

*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 1
6 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

Prayer for Hope

Almighty God,
You are my hope, and you are my
strength. You are guiding me
toward your will, and I will follow you.

I will walk in amazing faith this day.
I will declare that my enemies will
not triumph over me. Sickness will
not triumph over me. I was created
to be powerful. I was created to be
victorious. Today I will walk in the
power, purpose, and peace of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The concept of a Catholic School community is founded on the idea that students, their families, teachers and members of the broader College community – come together to form a connected and supportive learning environment for the benefit of students. This sense of connectedness and belonging provides the foundation for the full flourishing of each student.

Over the the last fortnight I have witnessed three College events that have enhanced that sense of connectedness and belonging for the students and families involved;

The Year Seven Camp held at Phillip Island Adventure Resort allowed the students the opportunity to develop new and consolidate old relationships, while developing trust and effective communication between themselves and their teachers. This challenged both the students and teacher to extend their boundaries outside their limiting mindsets and enhanced their confidence and self-esteem.

The Year Nine students travelled to Lake Eildon to journey into the unknown on their OEG Camp. The activities students take part in are not viewed as ends in themselves: that is, we do not think it is vital that all our students learn how to sleep in a tent, rock climb or solve initiative problems. Rather we see the experiences as effective ways of teaching life lessons. The program sets out to achieve its goals based on the principals of experiential learning. The experiences enabled the students the opportunity to develop range of character traits such as perseverance, selflessness and community spirit.

Our College Mass of Welcome for our Year 7 families was a wonderful celebration of what it means to be part of a Catholic community. Celebrated by Fr Darren Howie the spirit of the celebration was all embracing. Our Year 7 Leaders were presented with their class captain badges and the evening concluded with a delightful family BBQ. The celebration reflected the very meaning of what it means to be part of the Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College community; one that is welcome to all.

Starting today and over the next two Fridays 13 and 20 March College Tours will commence at 9:15am. Prospective families, and interested community members are warmly invited to come through and see the College 'at work'. The experience will showcase the friendly and welcoming environment of Mary MacKillop College. Feedback on last year's tours was that it was great to witness how happy the students are. The day will feature student-led tours and visitors will be able to see first-hand the operation of the College on a normal school day. Specialist areas for Technology, Art, Science, French, Food and Sport will be on display, as will our excellent VCE and VCAL programs. There will be morning tea and an opportunity to meet the College Executive and ask any questions about the College. If you have friends or neighbours with school-age children, do them a favour and recommend a visit.

Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews will be held in the final two weeks of the term. Families are welcome to book either Thursday 19 March 3.50pm to 8.55pm at the College in Leongatha or Tuesday 24 March 4.50pm to 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall in Wonthaggi. Appointments can be booked online through PAM. All families are encouraged to come to the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and meet your child's teachers. When the learning partnership between home and school is strengthened, student learning is greatly enhanced.

Finally on a sad note, our Japanese Exchange students have cancelled their trip this year.

College Announcement

I wish to advise that Mr David Leslie, Principal of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Leongatha, will be taking personal leave until further notice.

I request that Mr Leslie's privacy is respected during his period of leave.

Mr Kieran O'Dwyer has been appointed as Acting Principal by Ms Maria Kirkwood, Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Sale.

Kieran O'Dwyer
Acting Principal



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

We want our students to **BE COURAGEOUS**

The College Wellbeing Program **BEING COURAGEOUS** is founded on the virtues that Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr. Julian Tenison Woods embodied. This sets the foundation of the program, which aims to nurture not only the students physical, emotional and social wellbeing but the spiritual wellbeing as well.

The Junior Year's **BEING COURAGEOUS** program is an exploration of who our students are as individuals, facilitating their positive growth as they transition from primary school into secondary school. We recognise that as our students transition, their wellbeing needs will become more dynamic. Our staff look to enhance their growth, which will see a sense of independence and confidence flourish and underpin success within each student.

Feeling comfortable at school as well as being happy and healthy has a direct impact on the positive educational outcomes for each student, as well as their confidence and resilience. Maximising the relationship between wellbeing and learning is critical for the development of each child. Each of the two focus areas are framed by the 'Making Connections' pillar of our College Framework.

