

*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 4
13 December 2019



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

*Julian Tenison Woods
1875*

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also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer

Heavenly Father,
May our Christmas season be
A time of reconciliation and
peace

May the love of Christ be with us
May His Peace surround us.

May our Christmas be a time
Of healing, giving and sharing
May Your spirit be with us
As we share and care in Jesus'
blessed birth,
Amen!

This is our last Newsletter for 2019. We are currently in the season of Advent – the time of preparation for the great Feast of Christmas. During Advent, we are called to make an effort to recollect ourselves and remember the true meaning of Christmas. The coming of the Saviour is very appropriately the most joyful time of the year. At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God choosing to come amongst us and live as one of us. By doing so, God emphasises to us the essential dignity of all human life. It shows how special each of us really is. The image of the Christ child in the manger, as humble a birth as can be imagined, is an enduring reminder of the nature of the Kingdom of God he came to bring about. I pray that the real peace and joy of the coming of our Saviour touches all our hearts this Christmas.

We have ended the academic year with our closing Mass and Presentations of Awards last Friday. It was great to see so many Parents, Grandparents and Friends attend to support the students. Congratulations to all the students who received awards, details of recipients are published in this Newsletter.

Yesterday all our Year 12 students who sat exams received their results. We are very pleased and proud of our students' VCE results. 49 students sat their VCE exams and all have succeeded. The class of 2019 has done very well. Most will gain entry to their first or second preference for University. There are lots of excited students and happy families. We are proud of them all!

Special congratulations go to Hannah Perry who has received a perfect score of 50 in Biology.

Congratulations to our top five students:

Dux:	Tomei Dal Pozzo	91.6
Runners Up:	Megan Thorn	89.75
	Simone Dekker	88.25
	Erin De Santis	82.1
	Jemma Caithness	80.4

A very big thank-you to the teachers who have worked so well to get the most out of their students this year. A particular feature is the depth of performance with a solid spread of ATARs in the 70s & 80s. This indicates strong, effective teaching across the board. There are a number of classes where multiple students have a study score of 40 or more – this only happens when the teacher really knows her or his business and has worked hard for their students.

We are proud of our 16 Applied Learners too. 2 have gained apprenticeships, 2 have places in their preferred TAFE, 10 are employed in their chosen field, 2 continuing VCAL studies and all are successfully placed.

Congratulations to all students and teachers on your results for 2019. Mary MacKillop College is proud of you and of your achievements.

We thank those staff who are leaving at the end of the year: AFL Trainees Hannah Charlton and Anna Kirk complete their one year appointment. Moving on to other roles are Sarah Bourke, Tara Bland, Kane Campbell-Tonks, Kathleen Dauguet, Jacinta Moreau, Daniel Pellin and Julia Strenz. We wish them all well on the next stages of their journey. Two of our teachers are retiring at the end of this year after long and successful careers – we thank Tara Cox and Shaun Curtis for all their service over the years and wish them each a long and happy retirement.

One last request, 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 in March 2020. 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.

Wishing all our families a Happy and Holy Christmas, and an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you next year.

**David Leslie
Principal**



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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING AND LEARNING

At this time of year especially, we take time to reflect on all the achievements to date and the growth from the experiences in and out of the classroom. The college report will be available to upload shortly and contained with this is also a list of the co-curricular achievements and special commendations for students. Below you will find details on how to access reports.

End of year reports

“The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is feedback.”

John Hattie

Mary MacKillop College launched the **Parental Access Module (PAM)** via the College intranet, SIMON, at the start of 2016. Parents and students are now able to see live assessment tasks, due dates, criteria for marking and the achieved results. **The feedback on PAM is ongoing and in ‘real time’.** It forms the cornerstone of our progressive reporting to parents at Mary MacKillop College.

Our **Progressive Online Reporting** also helps our students improve in all areas of learning by providing:

- Greater accountability of students' work habits
- Students and parents the ability to see results and feedback online
- An opportunity to contribute to the review and reflection of the tasks
- Timely feedback - the feedback is issued when the task is completed and assessed
- The ability of the teacher and the parent to identify, intervene and improve

Parents are able to access results and feedback throughout the semester rather than waiting for the ‘End of Semester Report’ for indications on how their child is progressing.

