



*The Wisdom  
of the Lord Teaches us*

# Mary MacKillop College

## Newsletter

Term 4  
29 November 2019



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

*Julian Tenison Woods  
1875*

Newsletter on our website  
[www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter](http://www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter)  
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### *This Weeks Prayer*

*Dear God,*

You have brought me to the beginning of a  
new day. I ask to renew my heart with  
Your strength and purpose.

Forgive my errors of yesterday and  
help me to walk closer in Your way today.

Shine through me so that every person  
I meet may feel Your presence in my soul.  
Take my hand for I cannot make it myself.  
I am nothing without You.  
Amen

Amid this, we are preparing and looking forward to our end of year Mass and Awards Presentations. These will be held, as usual, in Pioneer Hall on Friday, December 6, commencing from 9.30am. All parents, grandparents, families and friends of the College are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration. Proceedings will conclude around 12.00pm, after which students will be dismissed for the holidays, college buses will run early.

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.

There will be another newsletter published after school finishes for the year with all the results from the Awards Presentations.

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close. As always, this is a very busy time at school. The Year 12 exams for 2019 finished on Tuesday last week. Our new Year 12 students are into their third week of studies in Term Zero. Year 7 – 10 students are completing their courses of study and working up to their end of semester assessment tasks. Teachers marking and reporting workload is reaching its peak. Reports will be available on PAM from the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Our Junior School Team has been working hard with enrolments for Year 7 next year. Once again, Mary MacKillop College is preparing for our largest ever intake at Year 7. We welcome 140 Year 7 students on Tuesday next week to their Orientation Day. We will have 6 classes of Year 7 students. We also have a number of other students joining other year levels, so we look forward to welcoming those families to our College as well.

We keep in our prayers Joel Tom, one of our Year 12 students this year. Joel is still recovering in hospital after the car accident last Monday. We also extend our condolences to the Mackie family, Mr John Mackie's funeral is today.

David Leslie  
Principal



### REMINDER: Year 7 2020 Orientation Day Tuesday 3rd December 2019

**Time:** 8.50am and finishing at 3.20pm.

**Clothing:** Students are required to wear neat casual clothing, including runners. They will also need a hat to wear for outside activities.

**Lunch Arrangements:** Students will need to bring something to eat for morning recess, a cut lunch and a drink/water bottle.



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### SENIOR SCHOOL AND TERM ZERO

Our Year 12 students are now well entrenched in Term Zero and have all successfully started their 2020 classes. I would also like to draw your attention to the Edrolo program we use to support our students in the VCE.

#### **What is Edrolo?**

Edrolo is a comprehensive, premium, interactive online video and exam simulation resource for VCE, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their potential throughout the year. We have extensively assessed the resource and are confident it is an extremely valuable investment for our teaching and learning culture.

You can see Edrolo in action by visiting this link: [edrolo.com.au/parents/](https://edrolo.com.au/parents/)

#### **How do students use Edrolo?**

Edrolo is currently used by over 500 schools and 60,000 students. Crafted by outstanding VCE teachers (including exam assessors and textbook authors) and built in accordance with VCAA Study Designs, its curriculum-specific and engaging content will provide our students with a differentiated and targeted level of support as they prepare for their most important examinations.

#### **How will our students and teachers use Edrolo?**

We will use Edrolo as a tool to further enhance what our teachers are doing day-to-day.

Our teachers are provided with training on how to best utilise the resource, and you should expect them to guide students to make full use of Edrolo in a range of ways across the year, including:

- holiday homework;
- pre-class work;
- post-class consolidation;
- assessment preparation; and exam revision.

Edrolo has been deemed an outstanding VCE resource, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their best with the support of our fantastic teachers.

### Middle School Exams

Our Middle School students are about to embark on their exams next week. Exams will run from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. All students would have received an exam timetable with specific times relating to their individual subjects. Students have been taken through a series of lessons on exam revision techniques and a number of key revision tools have been provided to them. There are a number of benefits to completing exams; they are an important role in the process of learning, they are a great way to assess what students have learned in their studies, and strengths and weaknesses can also be assessed through exams.

#### **Handy tip for students**

#### **REVISION & PREPARATION:**

- Make a list of the main topics/criteria/key knowledge for the unit of work for each of your subjects
- Prioritise the topics from weakest to strongest in relation to confidence and comprehension - then start from the weakest and work your way through re-visiting and refreshing your knowledge of each topic.