The Middle Years **BEING COURAGEOUS** program acknowledges that the wellbeing of our students is complex and ever changing. The overarching aim of the Middle Years program is to empower our students with an understanding of and the ability to respond to the physiological and psychological challenges of being an adolescent in the 21st Century.

Ensuring that the students understand how to manage the personal, social and environmental factors in each of their lives in order to maximise their wellbeing and learning, allows for the students to continue to develop as independent, self aware and resilient students. Each of the two focus areas are framed by the by the 'Taking Ownership' pillar of our College Framework.

The Senior Years **BEING COURAGEOUS** program acknowledges that the wellbeing needs of our senior students are best supported and maintained through the development of knowledge, skills and strategies that empower students with a skill set for the enhancement of positive mental health and life long learning.

Central to the final years of the program, is ensuring each student emerges from their schooling confident in their understanding of who they are, equipped with strategies to apply themselves in challenging situations and optimistic in their ability to influence their future.

Delivered through two half day seminars a term, the program is designed around providing the students with choice, challenge and autonomy over areas of their wellbeing that they feel are important. Each of the seminar days are framed by the by the 'Thinking Deeply' pillar of our College Framework develops well balanced students ready to embark on the opportunities beyond the school gates.

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and Organisation



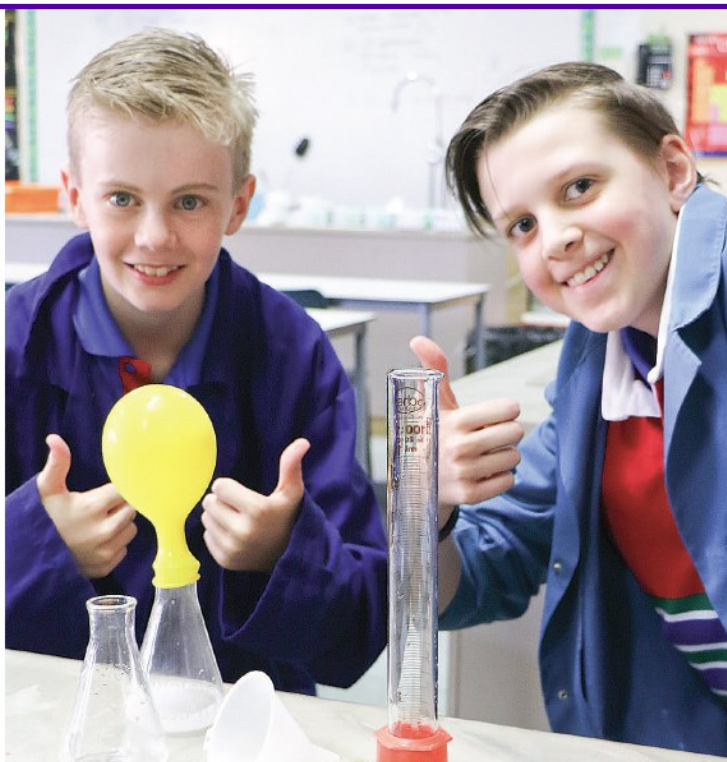
**See us at work
during our**

**COLLEGE
TOURS**

Friday, March 6, 13 & 20
Commencing 9.15am

Meet the principal, David Leslie.
Student led tours and morning tea.

ALL WELCOME



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING AND LEARNING

Research and evidence suggests strongly that parents who are connected with the school their child attends and who also connect with their learning at home have a positive impact on student learning outcomes. As parents we often ask the question "how was school today" or "what did you do at school today". The response is usually "it was good or ok", or "nothing much". As a suggestion next time why not try asking your child "what challenged you in your learning today" or "what do you know now that you didn't know before today". It's a great concept as it introduces the concept that school and school work can be challenging and students need to be challenged in their learning.

PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM):

At Mary MacKillop College, students access their work and assessment tasks through our online portal called SIMON all year round. This wonderful resource informs them of their daily timetable, lists the daily notices and ensures that they have quick and ready access to key learning materials. PAM...the "Parent Access Module" allows parents and guardians, access too much of this information as well. PAM access codes have been sent to all new families and all established families could use their existing code from last year to access this site.

