

Mary MacKillop College Newsletter

18 October 2019

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

Father God, we thankyou for these graduating students

We pray that you will give the, direction, purpose and perserverance as they enter the next phase of their lives

Give them the elearness of mind to move forward into the plans and purposes that you have for them

May these young people gain wisdom from you and have discernment for proper behaviour Give them wisdom to spend their time wisely

Grant them success for their efforts at every turn and guide their feet to follow your ways May they be eager to do good all the days of their lives

Amen

Welcome back to all families and students for Term 4. I hope that everyone had a safe and restful holiday break.

Our Year 12's have been busy over the holidays revising their work in preparation for their final exams. Families can assist their students by reinforcing the balance or regular meals, exercise and sleep. The end of schooling is a significant milestone in everyones' life. Last week I spoke to our students about College expectations around end of year celebrations and the consequences they could face if these are not met. We want our students to enjoy it and for all of us to enjoy celebrating it with them. Above all, we want them to be safe.

Our Year 9's also attended their Melbourne Camp last week for a 3 day City experience. All reports back are that they had a great time.

The Central Australia trip concluded mid-way through the last holidays and was a great success. The students have all contributed to the report in this newsletter. It is clear that they had a great time.

We look forward to welcoming Grade 5's on Thursday 24 October these students are coming to 'discover' our College for the day as part of our transition program from primary to secondary school! Their parents and families will be making decisions and preparing to send their son/daughters to secondary school in 2020.

Please make sure you have completed a form for your Grade 5 child to attend and return it to the College Office.

Enrolment applications for entry into Mary MacKillop College are at record highs. If you have family or friends with a child to enrol, please tell them to watch deadlines to avoid disappointment.

Finally our Year 12's finish their formal schooling today, 18 October. There were festivities at school in the morning with the farewell assembly in Pioneer Hall. It was great to see so many parents & families come along join us. We had the Valedictory Mass at St Joseph's Wonthaggi followed by Dinner at the Silverwater Resort, San Remo. It was a most enjoyable night, with our graduands and their families.

> **David Leslie Principal**



2019 SEMESTER 2 - YEAR 11 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Lessons	Wednesday 6 th November Room 20/21	Thursday 7 th November Room 20/21	Friday 8 th November Room 20/21
Lessons 1 & 2	English Literature	Psychology Chemistry Accounting Visual Communication	Biology Theatre Studies Physics Human Health & Development
Alternative arrangements 1 & 2	Study in Library	Study in Library	Study in Library
Lessons 3 & 4	General Maths	Art Geography Legal Studies Physical Ed	History Business Management Human Health & Development
Alternative arrangements 3 & 4	Home study or study in Library	Home study or study in Library	Home study or study in Library
Lessons 5 & 6	Home study or supervised study in Library	Maths Methods Home study or supervised study in Library	VET Music Performance (Elly Poletti - Music Room) Home study or supervised study in Library

Alternative arrangements are for students not scheduled to do exams at that particular time but still present at school.

Attention Year 10's doing a VCE Unit 1/2 Subject

Please attend the relevant exam as scheduled and resume normal classes once your Unit 2 Exam is finished.

YEAR 11 YOUTH MINISTRY



Pictured is Mrs Leslie delivering the clothing to a NPYWC representative whilst the group were in Alice Springs

Thank you to the College Community for their generous donations of women's and children's clothing to support the Ngaanyatjarra Pitijantjatjara Yankunytjatatjara (NPY) Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation), who support Aboriginal women and children in the NPY Lands of SA, WA and NT.

Ten bags of good quality women's and children's pre-loved/second hand clothing (both winter and summer items including coats, boots, jeans, jumpers, shorts, t-shirts and other shoes) were transported to Alice Springs with the MMCRC Central Trip. The items have already been distributed to women and families in need, many are victims of family violence and based in remote communities, without the access to resources like many of us. Should you have any other items that you would like to donate please contact Ms Bourke on sbourke@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY



Our Year 12 Students final day of celebration with some great outfits !!!

















TREE PLANTING







Our Year 12 Students planted their tree along the College Driveway

ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME









Our Annual Year 10 vs. Year 12 footy game was held and it was its 10th Anniversary. Congratulations to the Year 12's on their win!