Progressive Reporting will allow the parent and the student to see:

- What they have achieved
- What they need to improve
- Suggested paths for improvement

so action can be taken to allow this to happen in preparation for the upcoming task.

Semester 2 reports will be uploaded to SIMON (and accessed through PAM) this week and be available to download by Thursday 19th December.

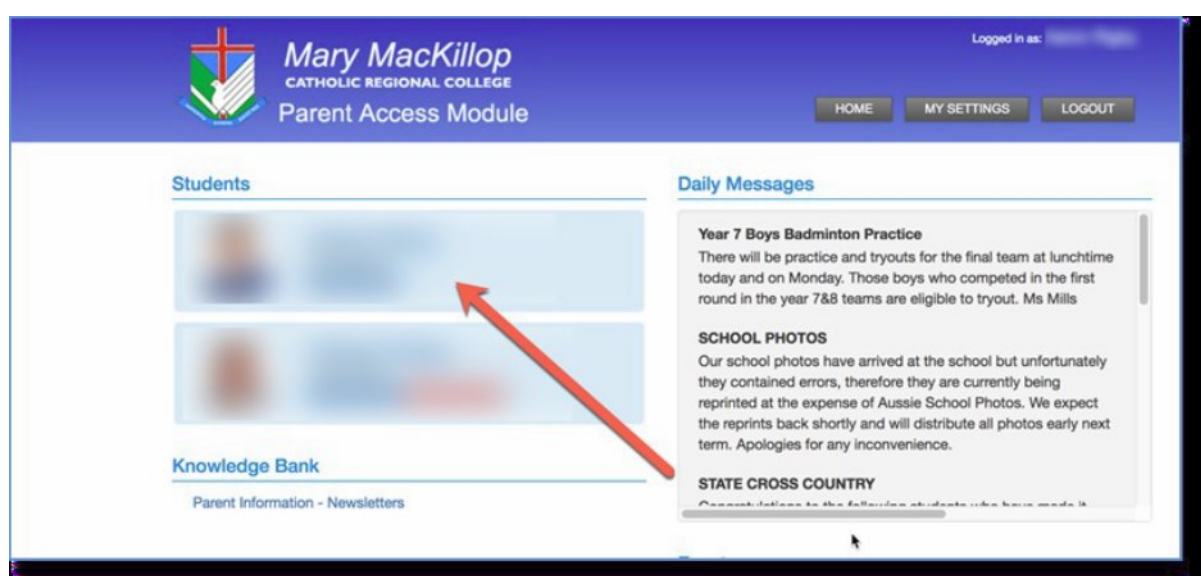
This will provide judgments across a range of work habits, values for Victorian Curriculum levels (For Year 7-10 classes), VCE Outcomes and Unit Results (For VCE classes) as well as summarising the grades for major assessment tasks completed during the semester.

These reports will not include class teacher comments as such information has already been provided with each assessment task. A step by step guide on accessing these reports is included below.

