



*The Wisdom  
of the Lord Teaches us*

# Mary MacKillop College

## Newsletter

Term 4  
15 November 2019



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

*Julian Tenison Woods  
1875*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### *This Weeks Prayer*

*God of life and death  
Our prayers are with those communities and individuals  
Whose lives have been damaged in differing ways by the  
recent bushfires.  
We pray for all those who have been affected;  
We pray for those who are missing,*

*We pray for those who have been injured and survived,  
We pray for those who have lost their home and property,  
We are aware of those who have lost stock,  
We pray for all involved in fighting the fire,  
We pray for all who offer support and care at this time:  
Amen*

November is the month to remember and pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, so it is fitting that Monday was Remembrance Day. It commemorates that in 1918, one hundred and one years ago, at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the Armistice took effect and ended the fighting in the Great War. Across all the belligerent nations, over 70 million people were mobilised into armies. Between 9 and 13 million died, with as many as one third having no known grave. It was called "The war to end all wars", but was in fact only the first modern world conflict. The custom of keeping the minute's silence can be traced back to the first anniversary commemoration in 1919. Ever since then, countries all over the world have marked the occasion by keeping a minute's silence in honour of those who have given their lives in the many wars that have scarred our world. As usual, we held a remembrance day ceremony at school on Monday. On such days, my prayer, and the prayer of all who care for our young people, is that it will never be them.

Please keep in your prayers the communities of Korumburra Secondary College, Mirboo North Secondary College, Catholic College Sale and Presentation College Windsor. They have all faced tragedy and loss in recent weeks.

This is a very busy time at school. Our Year 12 students are completing their final exams. Year 11 exams are also complete. This week we started Term Zero, where our senior students commence their Year 12 studies with four weeks of classes before Christmas. A good start now is the building block for future success. Their final exams are now 11 months away. Year 7 – 10 students are completing their courses of study and working up to their end of semester assessment tasks.

On Thursday we held our assembly to announce our 2020 College Captains. Each year we are very impressed with the calibre of students who put themselves forward for leadership roles. I am pleased to announce and offer Congratulations to Lillian Worsfold and Joshua Wright who are 2020 College Captains and Hannah Perry and Benjamin Jones who are College Vice-Captains.

We need your help please: Our cultural exchange with Shibuya High School, Tokyo is set to continue. Shibuya would like to send 12 students to visit us again next March. This will only be possible if there are 12 families willing to host a Japanese student. Please contact Carly Kitchingman at the office if you are able to host a student.

Our Parents & Friends are a small band who do a great job supporting our College. Your support for their efforts is urgently needed – every family has been sent a book of tickets for the Annual P&F Christmas Raffle. There is a great set of prizes on offer. Please make an effort to sell your book and return the tickets, both to make the raffle a success and to encourage our loyal group of volunteers.

**David Leslie  
Principal**

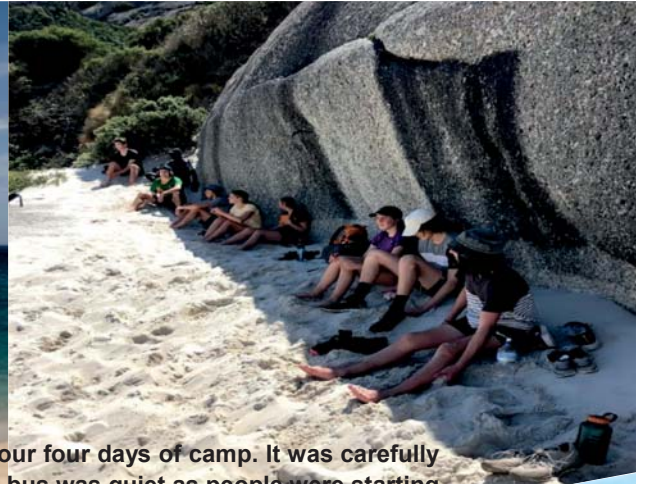


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# CERTIFICATE II VET SPORT AND RECREATION

## WILSONS PROMONTORY CAMP

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



Day one - we arrived at school packed the bus and trailer and set off for our four days of camp. It was carefully designed to challenge us and bring us all closer together as a group. The bus was quiet as people were starting to think about the tasks we were about to encounter. We arrived at Tidal River, where it would be our home for the next three nights. The sun was shining as we set up our campsite, some peoples tents needed a little work but to everyone's surprise, they seemed to survive the time. We organised our packs and set off for our very first hike to Oberon Bay. We walked along the beach and came to the trail but we didn't get far because of the encounter with another group on their O.E.G camp. A girl had slipped and hit her head, we couldn't pass as they didn't want any disturbances that could injure her any further. It came time to use our contingency plan. As a group, we discussed what would be the best route and decided to make the trek to Squeaky Beach.