This morning we rose early after staying in an underground dugout for the night. We watched the sunrise as we departed the town of Coober Pedy. Not far down the road we stopped at the 'Dog Fence' and

DAY 3 COOBER PEDY TO ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

the 'Breakaways' to check out the spectacular views that were on offer. We continued on, crossing the border to the Northern Territory from South Australia. We arrived in Yulara. After setting up camp for the night we walked up to the lookout and watched the sunset over Uluru, where we captured some amazing photos and took in the beautiful view, before heading to bed to rest before a big day



DAY 4 ULURU KATA TJULTA NATIONAL PARK

Firstly, we went on a 6km walk around Uluru. As we were walking, John our tour guide taught us some interesting history about the rock. The base walk is the best way to discover the diverse plants, animals and geological features of the park. It was very hot whilst walking and we needed to stay hydrated. We then visited Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre operated by the Anangu people -traditional owners of Uluru. We got to see traditional paintings being painted and displayed. When we returned to the Ayers Rock Resort Caravan Park we went for our first swim to cool down. We enjoyed pre-dinner nibbles and drinks watching sunset at Uluru. Sandra Gibbins

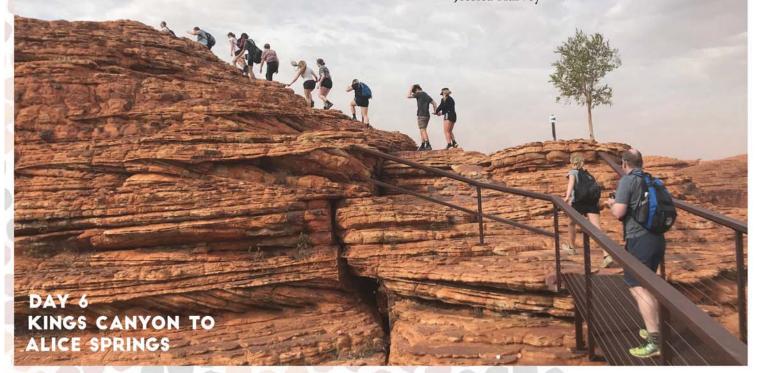


On Day 5, we packed on to the bus for an early morning, leaving the Yulara campsite and made our way to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). Although the morning was windy, the view was spectacular; with beautiful mountains and green trees that covered the landscapes. it was a great way to spend the morning. Afterwards, we packed on to the bus and travelled to the Valley of Winds. We partook in a long hike but we were rewarded with an incredible view. A couple hours later, we stopped at Curtain Springs for a lovely lunch and then continued with our journey. Some of the bus rides were just another excuse to sleep, but others were a time for competitive UNO being played to pass the time. Later in the afternoon, we arrived at our destination for the night; Kings Canyon Frontier Caravan Park and set up our tents. For the evening, we relaxed in the pool right across from our tents and enjoyed some free time before dinner. Ellen Kavanagh



We woke up early this morning to pack up and go to the Kings Canyon. The walk around the rim was one of my favourite parts of the trip, as every part of it seemed different. The first 500 steps of the Rim Walk is the most challenging, but the view from the top is what really takes your breath away. It wasn't too hot either which was always a plus when we were doing big walks. After the walk we all got on to the bus for yet again another big drive. Just outside Alice Springs we got to go and ride camels. There were three camels all harnessed together per 'camel train' and two people rode each camel. We finally got to camp and once we set up and had dinner we went to see a contemporary didgeridoo show. We got to join in with didgeridoos and other indigenous instruments, which was pretty cool.

Jessica Harvey



We started the day early for an 8am departure, still settled in Alice Springs from the day before. We hit the road and arrived at the beautiful Simpson's Gap. What a place! After taking several group photographs, we hopped back in the bus and continued on to the Old Telegraph Station, ANZAC Hill and School of the Air. All of these places were extremely significant to many people. After these activities, we enjoyed free time around Alice Springs for lunch and at the caravan park. The bags of clothes we transported for Miss Bourke's Youth Ministry class were picked up. These are for indigenous women and children. That night, we had Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and then experienced an amazing reptile show. Rachael Ramsay



DAY 8 ALICE SPRINGS TO DALY WATERS

We departed camp at 4:30am as we were to travel over 900 kilometres today. It was a big drive from Alice Springs to Daly Waters. On the way we visited Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles). These are of great cultural and spiritual significance to the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land, and the reserve protects one of the oldest religious sites in the world as well as the natural rock formations found there. We stopped at Renner Springs for lunch. From there the bus trip was only a few hours to the High Way Inn Daly Waters Hotel Caravan Park. Billy Manicaro