#### **REVISION STRATEGIES:**

- Re-read over notes or text book
- Create cue cards, mind maps, posters etc
- Complete practice questions - chapter review questions, workbook questions, re-look at past assessments, topic tests etc.

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING AND LEARNING

### WELL BEING:

- Ensure you get plenty of sleep the night before your exam
- Ensure you have a healthy breakfast and/or lunch on the day of your exam
- Bring the appropriate materials – check with your subject teacher about what you can bring
- Be confident – use the exam as an opportunity to showcase your knowledge

### READING TIME:

- Use reading time productively – try and read the whole paper at least once
- Take note of the questions they feel most comfortable with and respond to those first
- Confirm which is the last page of question and answer booklet

### INTERPRETING QUESTIONS:

- Read the whole question at least twice to ensure they have interpreted it correctly
- Take note of how many marks are allocated to each question – this is usually an indication of how many pieces of information they are required to give
- Never leave a question unanswered – especially multiple choice questions
- Decode the question – use a highlighter to identify action words in the question to inform what length of detail your response requires – e.g. explain, discuss, compare, describe, state, define, rank, list, identify, etc.

	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Lesson 1 &amp; 2</b>	Year 9 & 10 English (90 min exam)	Year 9 & 10 Maths (90 min exam)	Year 9 and 10 RE (50 min exam)
<b>Lesson 3 &amp; 4</b>	Supervised Study In VCE Centre	Supervised Study In VCE Centre	Year 9 Normal Lessons Year 10 Elective Block C History / General Science
<b>Lesson 5 &amp; 6</b>	Year 9 Science Year 10 Elective Block A Art / Biology / Chemistry / Product Design / Hospitality / Law & Finance (90 min exam)	Year 9 Humanities Year 10 Elective Block B Psychology / Geography / Music / Money & Markets (90 min exam)	Year 9 & 10 Normal Lessons Make up Exams for students who missed an Exam

Good luck to all our students as they prepare for these final assessments.

**Jodie Connell**  
Deputy Principal  
Teaching and Learning

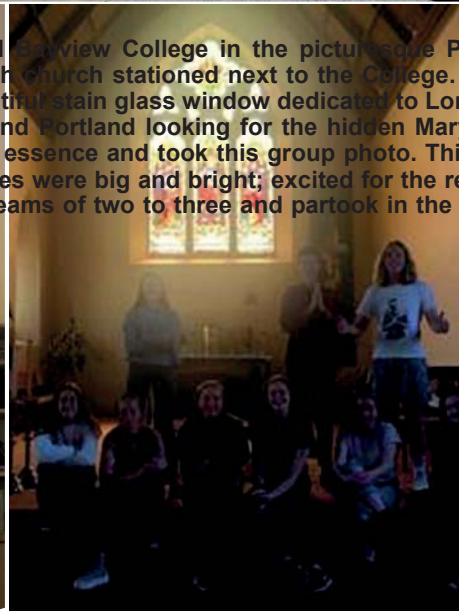


# PORTLAND TO PENOLA

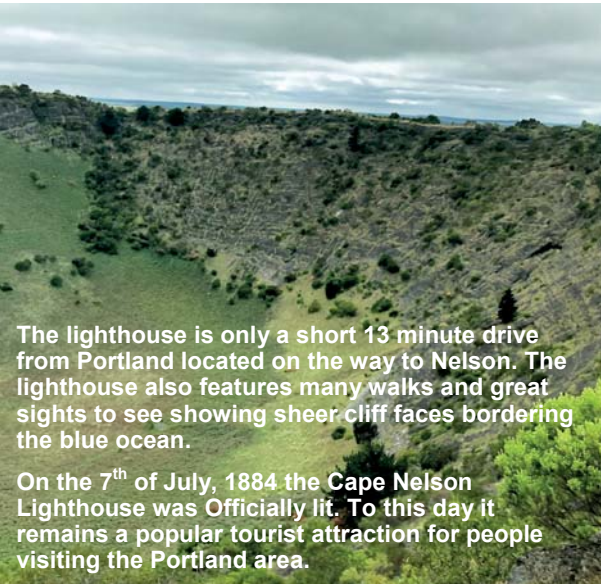
MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER



After having a wonderful tour around Seaview College in the picturesque Portland, we made our way to The All Saints' Parish Church stationed next to the College. We roamed the sacred building; admiring the beautiful stain glass window dedicated to Loreto Sisters. Before beginning on our voyage around Portland looking for the hidden Mary MacKillop Well, we soaked up all of the spiritual essence and took this group photo. This being our first day of our pilgrimage, all the smiles were big and bright; excited for the rest of our 5-day journey. We then separated into teams of two to three and partook in the competitive journey around Portland.