The beach was beautiful and was a great place to have fun and enjoy the sun. There were wrestling matches and human pyramids, that failed and left everyone in fits of laughter.

It came time to leave the beach, but before we left we took a group photo that soon became a tradition at each destination. Not before long we soon arrived back at camp. We started our first night of dinner.

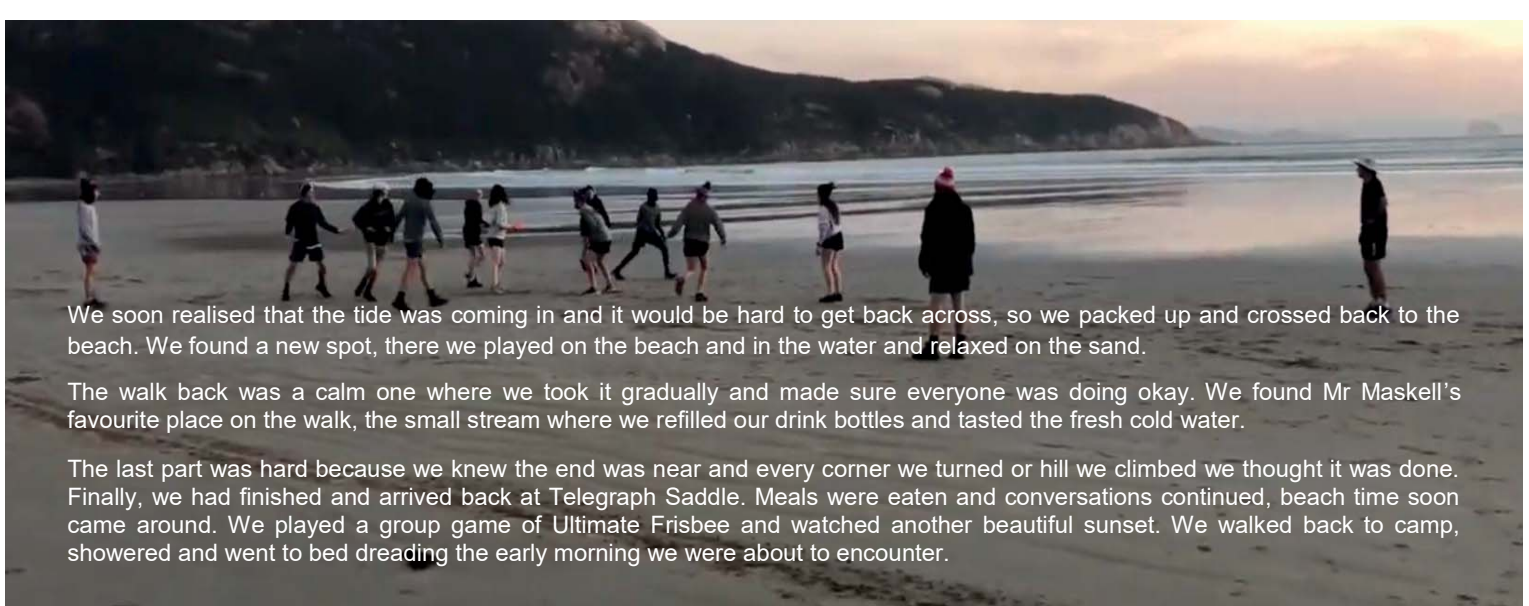


After dinner we walked to Pillar Point to see a beautiful sunset.



The next morning, we woke up ready for one of the biggest days of constant hiking, all the way to Sealers Cove. The first leg was hard with the hot sun shining down and the tough gravel track. Some were struggling, all being team players, people helped by carrying some of their things from their pack to make it easier for them. A boardwalk finished our hike to Sealers Cove. The beach was beautiful and we continued along until we reached our lunch spot, we walked across the river out to a small island.





We soon realised that the tide was coming in and it would be hard to get back across, so we packed up and crossed back to the beach. We found a new spot, there we played on the beach and in the water and relaxed on the sand.

