



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
20 March 2020



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

*Mary MacKillop
1874*

Newsletter on our website
www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Weeks Prayer



An Easter Sunday Prayer

*Risen Jesus, compel us to
share the good news of your
life wherever we go.
May our hearts overflow with
joy at your Resurrection. May
our faces shine with the light
of Easter. May our joy be an
infectious invitation for others
to come and see the tomb lying
empty. Amen.*

Learning brings hope at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, that hope is based on the experience of God’s love and care for all. Staff at the College see learning as a journey of endless possibilities, where our students are energised to seek meaning and explore questions about the world in which they live. Over the next few weeks this learning journey will be challenging. However, working in partnership with parents and the broader community we will overcome the challenges that will present and continue to inspire the ‘search’ in all of our students.

Thank you to all students, staff and families for their patience and understanding over the past week. There is lots of information being disseminated at the moment, surrounding Coronavirus.

As a College, we have been working towards the delivery of an online learning program should the College close. This will allow students, to access their lesson materials remotely and teachers are well prepared in the event that this happens. The College has increased the cleaning and sanitising of all surfaces around the school and students have had an explanation of and encouraged to practice social distancing.

All sub schools (Junior, Middle and Senior) have dedicated areas at recess and lunch times.

I visited many classes yesterday to find classes were functioning very well, and to their credit, the students were continuing to be actively engaged in their learning.

A handbook has been produced for students and families which outlines the key knowledge related to remote learning. This document has been put on SIMON and PAM to assist with how the College will deliver remote learning. I encourage all families to download the handbook.

Please contact the school directly to discuss educational continuity options.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews, all sporting events, camps and excursions for Term 1 have been postponed and we will advise early next term when these events may run.

The College’s Production of Matilda has been postponed and we are working with the Theatre to reschedule, the Debutante Ball has also been postponed and Parents and Friends are working towards a new date for this event. All information will be communicated once it has been finalised.

Our Senior School Coordination Team and VCE students, are working closely in accordance to information provided by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). VCAA are taking a flexible and agile approach to meeting the emerging issues and is relying on schools to be similarly flexible and agile in ensuring continuity of learning and delivery of assessment.

The College will take advice from the Government and DOSCEL in regard to Term 2 activities and will notify families in the coming weeks of any changes. At this stage, next week the College will remain open and normal school holiday dates remain.

Stage 3 concrete for our new building is being poured today. We are looking forward to seeing the next stage of construction.

Should you have any concerns relating to school operations, or the health and safety of students, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kieran O’Dwyer
Acting Principal



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

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - WELLBEING AND ORGANISATION

We are all aware that some people in our school communities have heightened levels of concern and anxiety regarding the many impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

These thoughts and feelings are normal and understandable.

Most adults and children will be able to manage these feelings through being resilient and practising positive coping skills.

However, some may feel overwhelmed and unable to adequately express their concerns. This may result in escalated levels of distress or worry.

Conversations with children and young people

Families and caregivers of children and young people should discuss news of the virus with those in their care in an open and honest way.

Try to relate the facts without causing alarm, and in a way that is appropriate for their age and temperament.

It is important to listen to any questions they may have, and to let them know that they are safe and that it's normal to feel concerned.

If the media or the news is getting to be too much for them, encourage them to limit their exposure.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg developed this video for parents and school staff. Catholic Education Melbourne acknowledges the generosity of **SchoolTV** in making the report accessible to parents and staff in Catholic School communities.

Here is the link: https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and Organisation



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING AND LEARNING

The partnership between students, parents and the College is vital to strengthen the learning platform for each student. We continue to strengthen the communication between home and school via the Parent Access Module (PAM). As the term draws to a close, I encourage all parents to ensure that they have logged into PAM and are checking how the students are progressing with their learning. All students should have feedback on at least one task they have completed this term. The student's interim reports have also been published and give parents feedback on work habits such as effort in class, behaviour in class, completion of class work and home work as well as overall how they are progressing in their studies.

Throughout the Term we have encouraged students to **take ownership** of their learning. Many of the students should see the interim report as validation of their hard work and commitment to their learning journey. Sharing the report with your child and having a discussion about their learning, hopefully leads to the student **thinking deeply** about what they are doing well, and where they need to be make improvements. To achieve success we must however, have high expectations of ourselves, develop resilience strategies, **be courageous** and through this, as a College, we can build a culture of high achievement. These high expectations come in many forms; how we treat and value one another, how we wear our uniform; and the discipline we show in our studies.

With the deferment of Parent Teacher Interviews, I encourage any parent that has concerns about their child's academic progress to contact the subject teacher via email or phone.