On our first day of our Portland to Penola trip we were lucky enough to stop at the Cape Nelson lighthouse. The lighthouse was erected as countless shipwrecks had occurred since the first European settlement in Portland.



The lighthouse is only a short 13 minute drive from Portland located on the way to Nelson. The lighthouse also features many walks and great sights to see showing sheer cliff faces bordering the blue ocean.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 1884 the Cape Nelson Lighthouse was Officially lit. To this day it remains a popular tourist attraction for people visiting the Portland area.





The Blue Lake in Mount Gambier was a highlight of the camp for me. It is 77 m deep and 500 m long and turns a bright blue colour from the start of November to March and for the rest of the year it is green. We got to walk around a bit of the lake and stopped at lookout points, our tour guide Vanessa told us lots of interesting facts about the Lake, like how it was once a volcano that erupted and over time it filled with water, the rocks surrounding it are all limestone and volcanic rock and that The Blue Lake is the town of Mount Gambier's water source.







The Tenison Tree is a tree located north of Penola in the Father Tenison Woods Park. It was a quite place that Father Woods liked to go and clear his head, he often sat against the tree, that is now known as the Tenison Tree, to sketch, write, read or just think. The park is now a famous location to visit and is home to many wooden sculptures that play out a narrative of the journey of Father Woods and St Mary MacKillop.

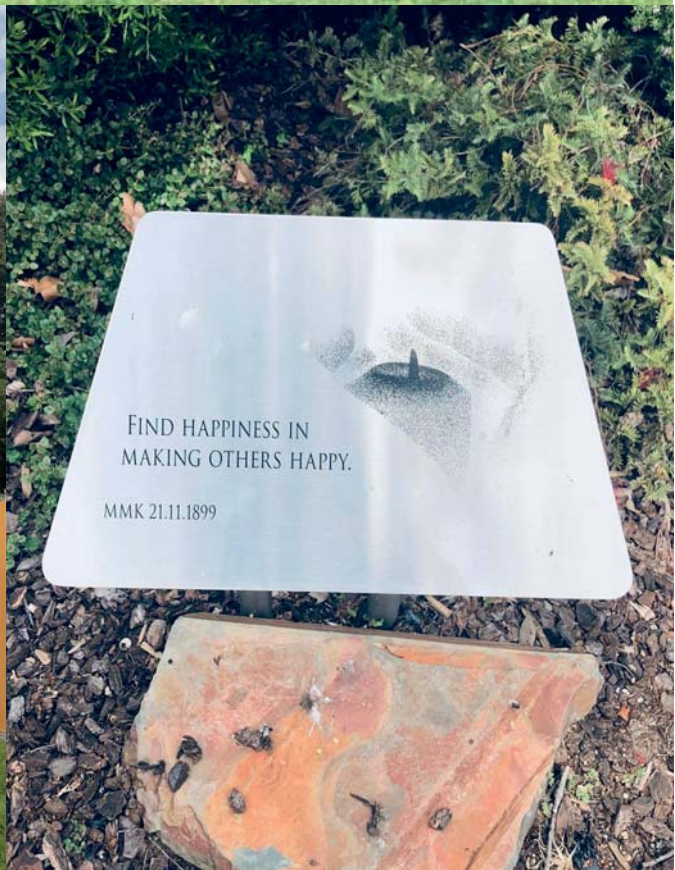


The Mary MacKillop Park was a great experience providing us a 7 minute audio clip on the extensive life of Mary MacKillop. Walking around the park various information could be found on the life of Mary MacKillop.

The Mary MacKillop Stable School Park is located on the corner of Queen and Bowden Streets, Penola. It is located on the original site of the first school that was founded by St Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods. In 1866 Father Woods rented a small stable for St Mary to begin her work of educating the poor children in remote of isolated areas.



