

*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
7 February 2020

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also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM



*"So great is the
strength we possess
in our unity".*

*Mary MacKillop
1874*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to all families and students after the summer holidays! It was great to welcome back to school all those happy smiling faces. Once the students return, the College truly comes to life. A special welcome to our 138 new Year 7's and to all the students who have joined us at other year levels as well. We hope your time at Mary MacKillop is happy and successful.

Congratulations to our graduating Class of 2019. They did very well with University offers, apprenticeships and in gaining employment. Many of them will be heading off to commence studies in the next few weeks, many have already started work in their chosen fields. We wish them all well on the next stage of their adventure. We held the Achievers Assembly earlier in the week to present students who achieved the highest study score in their subject. The highlight of the Assembly is the address by the Dux of 2019, this year Tomei Dal Pozzo. The text of Tomei's speech will be printed in the newsletter. Well done to all.

We start the year by welcoming twelve teachers: Georgia Townley, Christopher Spencer, Katherine Fitzgerald,

Kelly Gordon, Joanna Jacobs, Dianne Hancock, Rosemary Drenen, Robert Ryan, Marie King, Sandra Lyle, Teacher Librarian Shayne King and Learning Adjustment Leader Leigh Shelley-McCahon. We also welcome this year's Trainees and recent graduates Beth McCrae and Amelia (Milly) Ellen.

We look forward to each of you having a long and happy association with the College.

School has started quickly: we have already seen a successful Year 12 Retreat and Year 8 Camp.

Wishing all our students and families every success as we begin the new year.

**David Leslie
Principal**



"So great is the strength we possess in our unity" - Mary MacKillop 1874

This Weeks Prayer

A Prayer for the New School Year

Almighty God

As we begin this new school year, we ask for your blessing on all who work and study here: Open our minds as we learn about the glory of your creation, grant us courage as we accept new challenges, and help us to play our part in shaping this community.

We give thanks for the opportunities that lie before us: for the people who help us learn and play, for friendships old and new, and for the support of our families.

Finally, we pray for all those around the world who do not have a school to go to or are caught up in conflicts. In particular we pray for the children of Syria and Iraq. Comfort and support those who suffer and give them hope and strength to work for a better future.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



#alphayouthseries

YOUTH ALPHA!

When:

Every Sunday of Term 1

Where:

Pioneer Hall
Chairo Christian School
Horn St, Leongatha

Time:

5:00 - 7:30pm

Dinner Provided!

Enquiries, please contact
Chris - 0480 222 315

leongathayouthgroup@gmail.com

Calling all youth year 7 - 12!

Come and join us for 9 weekly sessions as we engage with the big questions of faith!

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

Schools are about more than facilities. Schools are places where students have access to a myriad of learning opportunities. It becomes the responsibility of each student to make the most of these opportunities so that when they Graduate from our College.

Last week's Year 12 Retreat was again a very successful learning opportunity for these students as they begin their last year of secondary education. We wish the Year 12 cohort all the very best for the 2020 academic year. In particular, we thank the staff for the hours of preparation they put into the College Retreat.

Next week we celebrate the College Opening Mass. Mass commences at **9.15am** and will be followed by the presentation of badges to this year's leaders in a short commissioning ceremony.

We invite parents to this special celebration for our College.

Other dates to remember:

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| 11 February | College Opening Mass and Mission Team Commissioning |
| 25 February | Pancakes at school and Diocesan Launch of Project Compassion |
| 26 February | Ash Wednesday Mass Whole School Mass |

*There
Where you
Are
you will
Find
God*



John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission

Hit the ground running

Welcome to the start of 2020 and to that of a new school year. I hope all the members of our Mary MacKillop College community have had a well-rested break and are ready to engage in another full year of challenging educational experiences.

The dust has settled for the New Year and by now the new Year 7's and their families are coming to realise secondary schooling is a whole new ball game. This is an important rite of passage for these adolescents, as they learn that secondary school is very different to primary school. Part of our role at the College is to assist parents with this transition in this new learning environment. If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it is important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child's education as practical. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystery about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive Parent Participation & PAM

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist our teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include: talking with your child about their day, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

You would have hopefully realised by now the importance of good communication to assist in your child's learning journey. It is therefore imperative that there are open channels of communication between home and school. At Mary MacKillop College students access their work and assessment tasks through the online portal called SIMON. This wonderful resource informs students of their daily timetable, lists the daily notices and ensures that students have quick and ready access to key learning materials. PAM...the "Parent Access Module" allows you, as parents and guardians, to access much of this information as well.