If you have misplaced your PAM login or need help finding these reports please email Adrienne Layton alayton@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au and she will email you your login and password.

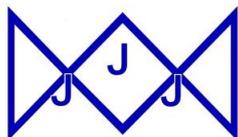
Wishing everyone a safe, happy and holy Easter break.

Jodie Connell
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

The Emblem of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart



The emblem worn by the present Sisters is based on the original blue braided Monogram worn from the founding era in SA from 1866. This original Monogram reflected a core emphasis on the Holy Family in the spirituality of the co-founders, Mary MacKillop [1842-1909] and Father Julian Edmund Tenison Woods [1832-1889].

The first Josephite Rule written by Father Woods with Mary for the early Sisters was approved by Bishop Sheil in Adelaide in 1868. With respect to the wearing of the Monogram it reads:

“The professed Sisters shall wear upon their hearts a large blue monogram of the Blessed Virgin between three letters J in honour of Jesus, Joseph and John the Baptist thus typifying the Holy Family. This monogram shall be made of plain blue woollen braid.”

In his religious formation before coming to Australia in 1855, the young Julian had come under the influence of several Religious Orders that variously promoted devotion to the Holy Family: the English Passionists, the French Marist Fathers and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Le Puy, France, who impressed him by the simple tenor of their ministry among the poor, their spirituality of companionship with people and their belief that the Blessed Trinity is mirrored in human relationships, ideally like those of Jesus’ own family. The design of the Josephite Monogram is clearly drawn from the early Marist seals. Across the Marist family of Congregations, these seals still feature the combined the letters ‘A’ and ‘M’ for “Ave Maria” of Mary’s Annunciation.



To the letters ‘A’ and ‘M’ of the Marist seal Julian added 3 Js in honour of Jesus, Joseph and John the Baptist.

Both co-founders loved Joseph, so it is not surprising to find a J for him on the Monogram, not the one for Jesus. Julian’s particular devotion to Joseph arose as a 19 year old Passionist novice when hearing the words of one of Joseph’s greatest devotees, St Teresa of Avila. Many years later Julian wrote: “What she said about St Joseph so took possession of me that I resolved in a special manner henceforth to choose him as my patron and protector.” The third J on the Monogram registered Julian’s particular devotion to John the Baptist. Whilst in

France he would have encountered Western European art [eg by Murillo] portraying John and Jesus as small boys, each with a lamb, hinting towards their later martyrdom. Perhaps this led to the insight expressed in the original Rule that the young John accompanied the young Jesus as both grew up, responding to the call of God in their lives.

Prayers for St Joseph’s Day

HR Teacher: Joseph was chosen by the Father to guide and protect Jesus and Mary in a bond of love and respect. Inspired by his faithfulness we turn to the Father in prayer.

1. May Pope Francis, installed as Bishop of Rome seven years ago today, nourish the Church by his teaching and inspire us by his actions of warmth and kindness. Lord, have mercy
All: Lord hear our prayer
2. May the Universal Church, placed under the patronage of St Joseph, be a family of faith, a community of hope, and a church of charity. Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord hear our prayer
3. May all in the diocese who have been placed under the patronage of St Joseph be united in their faith and be generous in their charity: In particular the parishes of Korumburra and Wonthaggi.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord hear our prayer
4. May the Sisters of St Joseph, founded this day in 1866, be richly blessed in their vocation today, and may their numbers increase for the service of the Church and society.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord hear our prayer
5. May workers, especially those facing unemployment, carpenters and travelers, those searching for a home or under threat of losing their home, and all who desire a happy death, find in Joseph a loving patron.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord hear our prayer
6. May St Joseph be close in prayer to those nations placed under his patronage: the Church’s mission to China, along with Austria, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Peru, Russia and Vietnam.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord hear our prayer

HR Teacher: Father, in Joseph we see the just man, full of integrity.
May he show us how to follow your Son, Jesus Christ,
with a tender devotion to his wife Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission



YEARS 10-12 THEATRE STUDIES PLAY VIEWING - BLACK TIES



Years 10 and 12 Theatre Studies recently viewed the play, **BLACK TIES** at The Arts Centre in Melbourne as part of their assessment to analyse a play in performance. Black Ties was a hilarious and heart-warming immersive theatre experience by **ILBIJERRI Theatre Company** (Australia) and **Te Rēhia Theatre** (Aotearoa/New Zealand) .

The following response was written by Kiara Vann in Year 12.