Unfortunately, due to the unsuitable state of the old stable the school was deemed unreasonable for the children to continue to be educated, in so Father Woods commissioned the building of a new school room so that St Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph could continue their works and provide for young children.



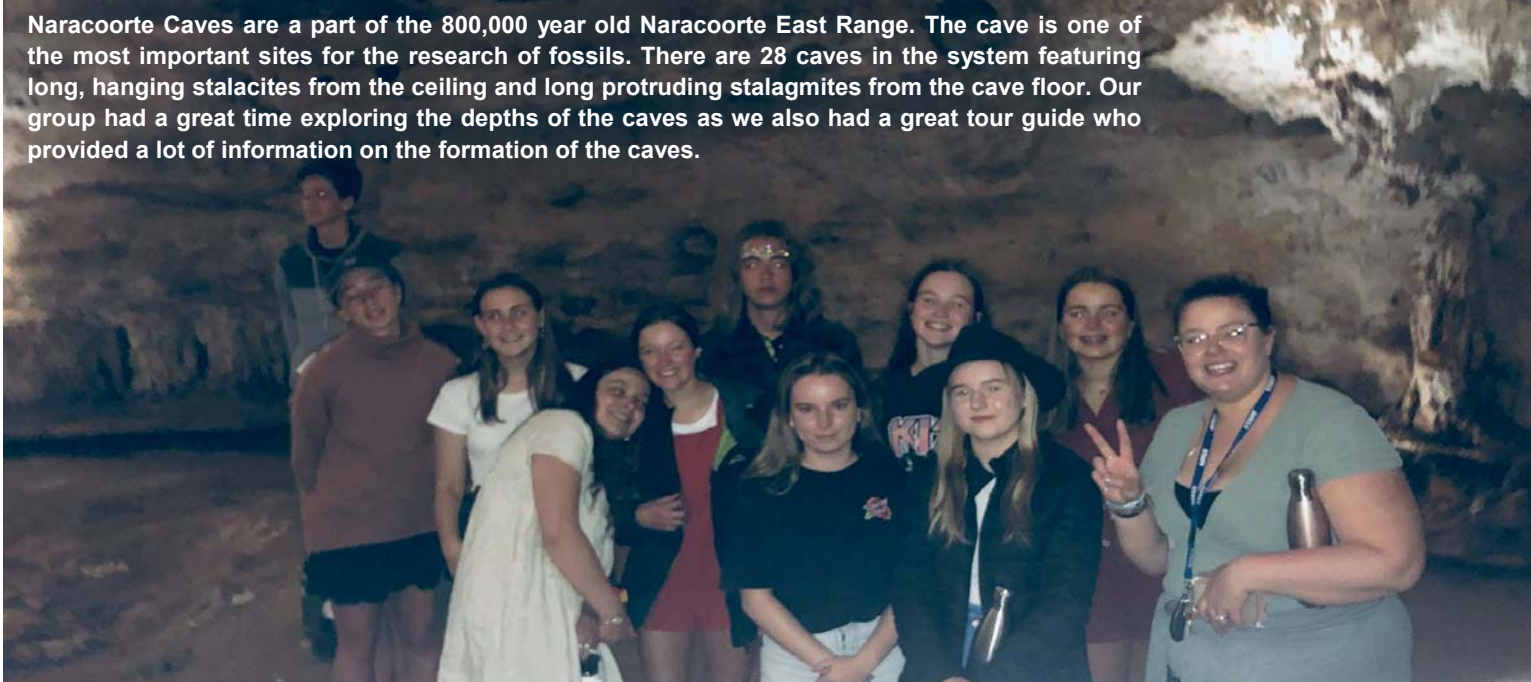
FIND HAPPINESS IN  
MAKING OTHERS HAPPY.

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Naracoorte Caves are a part of the 800,000 year old Naracoorte East Range. The cave is one of the most important sites for the research of fossils. There are 28 caves in the system featuring long, hanging stalactites from the ceiling and long protruding stalagmites from the cave floor. Our group had a great time exploring the depths of the caves as we also had a great tour guide who provided a lot of information on the formation of the caves.