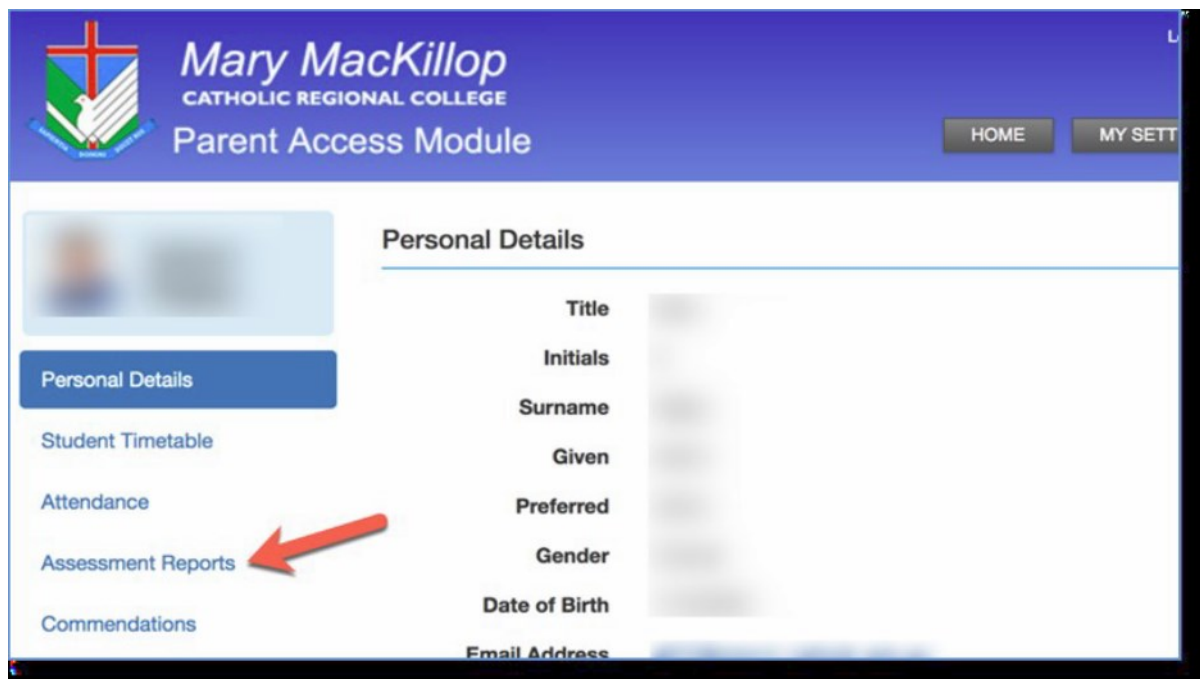
Accessing Reports

Step 1 – Log in to PAM

Step 2 – Click on any student



Step 3 – Click on any of the available report to download and view the report.



PAM (Parental Access Module) can be accessed via the following:

www.pam.mmrc.catholic.edu.au or www.pam.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au or via the College website.

Parents can choose to either download a copy of the report and save it to the home computer or print a copy. If accessing these reports causes some difficulties then please contact the school to discuss options.

If you have misplaced or have forgotten your PAM Code please email the Office info@mmrc.catholic.edu.au

What's important in a report?

Your kids will appreciate the right focus at report time.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration...easily distracted...a pleasure to teach...

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. 'Will my parents be disappointed or proud?' is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children's reports:

Expectations

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with the child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning

Remember there are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Please take the time to read your child's report and discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns. Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he or she can wipe the slate clean and make a brand new start next year. And it's amazing the difference a summer holiday can make.

Book Collection Day

Book Collection Day is **Tuesday 21st January** from **11am – 3pm** and will take place in the **Junior School Building**.

I wish everyone a happy safe and holy Christmas, and look forward to working with everyone in the New Year.

Jodie Connell
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning



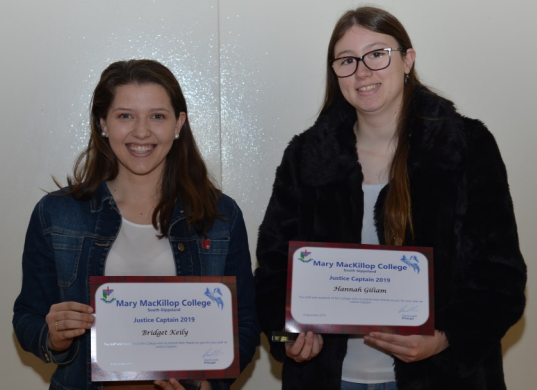
END OF YEAR MASS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION



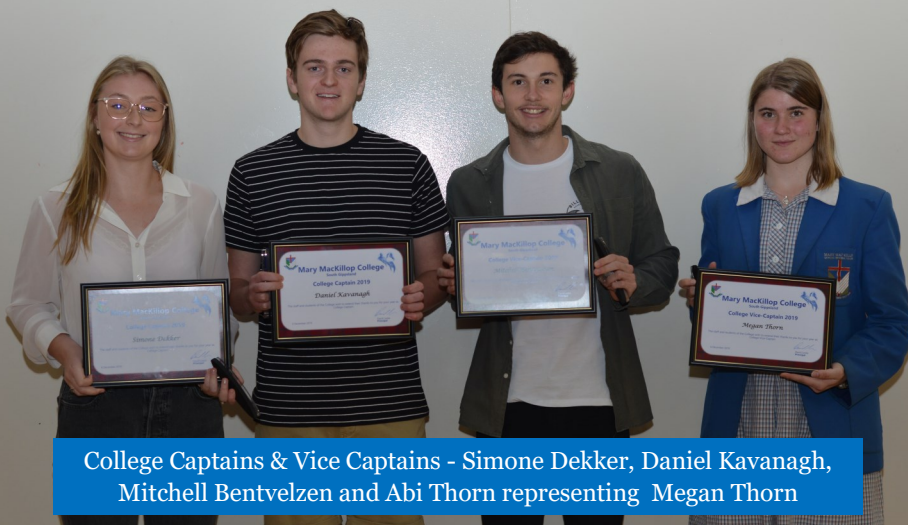
Peter Noonan Award Winner
- Ellen Kavanagh



McDonald House



Justice Captains - Bridget Keily and
Hannah Giliam



College Captains & Vice Captains - Simone Dekker, Daniel Kavanagh,
Mitchell Bentvelzen and Abi Thorn representing Megan Thorn



Caltex Award - Simone Dekker



Campion Award - Archie Brewer



DUX Awards - Gabrielle Perry Year 8, Archie Brewer Year 10, Reuben
Strentz Year 9, Hannah Perry Year 11 and Connor Maher Lemaitre Year 7



Catholic Education Office Award
- Hannah Perry



Christmas Card Design
Award - Niamh O'Connell



St Cecilia Award
- Reuben Strentz



Panther Family Award
- Chelsea Patton



Kwong Lee Dow Award
- Yahnika Mandemaker



RSL Awards - Renee Hardacre Year 8, Delphi Carmel Sawyer Year 9 and
Sara Smairl Year 7



SSV Award - Kelsey Dal Pozzo



VCAL Excellence Award
- Mitchell Bentvelzen



South Gippsland Youth Council
Award - Zoe Patterson



Long Tan Awards - Zara Littlejohn Year 10 and Abi Thorn
representing Megan Thorn Year 12



GIS Awards - Music Performance Cassandra Scimonello,
Public Speaking Georgia Burns, Performing Arts Lily Smith



Year 11 Academic Awards



Christian Leadership Awards - Lachlan
Barkell, Brianna Cicala, Louise Colwill

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Year 7

A - Tayla Gollop B - Lottie Sproson
C - Eileen Tanaka Morrison D - Divya Njarukulam
E - Sophie Kreutzberger

Year 8

A - Elizabeth Stephan B - Emma Hill-Smith
C - Ava Strentz D - Taya Cameron
E - Grace Berryman

Year 9

A - Reuben Strentz B - Patrick Johnston
C - Ethan Hunt D - Holly Belsar

Year 10

A - Jamillah Enbom B - Maeve Muldoon
C - Zara Littlejohn D - Ellen Kavanagh

Senior School Homerooms

Tennison- Brianna Cicala
MacDonald- Jocelin Ashley
Chisholm - Louise Colwill
Cameron - Lachlan Barkell

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Year 7

Samuel Tomkinson - Art
Dinisty Francis - Design Technology
Molly Heber - Digital Media and Food Technology
Connor Maher Lemaitre - Drama and Science
Niamh O'Connell - English
Anna Santhosh - French
Noah Furness - Graphics and Mathematics
Sarah Ellery-Burke - Humanities
Ambrose Strentz - Information and Communication Technology
Sienna Burge - Music
Lucy Patterson - Physical Education and Health
Luke Williams - Religious Education
Mikayla Krause - Science

Year 8

Gabrielle Perry - Art, Design Technology, Music and Science
James Rowe - Digital Media
Elsie Steenholdt - Drama and French
Vismaya Biju - English
Livinia Mandemaker - Food Technology, Humanities and Physical Education and Health
Grace Barlow - Graphics and Information and Communication Technology
Chloe Caithness - Mathematics
Caeleb Garlick - Religious Education