DAY 9 DALY WATERS TO KATHERINE

Before we left Daly Waters today we visited the Daly Waters Pub. It is full of a great variety of things that have been left behind by travellers passing



through from all over the world. These are proudly put on display. A few us had

polaroids taken for \$5 (the money is donated to charity), signed them and stuck them on the walls. We departed from the pub and headed for the Mataranka Thermal Pools which were about 34 degrees celsius and the water was crystal clear. After about 40 minutes of swimming we hopped out and ate our lunch in the car park under some trees to shade us from the strong sun. Next we headed to Katherine and stopped at the shops for any necessary supplies, then we set up camp at Katherine Gorge Caravan Park. It was a really fun day which we'll remember for a long time. Amy Piasente

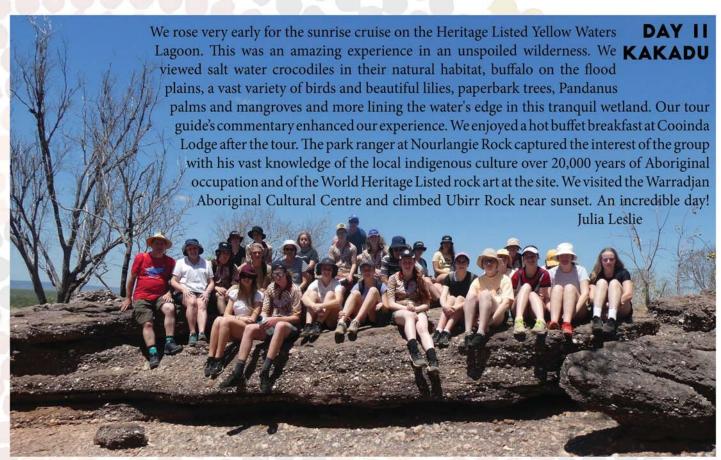


On early Tuesday morning we woke up at Katherine Gorge Caravan Park. After an enjoyable

DAY 10 KATHERINE TO JABIRU

breakfast we made our way down to the gorge to board a cruise boat. For the next two hours we were sitting in a boat experiencing all the cool views of the gorges. We looked for crocodiles and saw their nesting places. While we were on the cruise we saw a snake curled up inside a crack of a rock, so our boat took us closer to look at it. After the snake sighting our boat made its way back to where we had started the cruise to conclude our journey through two of the gorges. We then set off to a place call Edith falls, which was my favourite part of the day. We had a swim for approximately 40 minutes. After the swim we had lunch then got back on the bus and headed to Jabiru. Boyd Robertson



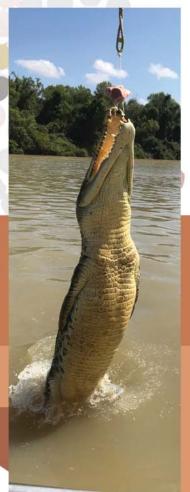


DAY 12 Day 12 was most likely the highlight of the whole trip for me, even KAKADU TO though there was quite a bit of driving! Throughout the day we drove further up north to Darwin and we enjoyed a cruise to watch the jumping crocodiles along the breathtaking Adelaide River. The total tour lasted around one hour and we were able to watch a range of different crocs jump up and snatch at their little snack. We had a delicious hot breakfast after the cruise. After that we drove into Darwin. Luca Bobe



To finish off our trip, we visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service. We had the opportunity to use different technology to see how the Service operated. There is also a virtual reality presentation

also a virtual reality presentation of the bombing of Darwin Harbour in 1942. We then were taken to the Darwin shopping strip, where we had lunch and had a chance to look around. On our way to the airport we had plenty of stops, including multiple lookouts over Darwin. We made our way to the airport and said goodbye to our driver and chef, who had looked after us for the trip. We departed Darwin early on in the night and had an easy flight home. Archie Brewer



DAY 13

DARWIN TO

LEONGATHA

MELBOURNE TO

OBSERVATIONS AND REFLECTIONS.....