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.

Parents will now be able to gain access to student's work when marked, see upcoming work submission dates, view teacher feedback and obtain school reports.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS:

We also use PAM for progressive and continuous reporting and for online booking of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. These we be open for booking from Wednesday 14th March. (A notification will go out as a reminder)

Parents and Guardians will be able to access the interim reports on PAM for their child prior to the evening. The Interim Reports can be found under the Assessment Reports section for each student. You are able to print these at home and bring along to the evening.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interview nights are an important evening as it is an invaluable opportunity to speak to members of the teaching staff face-to-face for a period of 5 minutes to discuss all aspects of student learning.

Our interviews are run over the following dates this term:

Leongatha – Thursday 19 March 2020 at Mary MacKillop College in the Pioneer Hall - 3.50pm - 6.00pm & 7.00pm - 8.55pm

Wonthaggi – Tuesday 24 March 2020 at St Joseph's Primary School Hall Wonthaggi - 4.50pm - 7.00pm

Bookings for both these evenings are made via PAM (Parental Access Module), bookings will open on Monday 16 March.
<http://pam.mmcrc.catholic.edu.au/>

WHEN CONSIDERING SCHOOL REPORTS AND TEACHER FEEDBACK:

Your children 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 a 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.

Jodie Connell
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via our website at lent.caritas.org.au Let's Go Further, Together!

The **Year 12 Youth Ministry** team will be running activities throughout the next 4 weeks until end of term.

- **Students VS Teacher Debate Off** - on the 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th March, students and teachers will have a debate off in the library at lunchtime. Students they will be emailed their topic of debate first thing in the morning ready for lunchtime. Prizes will be handed out for the biggest argument. \$2 entry for students and \$5 entry for teachers. If you wish to sign up see Miss Poletti.
- **Coin Trail** - students in Years 7-10 homerooms will gather together as many loose coins they can gather/find/ask for at some stage before the 20th March, students will line the coins up on the basketball courts, photograph and measure the line. The homeroom with the longest line of coins will win a prize that the homeroom can share (most likely a hot chip lunch).
- **Games Competition** - over the week of the 16-20th March, several game competitions will be running in the Library. Games will include UNO, Chess, LEGO Building, Wii Dance and much more. On the 23rd and 24th March there will be the championship games in which the winning students will battle each other. Lots of prizes to be won! Students to sign up for this in the Library.
- **Youth Ministry Stall** - the Year 12 students will have a youth ministry stall at the St Laurence Fete on 13th March. The students will be running several activities at this stall and selling yummy cakes and slices. If you are around on this day, pop down to St Laurence Fete to support the school and our Project Compassion Stall.

Project Compassion Story of the Week

Around 2.8 million children in the Philippines do not go to school. We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Go to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/page/week-1> to watch a short film about Shirley's story.

Year 7 Mass of Welcome

It may seem like a long road ahead of Year 7's and their parents however the journey to Year 12 and beyond will happen in the blink of an eye. On Tuesday 3rd March the Year 7 community celebrated Mass with their families in Pioneer Hall. The evening was a resounding success. The formalities concluded with the presentation of the Year 7 Class Captains badges. Dinner followed and staff, parents and students enjoyed a salad, burgers, both meat and vegetarian. A marvellous date on the College calendar.