Black Ties is a once in a life time play that reminds us of the power of love to unite us as human beings. Kane and Hera, the two main characters, both represent key themes of discrimination and breaking stereotypes between Maori and Aboriginal culture through the unity of marriage. Despite the chaos that arises between both families from their differing cultural backgrounds, Kane and Hera pursue their plans together in the name of true love and bringing their multicultural families together.

The director of Black Ties manipulated the acting space to support several diverse locations, from the Tapuwera family home in New Zealand to Kane's family home in Melbourne. The most noticeable change in the dynamics of the space was after the interval when the theatre was transformed into an inclusive and engaging wedding reception, where the audience became the guests.

The actors established an intimate relationship with the audience in Black Ties by addressing everyone as family or friends of the bride or groom. The character Uncle Mick addressed the Aboriginal history of Melbourne, highlighting the importance of reconciliation. Through the style of Immersive and Presentational Theatre, the production of Black Ties was able to emphasise the themes of love, acceptance and healing of Indigenous people through the breaking down of stereotypes and racism. They used conventions such as comedy, physical theatre and the use of a dynamic four-piece band to deliver a wonderful performance.

The Importance of Being Earnest



Year 11 and 12 Theatre Studies students viewed the classic English play, **The Importance of Being Earnest**, by Oscar Wilde at the **Malthouse Theatre** in Melbourne as their VCE SAC. The play is Wilde's most celebrated comedy, which was transformed by the theatre company **Ridiculus**, **David Woods** and **Jon Haynes**, into a quirky Comedy of Errors. The two English comedians hit break-neck speed as they gleefully act out every role, tumbling chaotically through impossible character changes. Yet between the absurd and masterful theatrics, the beating heart of Wilde's humanity exposes itself.

Even though *The Importance of Being Earnest* was written in the late 1800's, the themes and comic value still resonated with our attending students. It told the story of Jack and Algernon, who fabricate double lives to escape social norms and to find the lovers they desire. The performance created an abundance of theatrical opportunities for our students to analyse.



VCAL STUDENTS

Our VCAL students out on their walk around the Anderson's Inlet trail!



NEW SENIOR SCHOOL BUILDING



The third and final stage of the concrete pour happened today on the 20 March of our new senior school building



SSV TENNIS

Our Year 7,8, Intermediate and Senior Tennis Teams played.

Year 7 and Senior Teams made to the finals but unfortunately lost.

Thankyou to all the other schools for some great games and their staff who assisted.



DEBATING

There were four rounds of Student v. Teacher Debates organised by Ms Poletti and the Youth Ministry Class.

Held over lunchtimes debating a different question each day.

Debators paid gold coin which is all going to Project Compassion.



CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 13 April	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 14 April	Deanna Truscio
Wednesday 15 April	Janine Moller
Thursday 16 April	Karen Wynne
Friday 17 April	Janelle Forrest
Monday 20 April	Jasminka Tomkinson
Tuesday 21 April	Cathy Waldron
Wednesday 22 April	Rebecca Coulter
Thursday 23 April	Nadia Patton
Friday 24 April	Angela Richmond
Monday 27 April	Brenda O'Loughlin
Tuesday 28 April	Tenille Francis
Wednesday 29 April	Tony Giles
Thursday 30 April	Rebecca Owen
Friday 1 May	Deb O'Keeffe
Monday 4 May	Louise Bruce
Tuesday 5 May	Eva Zubcic
Wednesday 6 May	Deb Menary
Thursday 7 May	Laura Nicholas
Friday 8 May	Beth Hill Smith

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!

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

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

Canteen is closed for the rest of the
Term

UNIFORM SHOP

In our transition to Winter uniform, the MMC Uniform Shop has a vast amount of Secondhand Grey School Trousers available for sale. If you are looking for winter uniform and need trousers, please come into the uniform shop Friday lunchtimes and see what you can find at some great prices!





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

Due to a delay in production Jackets will not be available until Term 2.

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.

