr Bowman out with some of our VCAL students on the Lily Pilly walk at Wilson's Promontory



INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Our students performing at the Brass and Woodwind Instrumental Evening held on Monday 26th August.



SSV BASKETBALL

Well Done to our SSV Year 7 Basketball Team who came runners up on 21st August at Korumburra



Pictured Back Row: Bella Mackie, Molly Heber, Stella McGannon, Anna Kirk

Pictured Front Row: Jaime Little, Amber Walker, Isabella Cocksedge, Jayde Hall

YEAR 10 WALKATHON FUNDRAISER

The whole of Year 10 joined together for their Walkathon fundraiser. On offer was hot chocolate, chips, cakes and bacon and egg sandwiches! Special thank you to those who donated items - eggs, bacon and to Bakers Delight for the bread!!



YEAR 12 REFLECTION DAY

Our Year 12 students only have a few weeks left of school, they have all taken time out for a Reflection Day at Cape Paterson. Thank you to special guest Jarryd Blair!



Mary MacKillop College
South Gippsland
5662 4255



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



Phone



Flexibuzz (App)



PAM by 8:45am



Email

attendance@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

WALKATHON FUNDRAISER

Congratulations Zephyr Anderson who won the 8E Party Box Walkathon Fundraiser Raffle



TANISHA HILL - YEAR 8A

Tanisha has qualified for the Australian Barrel Racing National Finals in both Junior and Open Sections. Barrel Racing is a timed event where you ride your horse in an arena around three drums in a clover leaf pattern. The fastest time is the overall winner and there are divisions for placing. The finals are being held in Tamworth at the AELEC centre on the 17th to 22nd of September 2019. There will be approximately 800 competitors and Tanisha and her family (and horses) will be camping for the week.

We wish Tanisha all the best! If you would like to follow her journey her family has set up a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Tanishas-journey-to-the-ABHA-National-Finals-in-Tamworth-2019-104592844218483/>



ARTZFEST



Around 25 students from years 7-10 attended this year's GIS Cultural ArtzFest event on Tuesday the 3rd of September at Chairo Christian School, Drouin. There were four schools participating in the collaborative event, which celebrates the Arts through dance, drama and art. The event once again proved to be a great way to celebrate the arts in our schools and to bring our communities together.

This year, students were given the theme, "Mercy," to imbed in the dance and drama performances and art work. The students all came together at Mary MacKillop for the first rehearsal on Monday the 12th August to work with choreographers and workshop facilitators. The Drama group constructed a performance based on two constraints; the theme of Mercy and the incorporation of Epic Theatre techniques. Each school wrote their own interpretation showing acts of mercy. Mary MacKillop students and Drama Teacher, Laura Muranty, created a short play called, 'In Your Shoes.' The story focused on three characters, who were confronted with their prejudice for the homeless, Asylum Seekers and Indigenous People. Following two weeks of rehearsals, 12 Drama students pulled off a fantastic performance.

Dancers worked hard to learn contemporary choreography in an intermediate and senior dance group. Mercy was the clear theme in both song choices and the dancers delivered emotive dances on the performance night. Art students worked with Colleen Herbert to create four metal work art installations of a cross, which strikingly lined the sides of the stage. A giant mural of Jesus was also painted and displayed.

Artzfest is not only an opportunity for Arts students to extend their experience but it is also a platform for schools to showcase and highlight individual student's work. Mary MacKillop's Year 11 Theatre Studies student, Jess Sara, confidently sang the song, 'She Used to be Mine,' from the hit musical, 'Waitress. Many parents and family members attended the evening show, enjoying the quality of performances.



YEAR 12 UNIT 3 & 4 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
<u>HHD Prac Exam</u> To be organised in HHD Double Class on Thursday 19/9 CBLA to supervise	Session 1	<u>9.00 – 10.15 am</u> Maths Methods Exam 1 <u>9.00 - 10.45 am</u> 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
<u>Friday 20th September</u> <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 9 September	Karli Densley
Tuesday 10 September	Deb Carmody
Wednesday 11 September	Jenny Enbom
Thursday 12 September	Robyn Colwill
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

Monday 7 October	Kaye Ellery Burke
Tuesday 8 October	Marianne Bloye
Wednesday 9 October	Marlene Dyke
Thursday 10 October	Nena Caithness
Friday 11 October	Belinda Brennan

Monday 14 October	Paul Wilson
Tuesday 15 October	Jenny Enbom
Wednesday 16 October	Robyn Ellen
Thursday 17 October	Melanie Heber
Friday 18 October	Nadia Patton

2019	
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

Leongatha Little Athletics

LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF RUNNING, JUMPING
AND THROWING TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR ALL SPORTS



The 2019/2020 season commences Saturday 5th
October 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome.

For athletes 5 - 15 years old

On Track Skill Development Program for 5 year olds
New athletes can "Come and Try" prior to registering

Register online at www.lavic.com.au/Get-Involved
and search [Leongatha Centre](#)

RETURNING ATHLETES MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID PRIOR TO COMPETING.

President: Ben Cruickshank 0438551976

Registrar: Karen Cruickshank 0419315300

Email: leongathalac@gmail.com

Request to join Leongatha Little Athletics on Facebook.
www.leongathalittleathletics.com



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Leongatha:

Pioneer Hall

Thursday 12 September

3.50pm to 6pm

7pm to 8.55pm

Wonthaggi:

**St Joseph's Primary
School Hall**

Tuesday 17 September

4.50pm to 7pm

Bookings for both these evening are made via PAM
(Parent Access Module)

<http://pam.mmcre.catholic.edu.au/>



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