Year 9

Kate Little - Art and Mathematics
Ruby Adkins - Design Technology
Reuben Strentz - Digital Media, English, Food Technology and Music
Olivia Vuillermine - French
Sandra Sabu - Graphics and Humanities
Liam Smart - Information and Communication Technology
Harrison Garlick - Photography
Brigitte Tack - Physical Education and Health
Shai Simpson - Religious Education
Holly Belsar - Science and Textiles

Year 10

Ellen Kavanagh - Art and Youth Ministry
Tyler Cocksedge - Agricultural Science
Charlotte Exelby - Biology, History and Religious Education

CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT AWARDS

Year 7

A - Sophie Wright and Tayla Gollop
B - Laila Witteveen and Milli Mackay
C - Emma Mark and Harry Hoekstra
D - Bradley Buttigieg and Amber Walker
E - Emily Glasgow and Katreena Poletti

Year 8

A - Claudia Leys and Elizabeth Stephan
B - Mia Schneidruk and Grace Barlow
C - Sage Anderson and Milli Cicala
D - Aaliyah Henwood and Amy Flynn
E - Dylan Osborne and Andrea Binnichen

Year 9

A - Chelsea Patton and Jessica Zubcic
B - Kirra Gange and Heidi Kaldvee
C - Benjamin Joynes and Ryan Sinclair
D - David Phillips and Jaime Findlay

Year 10

A - Kasey Hill and Georgie Bell
B - Jessica Kaldvee and Zoe Patterson
C - Thomas Fitzgerald and Samantha Clerk
D - Jessica Harvey and Beatrix Bishop

Year 11

Tenison - Zali Hill and Jessica Wright
MacDonald - Dassa Main and Jocelin Ashley
Chisholm - Laura Brennan and Estelle Rosse
Cameron - Jordan Egan and Rowan Hercus

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Archie Brewer - Chemistry, Mathematics and Physical Education and Health
Liesl Clarke - Drama
Abi Thorn - English and Law and Finance
Yahnika Mandemaker - French, Food Technology and Music
Lily Caithness - General Science
Rachael Ramsay - Geography
Lexie Jobling - Money and Markets
Sarah Belle Joynes - Physics
Lochie McRae - Product Design
Cassandra Scimonello - Psychology
Liam Waldron - VET Building & Construction (Year I)
Oscar Plenkovich - VET Sports & Recreation (Year I)
Jordan Thomas - VET Digital Media & Technology (Year I)
Chelsea Wass - VET Applied Fashion & Design (Year I)
Ella Tough - Youth Ministry

Year 11

Molly Kent - Art
Archie Brewer - Biology
Ella Tough - Business Management
Sharon Sabu - Chemistry
Hannah Perry - English, Mathematics Methods, Psychology, Religion and Society
Adam Watchorn - General Mathematics
Sophie Newton - Geography
Katherine O'Brien - Health and Human Development
Jessica Geary - History (20th Century)
Kiara Vann - Legal Studies and Theatre Studies
Lily Smith - Literature
Darci Holmes - Physical Education
Harry Dawson - Physics
Lucas Cannata - VET Building & Construction (Year II)
Charlie Adkins - VET Digital Media & Technology (Year II) and Accounting
Jessie Sara - VET Music Performance (Year I)
Sophie Whiteside - VET Sports & Recreation (Year II)
Aljon Miel - Visual Communications and Design
Shae Van Dam - Youth Ministry

AGRICULTURE



AGRICULTURE FINISHES THE YEAR WELL

Above you will see Brock Stefani and his huge Fendt tractor. Brock drove the tractor to Mr Pearce's Fish Creek property to celebrate that he had successfully landed a Traineeship in Agriculture on the family farm. Brock will spend his week in three locations: a day a week on the farm, a day at TAFE and the balance at Mary MacKillop. Congratulations Brock!

Brock joins John Denbrok who earlier this year joined the same School Based Traineeship model. There are many advantages to employers including financial incentives. Parents contemplating employing their own children in a trade or certificate program are welcome to call Mr Pearce at the College.