The walk back was a calm one where we took it gradually and made sure everyone was doing okay. We found Mr Maskell's favourite place on the walk, the small stream where we refilled our drink bottles and tasted the fresh cold water.

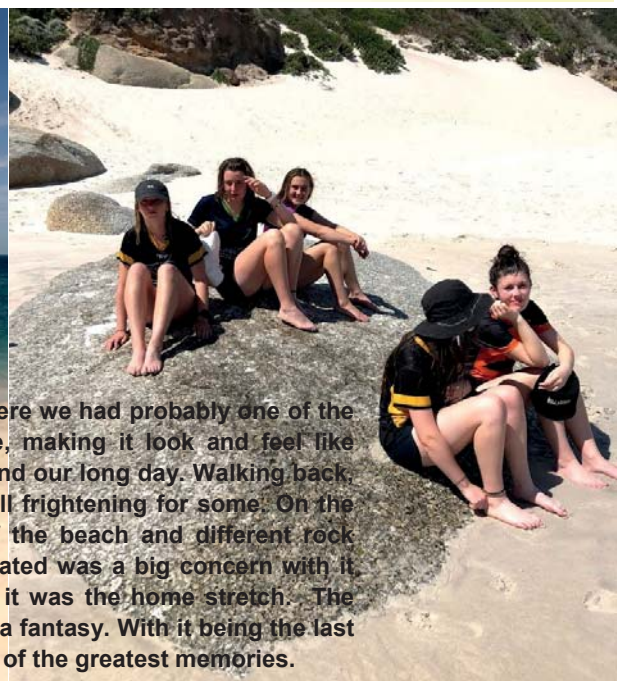
The last part was hard because we knew the end was near and every corner we turned or hill we climbed we thought it was done. Finally, we had finished and arrived back at Telegraph Saddle. Meals were eaten and conversations continued, beach time soon came around. We played a group game of Ultimate Frisbee and watched another beautiful sunset. We walked back to camp, showered and went to bed dreading the early morning we were about to encounter.

The clock hit 4am and we were all up and getting ready for the big hike ahead. Food stuffed in pockets and drink bottles in hands, we set off to climb Mt Oberon and watch the sunrise. It was still very dark and torches were needed, walking we saw a baby snake. Everyone was shocked at the weather, it was warm and humid. Everyone was expecting it to be cold, jumpers were worn. They were soon taken off and tied around waists, the humid weather made it harder to walk up the hills.

Arriving at Telegraph Saddle, a few were struggling and decided to take it easy, while some raced up attempting to catch every bit of the sunrise. As the sun started to rise we sat on the top of Mt Oberon, feeling accomplished of what we had just done. It came time to leave and we had our ritual of taking our group photo, making sure we had the picturesque view in the background. We took our trek down steadily, as we were all very tired and there was no rush. We played our games to pass the time and put some enjoyment into our walks. Seeing people along the walk, looking at them they didn't know what was installed for them.