We also use PAM for progressive and continuous reporting and any information that we are wanting to send home to parents/guardians. PAM access codes will be individually posted to all new families this coming week. If you have forgotten your username and password, or need assistance resetting your password, please contact the helpful office staff at the College.

Learning Framework @ Mary MacKillop College

As educators we are in partnership with you as parents to assist all our students in growing their resiliency and capacity to be more active in their own learning journeys. In 2020 we continue to focus on creating opportunities to help student uncover the path to achieve their personal best and to encourage them to become lifelong learners, and we do this through the four cornerstones of our Learning Framework.

- * Taking Ownership
- * Thinking Deeply
- * Making Connections
- * Being Courageous

Best wishes to all in their educational pursuits during 2020.



Jodie Connell
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning





Achievers Assembly

Congratulations to all our award recipients from Monday's Achievers Assembly. We celebrated all our students from 2019 who received top study scores in their subjects.

DUX - Tomei Dal Pozzo

VET INFORMATION, DIGITAL MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE III - Charlie Adkins

ART, PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Siobhan Beecroft

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY REVOLUTIONS - Samuel Chadwick

VET APPLIED FASHION DESIGN CERTIFICATE II YEAR 3 - Elii Clark

VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN - Julia Cocksedge

FURTHER MATHEMATICS, MATHEMATICAL METHODS - Tomei Dal Pozzo

ENGLISH LITERATURE - Simone Dekker

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - Erin De Santis

CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS - Aaron Farrell

LEGAL STUDIES - Molly Kent

VET BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION YEAR III - Connor Krohn

MUSIC PERFORMANCE (VCE,VET), THEATRE STUDIES - Taylor Mitchell

ECONOMICS, ENGLISH, PSYCHOLOGY - Megan Thorn

BIOLOGY - Hannah Perry

CARDELL ACCOUNTANTS AWARD - Megan Thorn

LEONGATHA MEDICAL GROUP AWARD - Aaron Farrell

RHONDA MALONE AWARD - Annabelle Williams

DUX SPEECH

Writing this speech was hard. Last night when I sat down to write it after procrastinating for weeks, I still had no idea what to say, but the truth is nothing I say will mean much to anyone in a few short hours and let's be honest, no one really wants to listen to me talk for five minutes, so I will make this short.

One of the reasons why I found it so hard to write this presentation was because my experience at this college will be so different to yours. Although we all go to the same school, have the same teachers and subjects, what I see through my eyes will be completely different to what you see and your experiences. There is no right or wrong when it comes to your schooling. What you have to do is find what works for you and do what makes you happy.

Last year, I made the decision that I would focus on my schooling and be the best I could be for me. By getting involved, I was given many wonderful opportunities, but I also had my share of disappointments. But I realised that all I needed to do was to be happy within myself to give myself the best chance to succeed. I wouldn't say I had the healthiest school-life balance but, I was happy.

I don't quite understand why I was asked to make a speech to you today because I am no more special than anyone else here. I am not smart, I just worked hard.

Now a few quick tips for the VCE Students:

- * Use your teachers to the best of your ability, they are your biggest resource and never be afraid to ask too many questions, I know I did.
- * Keep yourself busy, don't give yourself time to procrastinate about that speech you haven't written yet.
- * Read your English Books!
- * Year 12 is not everything, life goes on after school.
- * and finally, enjoy yourself but work hard, too.

Now in finishing I would like to say a few thank you's:

Firstly to the people in the audience who set me up for success and helped me become the person I am today. I want to thank you for your support throughout one of the biggest challenges of my life, you know who you are. I hope you know how important you are to me.

Secondly to my parents and brothers for putting up with me and most importantly for loving me regardless.

And lastly to Mary MacKillop College, for being my home for the past 6 years.

Thank you for your time, best wishes to you all and congratulations to the other award recipients.

TOMEI DAL POZZO



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

House Swimming Sports

Wednesday 12 February

Korumburra Swimming Pool

- ♦ Students may wear sports uniform on the day and change into house colours at the pool
- ♦ Students must apply sunscreen, wear a hat and a shirt at all times unless they are competing in an event
- ♦ Students must return permission notes. Those students going directly to the pool must check in at the pool with their homeroom teacher to ensure their attendance is recorded. At the conclusion of the day they must once again check in with their homeroom teacher before departing.