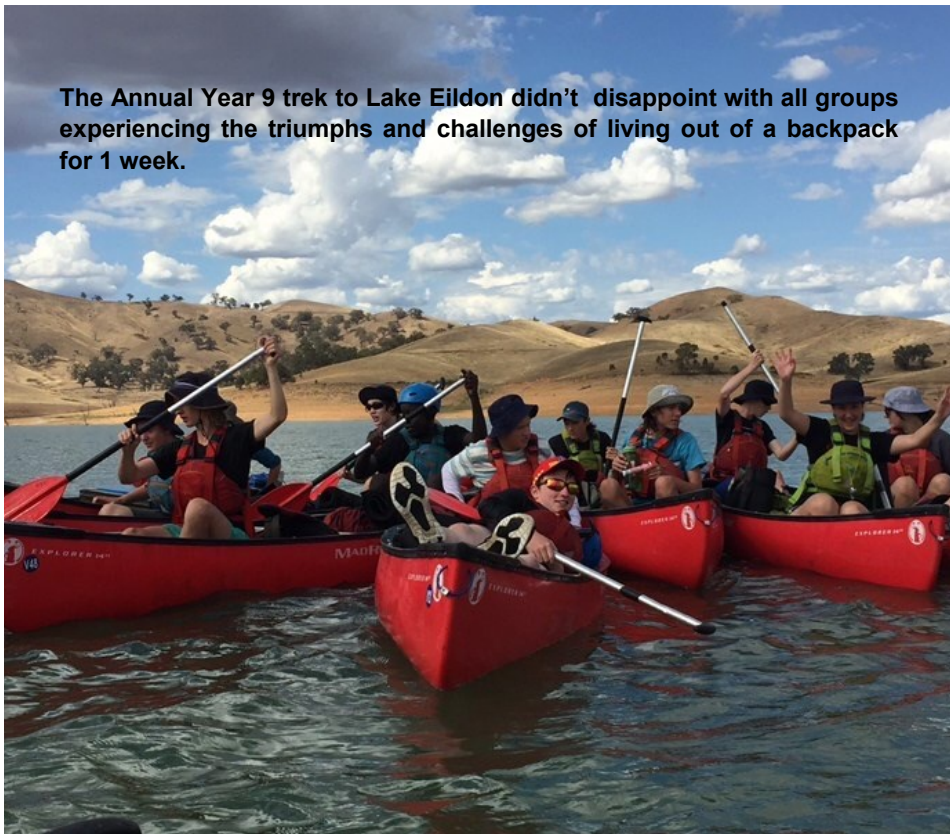
John Ryan
Deputy Principal
Catholic Identity and
Mission



YEAR 9 OEG CAMP EILDON
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

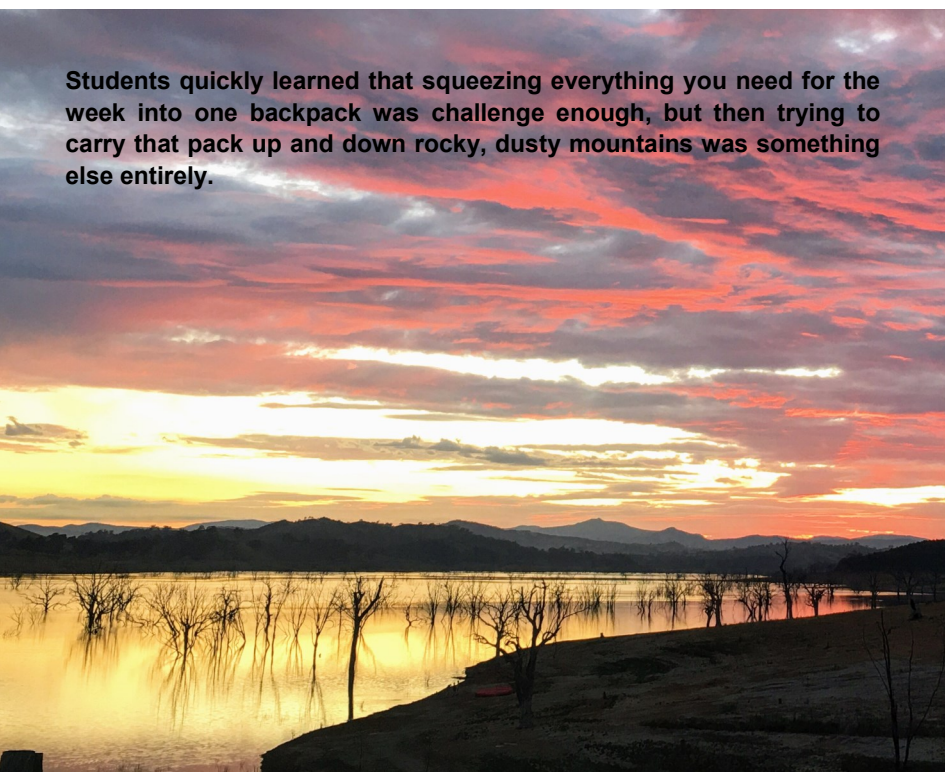


The Annual Year 9 trek to Lake Eildon didn't disappoint with all groups experiencing the triumphs and challenges of living out of a backpack for 1 week.