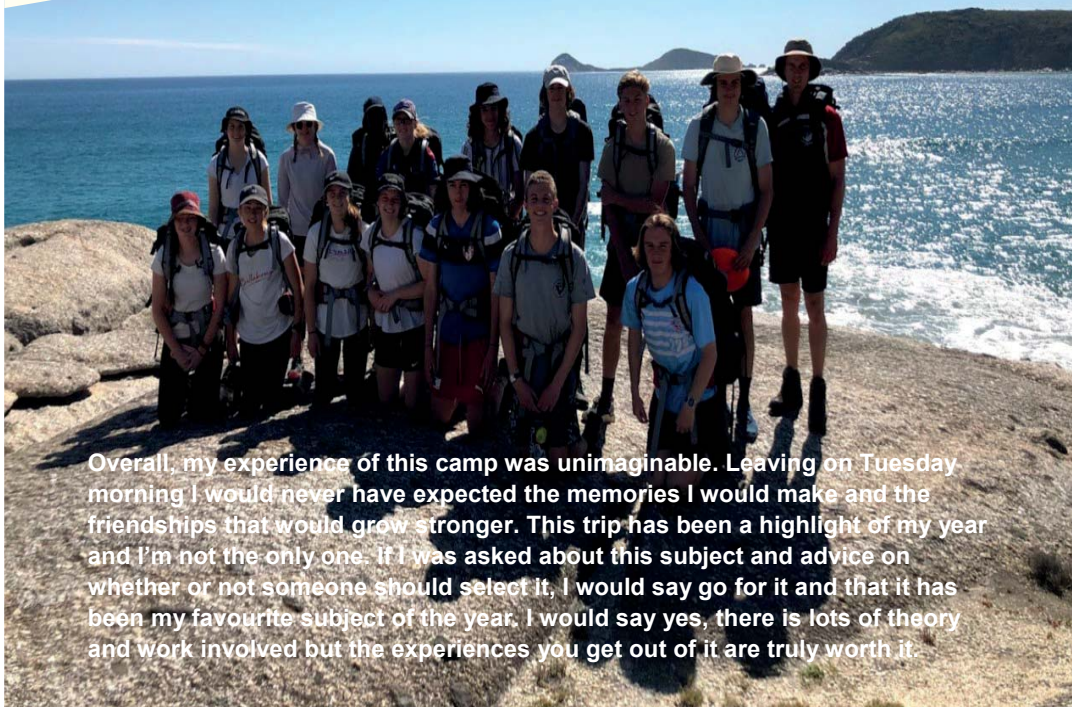
After lunch, a rest and some beach games we set off to Little Oberon Bay where we had probably one of the best experiences of the camp. The water was so blue and the sand white, making it look and feel like paradise. We relaxed on the beach, swam in the water and played games to end our long day. Walking back, we came upon another baby snake, even though it was very small it was still frightening for some. On the way back to our campground, we made sure to take in all the scenery of the beach and different rock formations. Taking it steady, making sure everyone had water and was hydrated was a big concern with it being the hottest day so far. We finally arrived back to Norman Beach and it was the home stretch. The waves were crashing on the shore and the sun was shining bright, it was like a fantasy. With it being the last sunset of our journey, we took it all in and we all sat on the beach making one of the greatest memories.



It came morning, the sun had risen and we were packing up camp ready to leave for our final leg of the journey. The sun was beating down and some were definitely challenged. We made it to Squeaky Beach, where we walked along the beach and reminisced the time we had on the exact beach, just three days ago. Making it off the sand and onto the walking track, we read the sign and were brought down when we realised there was a 45 minute walk to Picnic Bay.

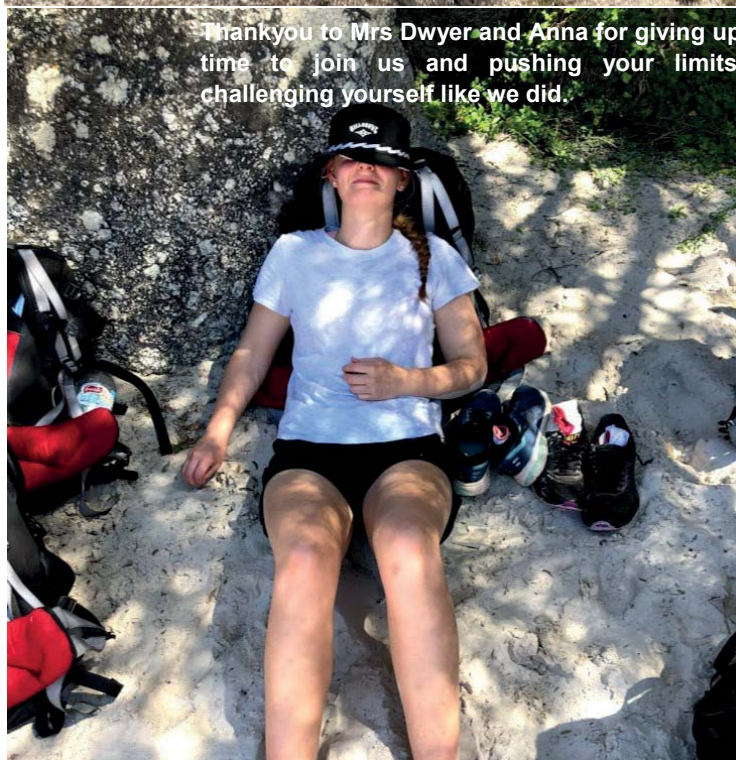


Hiking up steep hills and trying our hardest to push through, we finally made it, Whiskey Bay, our last destination. We celebrated with high fives and were so proud of each other of what we had accomplished, but it wasn't completely over yet. With one last hill, we made it up to see the bus waiting for us.