The part of our Central Australia/Kakadu Trip that I enjoyed most was the walk up and around Kings Canyon. During the 4 hour walk around the canyon, spectacular views could be seen of the sheer cliff faces that had been formed long ago. There were plenty of photo opportunities and plenty of amazing views to look at as the Kings Canyon walk takes you throughout the canyon and down to a watering hole in the middle of the cliffs known as The Garden of Eden. Kings Canyon was the highlight of my trip as it offered spectacular views along the walk. Zoe Patterson



My favourite parts of the Central Australia trip would have had to have been Edith Falls and the Kakadu National Park walk the next afternoon. Edith Falls was a wonderful place to swim and the national park has beautiful views at the end of the walk. Samantha Schnoor

On the Central Australia trip I enjoyed most seeing Kings Canyon and visiting Kakadu National Park. The 7km walk around the rim of the canyon was amazing and the views were spectacular. Overall it was a really enjoyable walk. At Kakadu we did a walk through the national park and saw many sites of the Aboriginal rock art, as well as having a detailed explanation of the meaning behind some of the art. This was really interesting. Jessica Wright

I was surprised by how rugged and bare the terrains are in the deserts. We were told that there wasn't a lot out there on some of the roads, but that was a real understatement. Sometimes we would go hours without seeing anything but trees and scrubs. It was amazing to see how different the land looks compared to where we live. They have red, dry dirt and we have green, lush grass and trees that grow and flourish with leaves. Lexie Jobling





What I enjoyed most about the 2019 Central Australia/Kakadu trip were the many different places we had visited, especially Kings Canyon and Edith falls. During this trip I enjoyed travelling over such a huge distance across the outback of Australia right up the centre and seeing all the places that we got to stop off at and the experiences we got to share as a group. This trip was an amazing experience that I will always remember. Lucy Phipps

I enjoyed the camel rides just outside of Alice Springs the most because it was something I had never done before and it was different to all the other activities we did. Talei Falkingham



The biggest surprise on our adventure through Central Australia would have to be seeing Uluru up close for the first time and just how big it is – 348 metres high and nearly 10 kilometres to walk around. To add to those measurements, it extends a further 2.5km underground. Wow! Later travelling further north we experienced more amazement and surprises when we saw the red cliffs at Kings Canyon and the luscious, green vegetation that grows in the facings of rocks. On the trip overall there wasn't a day in which we didn't experience, learn or lack amazement in the natural beauty of central and northern Australia. Dakota Rigby





My favourite part of the trip was seeing how the Australian landscape changes and how big our country it really is. Nash Jefferis



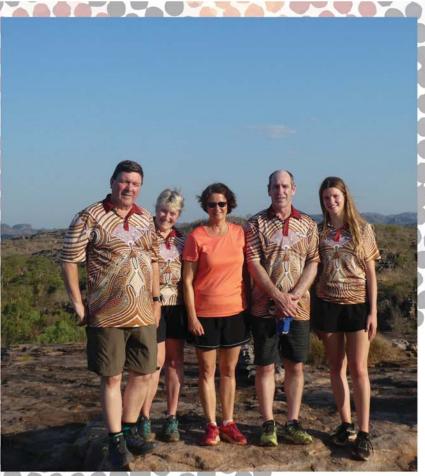


I enjoyed going to the Mataranka thermal pools most, we got to swim in the water. The water was at a temperature of around 30 degrees, so this made the experience more enjoyable as it wasn't really cold. The pools were surrounded by many trees and plants, so the scenery was really green and pretty. Beatrix Bishop

I was surprised by how dry and barren it was all the way from Port Augusta to Coober Pedy. It was like a waste land, but it was beautiful at the same time. I was also surprised at how big Uluru actually is. It looks smallish in pictures but it is actually massive. Brock Furness







WOMEN AND GIRL'S HEALTH WEEK

Our Women and Girl's Health Week Activities kicked off with a Basketball Shot Competition at lunch time.

Congratulations to Jayde (Year 7), Georgia (Year 8) and Mrs Herbert!

Thanks to Anna and Hannah our AFL Sports Ready Trainees for organising.





WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



Our Year 10 Students all had a go at Wheelchair Basketball

YEAR 9 CAMP





HOSIERS LANE

The Year 9 City Camp is always a whirlwind of activities and this year saw another successful expedition to Melbourne CBD.