Our final day of our pilgrimage we were lucky enough to visit the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Here we could further extend our knowledge of Mary MacKillop and the movement she began. The Mary MacKillop Museum told us the story of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, her life and work of the Sisters of St Joseph. It was a great experience as we saw many things such as the wheelchair Mary MacKillop had to use after suffering a stroke and many relics from the life of Mary MacKillop.



Once again our SSV Table Tennis has been very successful. Our Year 7,8 and Intermediate SSV Girls' Table Tennis Teams ventured to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park to compete in the State Finals on 20th November. Each competing year level was against 400 other SSV Schools in the initial stage of the competition at local level. One of the best things to see our girls grow was their knowledge of the game rules and confidence in their play over time.

Intermediate - Charlie Hall, Jaime Findlay, Holly Belsar and Livinia Mandemaker  
 Year 8 - Ava Strentz, Gabby Perry, Claudia Leys and Mia Plenkovich  
 Year 7 - Maddi Herbert, Clare Cocksedge, Latisha Smith and Ashleigh Scimonello

We are particularly grateful to Ashleigh Scimonello for joining the Year 7 team on the morning of the competition when a team member was unable to compete, and to her mother Annette for driving Ashleigh to Caldermeade to meet our bus.

All teams played competitively and well in the split round robin, competing in 3 matches consisting of 6 rubbers (4 singles and 2 doubles games each). There were some great rallies. Our Year 8 and Intermediate Teams won some rubbers, but they did not ultimately qualify for the cross over semi finals on the day. However, our Year 7 team made it to the semi final and came equal third in the state. Over 400 schools had entered teams in SSV Table Tennis at each level, so this was a great achievement. Well Done Girls !

A special thankyou to Mr Bill Haw from the Leongatha Table Tennis Club for the loan of their club paddles on the day. We are sure this helped us !

**Julia Leslie and Colleen Herbert**



Ms Winterhalter and the College Stage Band visited St Joseph's Korumburra on 17 November to put on a performance for all their students



Chloe Nesci from Year 8 participated in the New South Wales Paint Horse Association State Show at the end of October.

She came home with the New South Wales State Championship Titles in Dressage, Hacking, Hunter Hack and Barrel Racing, as well as a couple of Reserve Champions and other placings.

This year she has also won State Titles in Victoria and Queensland, as well as a Reserve National Title.

Congratulations and Well Done Chloe !





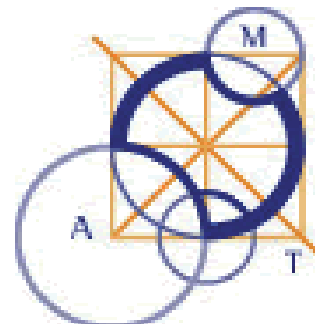
# 2019 AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION



Above and below are students that received credits and distinction awards in the 2019 Australian Maths Competition.

**Distinction Awardees:** Marley Walker, Emily Ray, Sandra Sabu, Jaime Findlay, Charlie Hall, Jamillah Enbom, Kelsey Dal Pozzo, Lisa Whiteside, Sharon Sabu

**Credit Awardees:** Patrick Vella, Chloe Caithness, Livinia Mandemaker, Gabrielle Perry, Ava Strentz, Albert Hercus, James Rowe, Hayley Bourke, Jonas Panozzo, Taya Cameron, Jack McNally, Robert Ornsby, Ryan Treacy, Jonah Wearne, Grace Burns, Sophie Enbom, Caitlyn Foote, Samuel Evans, Liam Smart, Chelsea Patton, Kaatje Smolders, Alexander Battersby, David Phillips, Reuben Strentz, Anthony Williams, Patrick Duncan, Archie Brewer, John Denbrok, Campbell Riseley, Ella Tough, Lachie McRae, Aljon Miel, Hannah Perry, Adam Watchorn, Harry Dawson, Lucas Cannata, Harvey Chandler