Cabbage and garlic! The vegetable patch was run as a mini market garden this year and it has been a marvellous success. We have harvested a variety of delicious vegetables and the standout successes included potatoes, bok choy, silver beet, beetroot and snap peas.

Samantha Schnoor is pictured above: She is the proud owner of our hand reared calves. Samantha used her own money to buy the stock! Again, we see agriculture in action. Samantha was a 'natural' in the calf rearing program. We are so pleased to sell them to a College member.

Looking to the future: The College is running Agriculture at Year 10 and 11 levels. The senior school course is issued at Certificate level.

Mary MacKillop is proud of its growing profile in vocational studies both, VET and VCAL.

"We see agriculture at Mary MacKillop as serving students' needs throughout our region – from Bass Coast to the hills. We are at the hub of the best dryland farming country in Australia!" said Agriculture teacher Jack Pearce.

CHEMISTRY STUDENTS ATTEND NANOSCIENCE WORKSHOP



Pictured Left to Right: Jacinta Moreau, Archie Brewer, Cassie Scimonello, Alexander Duncan, Lily Smith, Laura Brennan, Graham Walsh, Tennyson Ornsby, Jessica Kaldvee, Sharon Sabu, Yahnika Mandemaker

Year 10 and 11 Chemistry students attended a 'Cool Nanoscience Experiments Workshop' as part of the Latrobe University outreach program on Wednesday 27 November. The key learning objective was to experiment with substances that have nano-sized particles, observe how their properties are different from substances without nanoparticles, and explore possible applications.

Students worked with activated charcoal and observed its efficacy in removing contaminants from water. They made gold nanoparticles and noted that gold's colour can change from yellow to red to blue depending on the size of its particles. Students had fun manipulating strands of nitinol, a nickel-titanium 'shape memory' alloy, into different shapes and watching the strands quickly stretch back to their original form. This has found many applications such as in orthodontics and unbreakable eyeglass frames. Finally, students explored the water-repelling properties of magic sand and noted its applications to clean up oil spills and provide water-proof barriers around electrical wiring.

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

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
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan	Year 8 CAMP
Thurs 30 Jan	Year 9 - 11 First Day of School
Mon 3 Feb	Year 12 - 2019 Achievers Assembly
Tues 4 Feb	Year 9 OEG Information Evening Night
Wed 12 Feb	HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

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.

MONEY AND MARKETS AND LAW AND FINANCE - MOVIE THURSDAY



Our Year 7's were treated to a fun afternoon on November 28th.

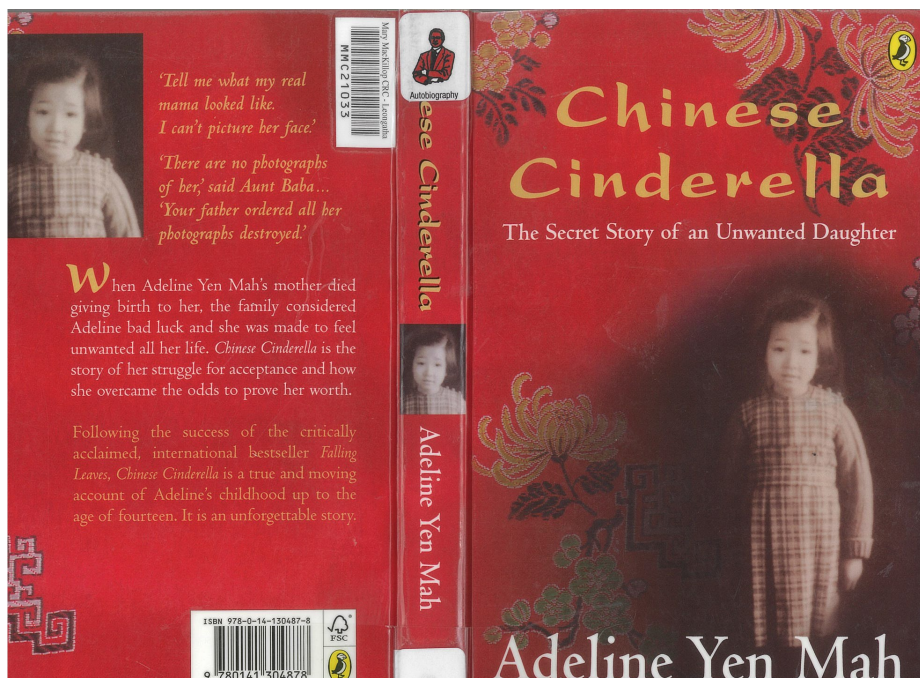
The Year 10 Humanities' classes, *Money & Markets* and *Law & Finance* combined once again to organise the *Mary MacKillop Movie Thursday*, showing the movie *Surf's Up* (rated PG). This activity provided students with a 'hands-on' experience as business operators by actively planning and running a business activity.