Overall, my experience of this camp was unimaginable. Leaving on Tuesday morning I would never have expected the memories I would make and the friendships that would grow stronger. This trip has been a highlight of my year and I'm not the only one. If I was asked about this subject and advice on whether or not someone should select it, I would say go for it and that it has been my favourite subject of the year. I would say yes, there is lots of theory and work involved but the experiences you get out of it are truly worth it.

Thankyou to Mrs Dwyer and Anna for giving up your time to join us and pushing your limits and challenging yourself like we did.



But most significantly thankyou to Mr Maskell for all the time and hard work you put into this camp to make it memorable, we all appreciate it so much.

Emily Clarke

## SUPERCARS - YEAR 9 DECODING STUDENTS



An exciting day was had by the Year 9 Decoding Students last Friday. They attended the Supercars at the 'Penrite Oil Sandown 500' as part of the Students on Track Program. This was a reward to recognise their achievements in the program. Very heavy rain and thunderstorms had been forecast initially for the day, but we were lucky and only experienced minor drizzle. This did not upset our day.

We watched practice and qualifying laps of the V8 Supercars, Dunlop Super 2 Series, Toyota 86 Race Series and Touring Car Masters. We observed the action in the team garages as the engineers, mechanics and team owners ran through their paces to get their cars ready for racing. Betty Kilimenko, owner of Penrite Racing Team, kindly spoke to us in her team garage. We wandered around the raceway to see various displays, including classic cars and Australian Army Trucks and Tanks.

A great day was had by all - Mrs Julia Leslie - Decoding Teacher



LOOK WHO LIKES RACING !!!



I enjoyed watching the cars race and I was surprised that I had so much fun. I learnt that it costs \$10 million a year to put 2 V8 Supercars on the track. We learnt so much while talking to Betty Kilimenko, Owner of the Penrite Team - Abby Schreurs

I learned new things about race cars and how they are driven - Ben Phankham

I enjoyed watching the V8's practising and seeing the old cars - Fletcher Moon

I enjoyed looking at all the show cars. There was a great variety of old and new cars to see - Callum Milkins



I was surprised by how much I learnt about the V8's and I still had a good time - Isabella Tomkinson

I enjoyed the cars and being social. It was a fun experience - Brady Owens



## BIG SCIENCE RESULTS 2019

On the 28th May, 49 of our students competed in the Australia wide "Big Science Competition". The results were as follows:

### Year 7 - 15 Participants:

**Distinction:** Angus Halliwell, Niamh O'Connell.

**Credit:** Katie Blackshaw, Sarah Ellery-Burke, Ambrose Strentz.

### Year 8 - 15 Participants:

**High Distinction:** Robert Ornsby, James Rowe.

**Credit:** Christine Denbrok, Livinia Mandemaker, Jeffrin Mathew, Kaelem McCurdy, Emily Ray, Patrick Vella.

### Year 9 - 17 Participants:

**High Distinction:** Samuel Evans

**Distinction:** Liam Smart

**Credit:** Holly Belsar, Charlie Hall, Sandra Sabu, Kaatje Smolders, Reuben Strentz.

### Year 10 - 2 Participants:

**Credit:** Samantha Clerk, Cassandra Scimonello.

### Summary:

**Year 7:** 15 Participants, 5 Awards, 2 Distinctions, 3 Credits.

**Year 8:** 15 Participants, 8 Awards, 2 High Distinctions, 6 Credits.

**Year 9:** 17 Participants, 7 Awards, 1 High Distinction, 1 Distinction, 5 Credits.

**Year 10:** 2 Participants, 2 Awards, 2 Credits.

Our highest scoring student was Samuel Evans (Year 9) with 27/30. Well done Sam. Congratulations to all students who sat for the test.

Mr. Walsh

## SSV TABLE TENNIS

Our Intermediate Girls' SSV Table Tennis Team played in the Regional Competition last week in Traralgon. Charlie Hall, Jaime Findlay, Holly Belsar and Livinia Mandemaker played competitively and well against St. Thomas Aquinas, Tynong to win by one game!

Both teams won the same number of rubbers, so it came down to the number of games won to determine the winner at this level. Our Intermediate Girls' Team has now made it successfully through to the SSV State Competition on November 20 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park. Our Year 7 and 8 Girls' Table Tennis Teams will also be competing on this day.

We congratulate the girls and wish them well for their participation at this next stage. Well done, girls!

**Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Herbert.**



## SSV GIPPSLAND REGIONAL CRICKET



On Wednesday the November 13 the Year 8 Girls Cricket Team travelled to Traralgon to compete in the SSV Gippsland Regional Cricket Competition after winning the South Gippsland Division. First game we played Lavalla Catholic College winning 91 to 76. Our bowlers were impressive and bowled with accuracy and to a team plan. They were well supported on the field and held Lavalla to an achievable total. Our innings began unsteadily but we built momentum to come home with a strong win.. The second game we played Bairnsdale Secondary College it was a cracking game of cricket and a very close contest. With a little luck and some real grit in the final overs we came away with the win 66 to 68. The pitch meant that it was extremely hard to bat and both teams struggled to adjust to the conditions. However, with some clutch bowling we were able to claw our way over the line to win by the narrowest of margins. The last game we had a bye and automatically got the 4 points which sent us straight to "States". We were all very proud of the girls efforts, all tried their hardest and it definitely paid off. We all enjoyed it and can't wait for States!! Also thanks to Mr Lumsden for driving the bus and coaching us.  
Mac, Grace, Gabby, April, Mary, Taya, Haylee, Ava, Zhi Xia, Georgia and Chloe.

## 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.**



**The winner of this week's Movember Fundraising raffle of a \$10 canteen voucher is: Raph Jefferis from 7D.**

Next Sausage sizzle to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Come on down and buy yourself a Sausage and a raffle ticket to support the Movember campaign.



## 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 !!

Raffle tickets will also be selling at 50 cents per ticket for you chance to win a \$10 voucher to the school canteen. All funds raised go to the Movember foundation.

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.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 18 November	Catherine Riseley
Tuesday 19 November	Christie Hall
Wednesday 20 November	Emmeline Morris
Thursday 21 November	Catrina Donato
Friday 22 November	Kylie Reid
Monday 25 November	Karli Densley
Tuesday 26 November	Rebecca Coulter
Wednesday 27 November	Janine Moller
Thursday 28 November	Deb Carmody
Friday 29 November	Megan Vuillermin
Monday 2 December	Eva Zubcic
Tuesday 3 December	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Wednesday 4 December	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 5 December	Julie Schnoor
Friday 6 December	CANTEEN CLOSED

### 2019

Wed 30 Oct to Tues 19 Nov	<b>YEAR 12 EXAMS</b>
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
Tues 3 - Fri 5 Dec	Year 9 & 10 Exams
Fri 6 Dec	<b>END OF YEAR MASS 9.30am</b>
Fri 6 Dec	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 school finishes approx. 12 noon</b>

### 2020

Tues 21 Jan	Book Collection Day 11am to 3pm
Wed 29 Jan	Year 7 & 12 First Day of School
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan	Year 12 RETREAT
Thurs 30 Jan	Year 8 - 11 First Day of School

### Mary MacKillop Parents & Friends Christmas Raffle

- 1st \$200 JB HiFi Gift Card**
- 2nd JBL Charge 4 Bluetooth speaker**  
Thanks to Harman Lifestyle
- 3rd \$50 Lacy Jewellery voucher**  
Thanks to Lacy Jewellery, Meeniyian
- 4th \$50 Bunnings Voucher**  
Thanks to Bunnings, Wonthaggi
- 5th-17th \$25 Moos of Meeniyian Voucher**  
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- 18th-38th \$10 Moos of Meeniyian Voucher**

**Please return tickets by  
Wed. 4th Dec 2019**

**Drawn Fri. 6th Dec 2019**

***Tickets \$2/each  
(10 tickets per book)***

The Parents and Friends are continually working on raising funds for projects around the College

Past projects have included the playground, concrete path to the front of the school, bus shelter, portable staging and sound system in Pioneer Hall and sunshelters etc

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

NOVEMBER 17TH 2019  
10AM UNTIL 2PM

# ST JOSEPHS FETE

NOV  
17

10-2



RIDES~ANIMAL FARM~SPINNING WHEEL  
POPCORN~SNOW CONES~FACE PAINTING  
ART~PLANTS~FRESH PRODUCE STALL



NOVEMBER 17TH 2019  
10-2  
ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

2020 JAPANESE  
HOMESTAY

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# WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 12  
FAMILIES WILLING TO  
HOST A JAPANESE  
STUDENT

**WEDNESDAY 11TH  
MARCH TO MONDAY  
23RD MARCH 2020**

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Please contact Carly Kitchingman  
[ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au) for further  
information. All host families receive a host family payment.