Students quickly learned that squeezing everything you need for the week into one backpack was challenge enough, but then trying to carry that pack up and down rocky, dusty mountains was something else entirely.





It was great to see our students embrace this camp with an attitude of positivity and determination. They embodied the College framework of taking ownership and being courageous on a daily basis. We are hopeful that these experiences will stay with our students throughout the rest of their schooling at Mary MacKillop College.



YEAR 7 CAMP - PHILLIP ISLAND



For Year 7 Camp this year we went to Phillip Island Adventure Resort on the 26th to the 28th February. Everyone was so excited but nervous too. We arrived with our big heavy bags at school and went straight to go find our friends. When it was time to board the buses everyone hauled all their stuff down to the buses and loaded them. We had a long talk from the teachers and then we were all set to go. When we finally arrived at Phillip Island Adventure Resort, we unloaded the buses and raced to see who we got in our cabins. After we had unpacked and settled in it was time for our first activity. There were lots of activities and they all looked really fun. After everyone had finished their activities, we had dinner and then everyone settled down to watch a movie in our pj's and sleeping bags. We watched The Greatest Showman (Miss Dudman's favourite movie) and everyone was singing. The next day we had so many activities, giant swing, photo challenge, team rescue and swimming. When we were finished, we had dinner and watched the other half of the movie. The last day of camp we had 2 activities the twin flying fox and the high ropes course. After all the activities we all went over to the giant swing to get all the teachers on the giant swing but we only got Miss Gordon, Lachie and Mr Spencer. We tried to con Mrs Leslie on going on it. Overall Year 7 Camp was so amazing !!! - **Gretchen Clarke**



We went to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for 3 days. There were 3 main activities one of them was the giant swing. It was a swing you would get attached to and then your group would pull you up. There was a black rope and you pull on it and there was a huge drop. There was also high ropes. What you had to do was get your harness on and wait at the line. You also had to do the practice course and finish the practice course. The instructor would then say thank you and you would climb up the ladder and he would clip yourself to the wire and start the course. There was a strength course and a balance course. Lastly there was the twin flying fox. You would start by putting on your harness and helmet and waiting until the 2 people who came down then Mr Ryan would unclip you and then the next ladder. The instructor would clip you up and down and go. I think many Year 7's made lots of new friends on camp and we had a great time.

Isabel Karipel



CANTEEN NEWS

Monday 9 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10 March	Claire Blackford
Wednesday 11 March	Moirra Alford
Thursday 12 March	Melinda Hams
Friday 13 March	Danielle Lorkin

Monday 16 March	Samantha Hampstead
Tuesday 17 March	HOUSE ATHLETICS
Wednesday 18 March	Christie Hall
Thursday 19 March	Michelle LeMaitre
Friday 20 March	Angela Bye

Monday 23 March	Kathy Cook
Tuesday 24 March	Annette Reardon
Wednesday 25 March	Julie Nettle
Thursday 26 March	Sarah Donohue
Friday 27 March	CANTEEN CLOSED

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

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9 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
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
5 May	PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM MEETING 7.30pm
28 April	MACKILLOP 500
5 May	House Cross Country
6-8 May	Camp Bravo
11 May	School Photos
12-14 May	NAPLAN
30 May	Debutante Ball
5 June	STUDENT FREE DAY

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN
 Uniform Shop is open each Friday
 from
 12.50 pm - 1.35 pm
 Canteen is open Monday - Friday

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.