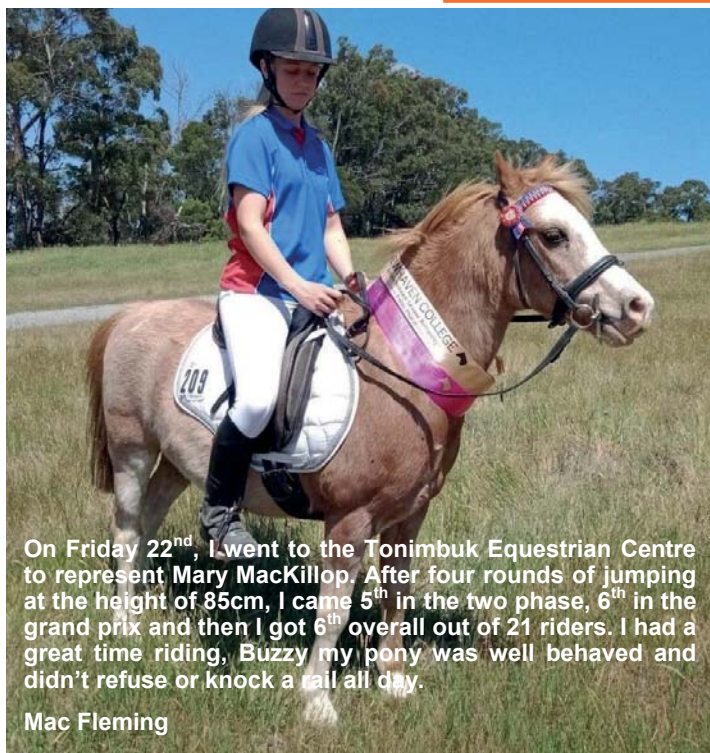
## I am Ready Program By Wade Oliver - Year 11 VCAL

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, Ms Shea, Phillip Arbuthnot and myself drove to the Lucinda Estate Vineyard & Winery for a celebratory lunch to congratulate the graduating participants of the 'I am Ready Program'.

The event brought everyone involved together to celebrate learning the skills of applying for jobs as well as behavioural expectations in the workplace and above all else, developing the social skills for both in and out of the workplace.

The 'I am Ready Program' is for teenagers facing barriers with learning the skills of work place expectations, setting goals and social skills. It aims to help them excel at something a lot of people can find challenging. At the celebratory lunch we listened to a guest speaker, Beau Vernon, a Paraplegic Football Coach. He talked to us about how we need to have a positive mindset.

The I am Ready Program was delivered by Gippsland Local Government in conjunction with South Gippsland Local Learning and Employment Networks.



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, I went to the Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre to represent Mary MacKillop. After four rounds of jumping at the height of 85cm, I came 5<sup>th</sup> in the two phase, 6<sup>th</sup> in the grand prix and then I got 6<sup>th</sup> overall out of 21 riders. I had a great time riding, Buzzy my pony was well behaved and didn't refuse or knock a rail all day.

Mac Fleming

As part of the Year 11 Youth Ministry Community Action Project, Kate Meadows from Be More Mindful delivered a session to support our new Year 12's, as part of their Term 0 studies, around managing ourselves, and developing self care plans to support their studies. She covered a range of mindfulness, breathing and other relaxation techniques, along with other useful tools to support students as they enter their final year of education.



## 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:

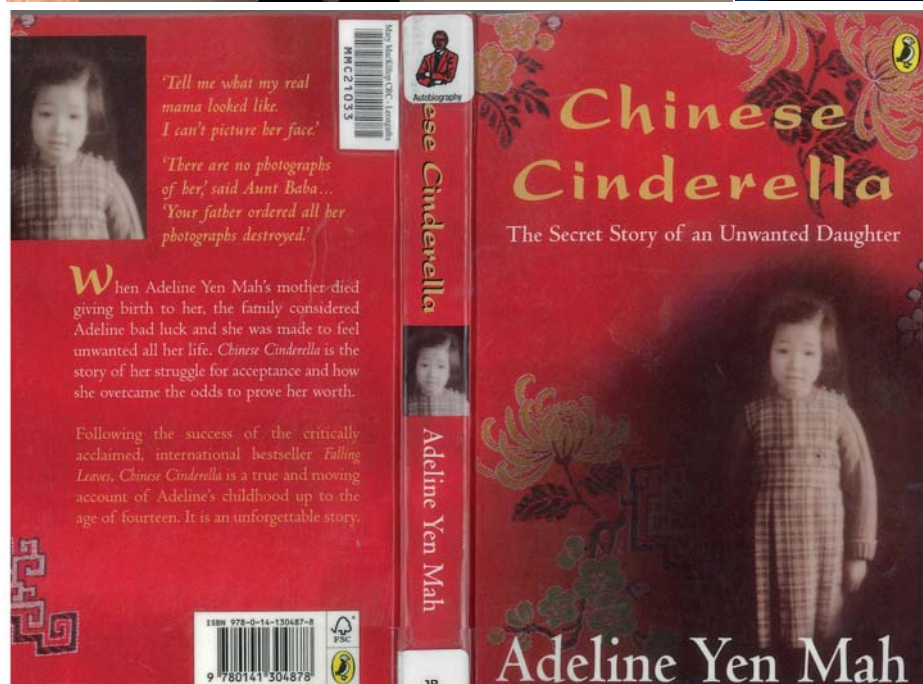
- One Student Family - \$4,746 plus \$466 Capital Levy
- Two Student Family - \$8,543 plus \$466 Capital Levy
- Three or more Student Family - \$11,153 plus \$466 Capital Levy