AT SCHOOL

- ♦ Normal beginning to the day and homeroom
- ♦ Year levels will be called to assemble at the front of the College
- ♦ Teachers will travel with their Homerooms on the buses
- ♦ House supervisors please make sure students go to house areas
- ♦ House captains organise students
- ♦ All students must heed the sun smart message ie: hat, shirt and sunscreen



First Races: Fashion parade at 9.40am followed by the first race

Lunch: 12.05pm - 12.20pm

Last Race: 2.00pm U21 Relay

Presentations: 2.10pm (no free swim allowed)

Depart: 2.40pm - on return to the College all students must attend homeroom for attendance to be marked

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

There will be BBQ snags in bread available at the swimming sports for students to buy \$2 EACH.

Bring along your change, grab a snag in bread and help our College fundraiser.

REMINDER:

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE POOL





Year 8 Camp was a great experience for everyone. We got to participate in activities such as, surfing, giant swing, abseiling, group activities and many more. The camp provided great food and an all-round amazing time for each and every one of us.

Lillyca White



This year at Year 8 Camp we went to Waratah Bay. There, we did a rotation of activities and surfing. Surfing down at the beach was a lot of fun. A few instructors were teaching us different strategies. The meals that we had were really good. They were really good with people that had allergies letting them go up first and then one by one for the rest of the students. We went on a long walk down the beach to look at the rock pools on the second day where people were finding lots of different things. 5 different activities were set up on a rotation basis which included the giant swing, aero ball, treasure island maze and rock climbing. There were two difference sections for the boys and girls accommodation. There were 12 beds in my room and only 9 people to fill them, it was a bit crowded but it was fine. Overall it was a really great camp.

Sarah Ellery-Burke



The Year 8 Camp was a great success. We went local and we have discovered a ripper resource on our doorstep - Waratah Beach Camp. It is across the road from one of the finest ocean beaches you'll see. It has purpose designed facilities and huge dining areas. There are a dozen activities and challenges fringing the main building. The activities range from the big swing to a towering rock wall with auto safety abseiling gear fitted. There are other fun stations. Even simple things like 'Nitro' were great fun and called upon our team skills. Weather: we had three degrees of hot: pretty hot, really hot and blazing hot - but we slipped, slopped and slapped and had fun every day. The surfing was a real highlight with professional coaches. - Jack Pearce





We had a campfire with toasted marshmallow on one night and a movie night on the other night. The dinner included a roast on the first night and then a lasagne on the second night.

Terence Steele



YEAR 12 RETREAT

GRANTVILLE LODGE - GRANTVILLE



A retreat is a wonderful and unique experience. It is an opportunity to stop and to reflect on our lives, away from the busyness and distractions that fill our lives. The Year 12 Retreat at Grantville is held at the beautiful site of Grantville Lodge over three days. The Year 12's spend time together as a whole and in small groups. This is an opportunity to sustain them as they journey forward this year, as a group. Activities included cooking, singing, creating murals, walking, praying, learning about each other, affirming peers, setting goals, eating out at Cowes foreshore and finding God within the immediate environment. - John Ryan



WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

MMC Parents and Friends are looking for volunteers to help in the Canteen and/or Uniform Shop. Please contact the General Office with your details.

Phone 56624255

Thank you!



A new soft shell Sport Jacket is being added to our PE Uniform!

These Jackets will not be available until the end of Term 1. The cost of these will be approximately \$90. Any student waiting for a College Sport Jacket may wear their own Jacket for sport until the new ones arrive.

MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

AUSSIE HOOPS - A new and exciting program will be offered for children from 5-7 years of age to come join our new Aussie Hoops Program. Friday nights from 3.30pm starting 21st February. Cost is \$50 plus Basketball Vic Registration Fee. Includes skills/playing, plus an Aussie Hoops Bag

We would also like to invite any new players 7-15 years to come join our competition.

Mini's from 4.15pm, Intermediate & Youth Players from 5.15pm. Season starts 21st February.