Mrs Dwyer had organised a jam packed itinerary and all of it within walking distance or a short tram ride of our city digs in Collins Street.

My personal highlight? Blender Studio where George taught us stencilling. Within one session I saw beautiful and effective artwork being created.

The second part of the art experience was a tour of street art including Hosiers Lane and ACDC Lane. Ben, our tour leader, is himself a street artist. He explained the 'rules' behind graffiti and the back story to many of the amazing art works that are in Melbourne's laneways. When is graffiti art? My answer: When it transfers an idea or makes a socially significant comment or when it is simply visually pleasing.

In the photographs attached you will see Ben explaining the various techniques used in street art. It is not simply spray can work but a huge array of media and techniques with cross over into sculpture and materials technology. Also pictured is Cindy Lauper in a piece based upon her famous video clip of Girls Just Wanna have Fun!

Well – I am pleased to say girls and boys had fun on this camp!

DON HISLOP CUP



Mary MacKillop College has won the Don Hislop Cup for 2019! Pictured with all our Students who made it to the State Competition

GIPPSLAND TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



On the 19th of September Mary MacKillop CRC competed in the Gippsland Track and Field Championships. It was the most perfect of days, weather wise, and the carnival ran smoothly with a strong showing from a large field of representatives from 27 schools taking to the field and track events. Our team did exceptionally well with some 13 students making it through to the State Championships due to be held in October at the Lakeside Athletics Centre in Melbourne.

The many outstanding individual efforts saw the College place 5th on 405.5 points. This was only 23 points from a second placing such was the competitive nature of the competition. Special mention should go to Ryan Giliam who was outstanding on the day. I would also like to thank Donna Wylie, for her outstanding support of our students, and Natalie Giliam and Colleen Herbert for their work with the team on the day of the carnival.

Individuals who achieved a podium finish are listed below:

First Place

1500m **Harrison Garlick Madeline Herbert Discus** 100m Ryan Giliam **Cade James** 100m **Thomas Hudson** 100m Harry Hoekstra **High Jump** Ryan Giliam 200m Ada Hill 400m Ryan Giliam 400m Ryan Giliam Hurdles 17 Boys 4 x 100m **Relay Team** 18-20 Boys 4 x 100m Relay Team

Second Place

Lily Perks	Shotput
Aljon Miel	Javelin
Caeleb Garlick	1500m
Samantha Clerk	Hurdles
Taylor Mitchell	Long Jump
Tanayia Lim	100m
Cade James	Discus
Ada Hill	800m
Harrison Garlick	800m
Cade James	Shotput
Cade James	200m
James Heneghan	400m
Flynn Lord	400m
Madeline Herbert	Shotput

Third Place

Rory Hanks	Triple Jump
Rem Dal Pozzo	Shotput
Ben Jones	1500m
Lara Stefani	Shotput
Haylee Whiteside	Javelin
13 Boys 4 x 100m	Relay Team
17 Girls 4 x 100m	Relay Team









2020 SCHOOL FEES

The 2020 School Fees for Mary MacKillop Catholic College have been approved by the DOSCEL Board.

The College has endeavoured to keep fee rises to a minimum whilst maintaining excellent curriculum and facilities.

The School Fees for 2020 are:

One Student Family - \$4,746 plus \$466 Capital Levy

Two Student Family - \$8,543 plus \$466 Capital Levy

Three or more Student Family - \$11,153 plus \$466 Capital Levy

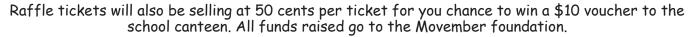
Discounts will continue to apply to the tuition fee component as per the College School Fee Policy. The Capital Levy is a per family compulsory fee to assist with the ongoing capital requirements of the College.

Our preferred method of payment is direct debit for ease of payment but there are a variety of payment methods available. Should any family need to discuss fee payment arrangements, please contact the Finance Department.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Throughout the month of November, the VCAL Intermediate Class will be selling plenty of your favourite soft drinks valued at \$1.50 and snags in bread with onion valued at \$2.50. The Sausage Sizzle will be held at lunch time at the BBQ area every Tuesday of the month!!

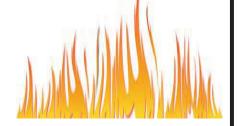


The Movember foundation is an organisation that supports men's health.

On the days this is happening there will be announcements made to ensure you are all aware.