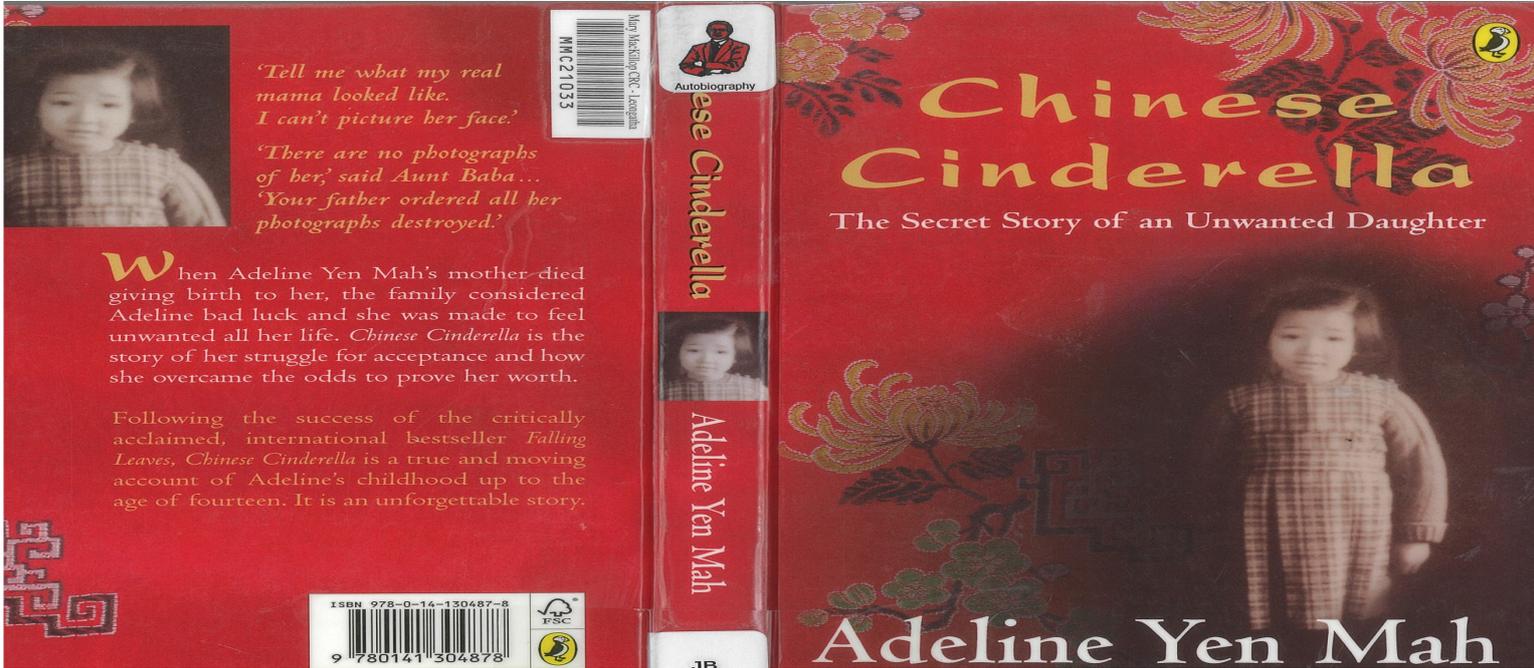
2020	
24 March	Parent Teacher Interviews - Wonthaggi - POSTPONED
27 March	EASTER LITURGY - CANCELLED Last Day of Term 1
Term 2	EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED
28 April	MACKILLOP 500
5 May	PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM MEETING 7.30pm
5 May	House Cross Country
6-8 May	Camp Bravo
11 May	School Photos
12-14 May	NAPLAN
30 May	Debutante Ball - POSTPONED
5 June	STUDENT FREE DAY



Well Done to our amazing students who performed and entertained the crowds at the St. Laurence's Fete on Friday.

And the baking from the Youth Ministry Students was a big hit with everyone as well !!





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

1st Prize - \$50 Book Voucher

2nd Prize - \$25 Canteen Voucher

3rd Prize - \$15 Canteen Voucher

4th & 5th Prize - \$5 Canteen Voucher

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.



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

PROUDLY PRESENTS A PRODUCTION OF



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

ADULTS \$24

STUDENTS \$20

TICKETS @:

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BENJW

DAY	DATE	SHOW START
FRIDAY	17 April 2020	7:30pm
SATURDAY	18 April 2020	1:30pm
SATURDAY	18 April 2020	7:30pm
SUNDAY	19 APRIL 2020	1:30pm
THURSDAY	23 April 2020	7:30pm
FRIDAY	24 April 2020	7:30pm
SATURDAY	25 April 2020	1:30pm
SATURDAY	25 April 2020	7:30pm

WONTHAGGI ARTS CENTRE, GRAHAM STREET, WONTHAGGI



**MOTORCYCLING
VICTORIA**

COME AND TRY DAY

SATURDAY / APRIL 4 / 8.30AM

- **KMCC - 980 Outtrim – Leongatha South Road Outtrim**
- **\$15 ENTRY to cover Medical and coach(s)**
- **FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE 3**

- **MONTH RECREATIONAL LICENCE**
- **BOOKINGS PREFERRED (for catering)**
- **FULL CANTEEN AVAILABLE**
- FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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