On the day, the Year 10's ran several small businesses offering a range of food and drink including: Spiders, popcorn, hot chips, lollies, ice-creams and cans of soft drink. Students had firsthand experience undertaking and evaluating their market research, market forces and competition.

A profit was made by all businesses and **\$500** was raised for the St. Vinnie's Christmas Appeal.

John Poole, Kate Lafferty and Julia Leslie

Year 10 Humanities Teachers.



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

SSC GIRLS STATE CRICKET

The Year 8 Girls represented the school on the 27th November at State Cricket in Melbourne. We had a fun day and it was a great learning experience for us all.

We came equal 5th out of some 400 schools. We would like to thank our coaches Mr Lumsden and Mr Curtis for taking us and we are hoping to do even better next year.

The competition was played at a very high standard and in great spirit. All the girls in the team contributed and we were highly competitive on the day. Ava demonstrated her all round ability with both bat and ball and executed a great run out in the final game of the day. Gabrielle offered the team a sense of calm leadership and was all class when batting on a very difficult surface. Zhi Xia toiled away with her accurate line and length bowling and played a part in several successful partnerships with the bat. Mary played her best cricket for the year under the pressure of the day she remained confident and rose to the challenges posed by the other teams especially in our second game. Grace has fantastic eye hand coordination and as a result she fields with confidence and always applies pressure to the batters. When batting herself she exhibits great timing and a desire to get on with the game at every opportunity. Georgia bowled a fantastic line and length all day. She challenged every batter who faced her bowling to take risks if they were to score off her efforts with the ball. Haylee and Mac displayed a quite assured presence on the field and both batted and bowled with a sense of determination to contribute handsomely to the team's efforts. Chloe, April and Taya were just as effective when batting as they were when in the field. They struck the ball cleanly and played smart cricket refusing to give away their wicket cheaply.

All the girls should be incredibly proud of their efforts to prepare for the day and the individual successes they produced on the day.

Ava Strentz
8C

2020



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

COMING SOON

Mary MacKillop College has launched Tim Minchin's Musical Masterpiece

"MATILDA" as the School Production for APRIL 2020



MARY MACKILLOP PARENTS & FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS



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| 1st - \$200 JB HiFi Gift Card - Sharon Stephens | 2nd - JBL Charge 4 Bluetooth Speaker - Denise Shingles |
| 3rd - \$50 Lacy Jewellery Voucher - Grant Robinson | 4th - \$50 Bunnings Voucher - Leonie Margetts |
| 5th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Dale Burge | 6th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Aaliyah Henwood |
| 7th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - John McKeown | 8th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Mary Anne Pearce |
| 9th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Obssa Nicholas | 10th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Jaime Clavarino |
| 11th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Julia Leslie | 12th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Caeleb Garlick |
| 13th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Taylia Hill | 14th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Katie Blackshaw |
| 15th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Tess Ruigrok | 16th - \$25 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Patrick Johnston |
| 17th - \$20 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Emily Boucher | 18th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Callum Donohue |
| 19th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Maddy Herbert | 20th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Di Malloy |
| 21st - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Ava Lord | 22nd - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Tayissa Walsh |
| 23rd - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Trevor Riseley | 24th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Maddy Herbert |
| 25th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Hannah Cole | 26th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Jodie Connell |
| 27th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - David Whiteside | 28th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Ryan Ramsay |
| 29th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Rachael Hutchinson | 30th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Lily Smith |
| 31st - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Hannah Cole | 32nd - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Alison Blackshaw |
| 33rd - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Tahlia Hill | 34th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Leonie Margetts |
| 35th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Jessica Wolf | 36th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Glennys Griggs |
| 37th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Flynn Lord | 38th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Jamie Lodge |
| 39th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Di Malloy | 40th - \$10 Moo's at Meeniyah Voucher - Rebekah Ray |

As the 2019 school year wraps up, the Parents and Friends Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped us out at BBQ's, distributing pies and generally with fundraising activities throughout the year.