Please contact Kim 0427 346 048 or Darlene 0417 640 035

2020	
Tue 11 Feb	OPENING MASS 9.15am
Wed 12 Feb	HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
Tues 18 Feb	PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING 7.30pm
24-28 Feb	Year 9 OEG Camp
26 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY
26-28 Feb	Year 7 Phillip Island Camp
3 March	Year 7 Welcome Mass
17 March	HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS
17 March	PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING 7.30pm
19 March	Parent Teacher Interviews - Leongatha
24 March	Parent Teacher Interviews - Wonthaggi
27 March	EASTER LITURGY Last Day of Term 1
30 May	Debutante Ball

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

Uniform Shop is open each Friday
from
12.50 pm - 1.35 pm
Canteen is open Monday - Friday



AMBULANCE MEMBERS

All families are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service. At times of accidents or illness, the First Aid trained staff member/s in attendance will make a decision as to whether or not they should request the attendance of the ambulance service.

In doing so, the health and safety of the patient will be the only determining factor. Ambulance membership, or potential costs to families will not be a point of consideration. Such a decision will always be made with a conservative 'better safe than sorry' attitude. Parents (or next of kin for an adult) will always be contacted as soon as possible so that they may be in attendance when the ambulance arrives. A familiar staff member will always accompany a student to the hospital if the attending ambulance officer approves.

Thankyou



**Looking for volunteers to cook
sausages at P&F Sausage sizzle.**

MMC Swimming sports

Wednesday 12th Feb.

between 10.30am-2pm,

Korumburra Swimming Pool.

**Please contact the General Office
with your contact details.**

Phone: 56624255

COLLEGE HATS



A reminder that hats are compulsory for students/staff to wear in Terms 1 & 4. Students and staff will also be encouraged to apply sunscreen. This policy applies at all times, both timetabled outdoor activities, recess and lunchtimes.

Hats are currently available for the price of \$12.00.

Hats are available from the uniform shop and the Office.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund payment arrangements

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card as at the 28th January 2020 are eligible to apply for a payment of \$225, which will be paid directly to the College to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs.

Application forms to be completed and lodged with schools. However, the schools will be able to accept and process applications up until 26th June 2020. Regular payment runs will occur throughout terms one and two.

Families wishing to apply for the payment should visit the CSEF website at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and download an application form, complete and return to school by 26th June, or alternatively pickup an application form from the College office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the College Office on
5662 4255.

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:

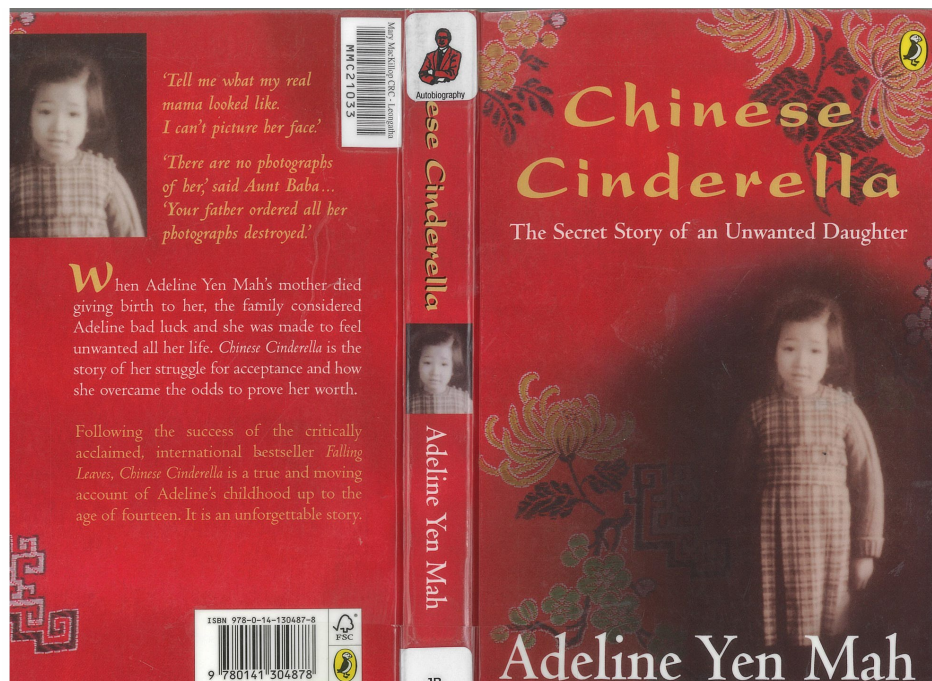
One Student Family - \$4,746 plus \$466 Capital Levy

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.



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



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

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.