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 21 October	Claire Blackford
Tuesday 22 October	Cathy Waldron
Wednesday 23 October	Catrina Donato
Thursday 24 October	Deb Carmody
Friday 25 October	Danielle Lorkin
Monday 28 October	Linda Tack
Tuesday 29 October	Jenny Enbom
Wednesday 30 October	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 31 October	Melanie Hebert
Friday 1 November	Michelle Witteveen
Monday 4 November	STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 4 November Tuesday 5 November	STUDENT FREE DAY MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Tuesday 5 November	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
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Help us to help you ...

LABEL YOUR UNIFORMS AND BELONGINGS

The expense of lost uniforms can really add up, so Labelling is a great cost-saving measure. Labelling your child's belongings really does help to help you! If something is named, we are only happy to return it to your child.

Examples below:

Phillipa Bucket

Harry Potter

2019	
Wed 23 to Fri 25 Oct	Year 11 Sport & Recreation Camp -Torquay
Thurs 24 Oct	Grade 5 Discovery Day
Tues 29 Oct	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Wed 30 Oct to Fri 1 Nov	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp - Wilson's Promontory
Wed 30 Oct to Tues 19 Nov	YEAR 12 EXAMS
Mon 4 Nov	STUDENT FREE DAY (Year 7-11)
Tues 5 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Wed 6 - Fri 8 Nov	YEAR 11 EXAMS
Mon 11 Nov	TERM ZERO begins
Fri 15 Nov	Year 7 Immunisations
Mon 18 to Fri 22 Nov	Portland to Penola Pilgrimage
Tues 26 Nov	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Tues 3 Dec	Year 7 - 2020 Orientation Day
Fri 6 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

Uniform Shop is open each Friday

from 12.50 pm - 1.35 pm

Canteen is open Monday - Friday

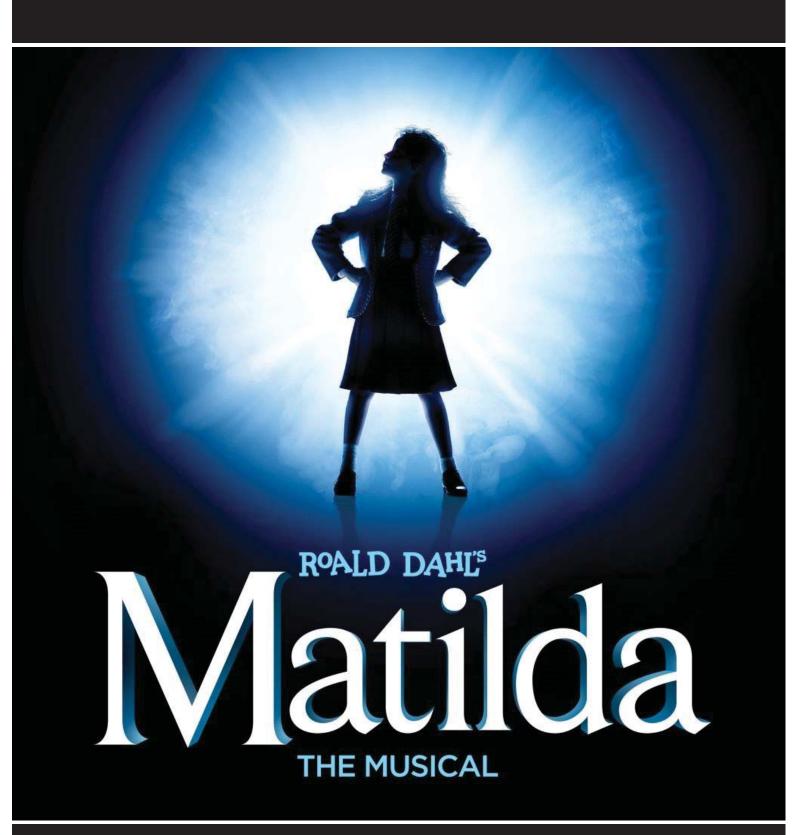
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Do you have any College Uniform items that you would like to sell?

You can do this by dropping items at the Office with you name and contact details and our P & F will sell the items on your behalf at the Uniform Shop!

COMING SOON

Mary MacKillop College has launched Tim Minchin's Musical Masterpiece "MATILDA" as the School Production for APRIL 2020



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