Thank you to all the families who buy and enjoy our fundraising pies, and those who buy and sell P&F Christmas raffle tickets to aid our fundraising efforts. It is greatly appreciated. This year we have numerous fantastic prizes up for grabs. Thank you to the companies/businesses and individuals who have donated these great prizes to our raffle, there are almost 40 prizes this year!

The Uniform Shop and Canteen would not run as efficiently without the volunteers who help Catherine and Fran out with these College facilities. Thanks to all who donate their time to help, whether it be once a term, or more.

We look forward to next year and hearing from some new parents or grandparents who would like to help our current Committee out. All help, in whatever shape or form, is greatly appreciated. If you think you would like to give us a hand next year, please contact the office with your details and P&F will be in contact. (Office contact number is 56624255)

A big thank you also goes out to the current committee for their continued hard work, and to the staff who help us throughout the year. We look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Donna Muldoon
President - Parents and Friends

2020 JAPANESE
HOMESTAY

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**

Please contact Carly Kitchingman
ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au for further
information. All host families receive a host family payment.



Christmas Reflection and invitation

On the first Christmas Eve, hosts of angels sang their joy to humble shepherds who fled a cold winter's night to witness the spiritual warmth and peace of a stable in Bethlehem. A stable sheltering the Holy Family; Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus, the Son of God.

Like the shepherds of old, let's leave season celebrations and the business of life for a short while and seek for ourselves the spiritual joy and peace Christmas can offer us and our families.

This Christmas Eve come to the College, if convenient, for, starting at 7.30 PM in our own Pioneer Hall there will be a children's Christmas Pageant, Carols and Mass. Joy and Peace is the gift of Jesus to us, if we open our hearts to His love and compassion.

Jesus gave us a simple mission 'to love one another as I have loved you' Your church and school communities are the living, active witness today of the invitation of Jesus to love one another in our families, work places, and in the broader community.

Our commercial and material lives have become so active, we lose sight of the true meaning and purpose of Christmas.

So, join hundreds of us in Pioneer Hall to take time out for the Holy Family. It is also a happy time afterwards to catch up with old friends and for reunions.



Bird Ambassador Youth Program (Ages 12-17)

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd January 2020



Are you aged between 12 and 17 and thinking of a future career or volunteer role in an environmental sphere? Do you want to learn more about local wildlife and make a difference to their conservation?

This FREE BirdLife Australia two-day course will give you a once off opportunity to learn from expert ornithologists & local volunteers with extensive knowledge of woodland, wetland & shore birds and have the opportunity to see how they study and conserve birds in the wild! Includes field excursions for hands on experience. Transport & lunches provided.

Limited places are available so please RSVP by 8th January 2020 to the Beach-nesting Birds Team at bnbevents@birdlife.org.au or 9347 0757. Parental permission is required. You can find extra details here: <http://bit.ly/BirdLifeBirdAmbassador>



Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd Jan 2020

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Location: Bunurong Environment Centre,

1 The Esplanade, Inverloch.



2020 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Leongatha Gymnastics Club is taking enrolments for 2020

Get in quick before classes fill up as places are limited per class

We offer Gymnastics (competitive and recreational), Ninja Gym, Tumbling and Cheerleading as well as Under 5 year old classes

Call 0400 273 658 or email: leongathagymclub@hotmail.com for more information or to book a place

YOUTH ALPHA!

Coming to
Leongatha

Term 1 2020

Hosted by the combined
Leongatha & District Churches

For more information or to lodge your interest in attending please contact

Chris & Bethany Ford 0437858290

Jonathan & Jackie Bowman 0434724226

**INTERESTED IN
PLAYING
BASKETBALL
NEXT YEAR?**



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