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.



Congratulations to Renee Hardacre who was awarded Scout of the Year on 2nd September and also awarded the Scout Medallion on 23rd November 2019



## CHINESE CINDERELLA RAFFLE

Do you have a copy of 'Chinese Cinderella' lying around at home ??

Donate it to the Library to have your name recorded between now and the end of the year for a double chance to enter our Term 1, 2020 Raffle

A massive congratulations to the Leongatha Knights very own Sarah Doolan who has been invited to play for Southern United FC! They are a team within a Women's National Premier League competition.

This season at the club was Sarah's first ever season playing soccer and she was nothing short of brilliant. She regularly stepped up to the Senior Women's Team and surprised us week after week with her natural talent and dedicated attitude.

We will miss you at the club Sarah - but are so proud and wish you the best of luck!








## MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL GIVING TREE

Christmas is a time for celebrating, but for many families in need it is challenging, lonely and isolating. You can give hope to a family in need by donating food and gifts for a Christmas hamper.



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

# Giving Tree

### Tinned food

Canned soup  
Tinned meats  
Tinned pudding  
Tins of tuna/salmon  
Canned vegetables  
peas, beans, carrots,  
potatoes, beetroot, corn,  
mushrooms

### UHT milk and breakfast

Cereal  
Long life milk  
Powdered milk  
Tea bags  
Weetbix

### Pantry basics

Biscuits  
Jelly crystals  
Salad dressings  
Sugar  
Tomato paste

### Babies

Baby foods  
Nappies

### Pasta/ rice and quick meals

Dried beans, lentils  
Instant noodles  
Pasta, rice  
Pasta sauce  
Pasta meals

### Christmas foods

Christmas cake  
Custard powder  
Candy canes  
Mince pies  
Bon bons  
Gravox  
Nuts

### Hygiene products

Disposable razors  
Feminine hygiene  
Kleenex  
Shampoo/conditioner  
Soaps  
Tooth care  
Shaving cream  
Deodorant



Every donation made to Vinnies goes a long way to making someone's Christmas brighter and happier.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 2 December	Eva Zubcic
Tuesday 3 December	Jenny Enbom
Wednesday 4 December	Kristy Hall
Thursday 5 December	Julie Schnoor
Friday 6 December	CANTEEN CLOSED

### 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 !

### 2019

Tues 3 Dec	Year 7 - 2020 Orientation Day
Tues 3 - Thur 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, Meeniyan

**4th \$50 Bunnings Voucher**  
Thanks to Bunnings, Wonthaggi

**5th-17th \$25 Moos of Meeniyan Voucher**  
Thanks to Moos of Meeniyan

**18th-38th \$10 Moos of Meeniyan 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**



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.



BASS COAST CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK PRESENTS...

DEC 1

2PM

FREE

THE GLADE - INVERLOCH



# SOUND FOR CLIMATE

MADDY MAY  
JIMMY HARWOOD  
PIA NESVARA  
MATTHEW BENTLEY  
OLIVIA LAY  
MAT MORGAN  
+ GUEST SPEAKERS



Printed by Jordan Crugnale MP  
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When:

Sunday 1 December at 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Where:

The Glade

Topics:

Kids & Family, Music & Live Performance

Audience:

All welcome

Cost:

Free

Bass Coast Climate Action Network invites you to their massive one day music festival 'Sound For Climate.'

A free, all ages event in the heart of Inverloch. Musicians, guest speakers, food trucks and more! All in the name of Climate Action