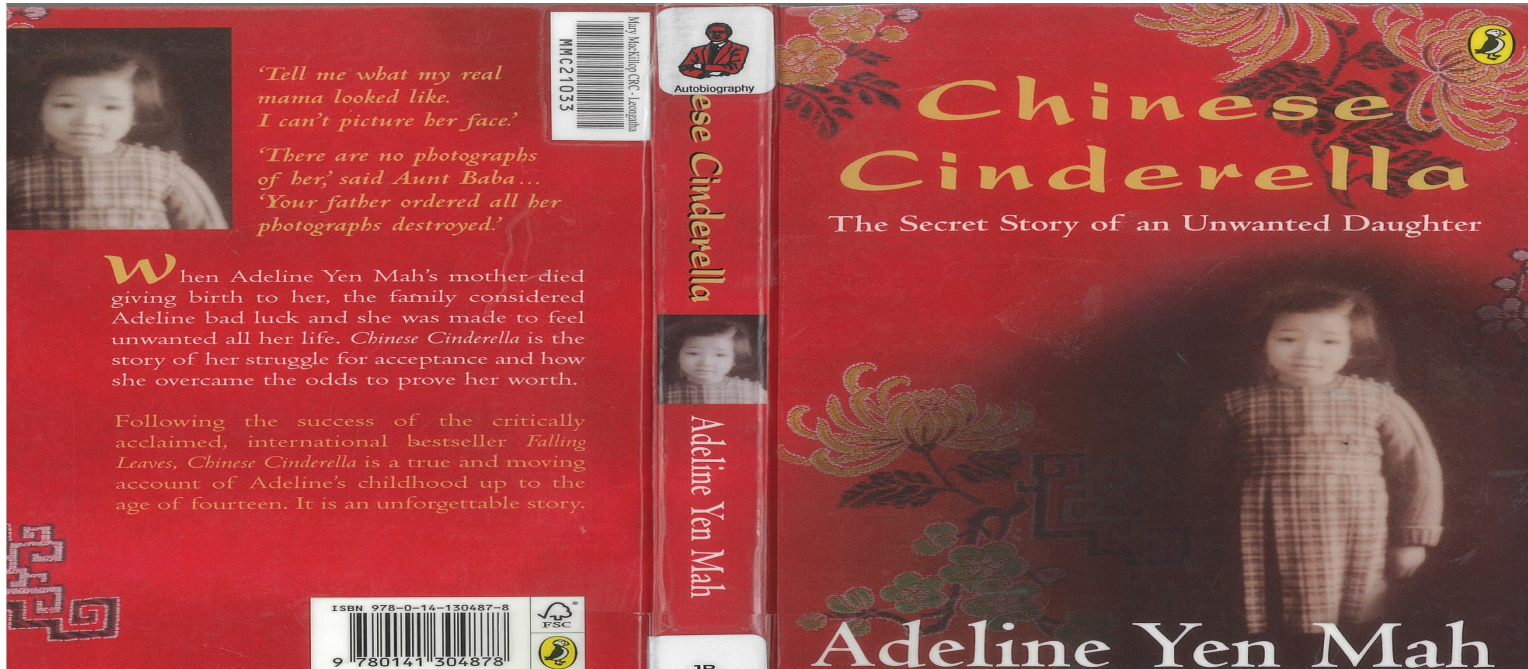
Phone 56624255

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.



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.



JOIN OUR TEAM BECOME AN UMPIRE

- ▶ GET PAID TO STAY FIT
- ▶ FUN AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT
- ▶ FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED UMPIRES
- ▶ PATHWAY TO ELITE AFL LEVEL
- ▶ ANY AGE OR GENDER

Contact: Gary Scholz

Mobile: 0413 235 763

Email: southgippslandumpires@gmail.com

Training: Wednesday 6pm Leongatha Velodrome

 @southgippslandumpires



Do you like doing fun things ? Going on adventures ?

Camping in the great outdoors ?

Learning new & exciting things ?

Then Joey's, Cubs or Scouts could be just the thing for you !

Come and try Joey's, Cubs or Scouts for yourself - 3 Nights for FREE

Where: 2nd Leongatha Scout Hall, Allison Street, Leongatha

When:

Joey's Tuesday nights from 5.30pm until 6.30pm

Scouts Tuesday nights from 7.00pm until 9.00pm

Cubs Thursday nights from 6.30pm until 8.00pm

Sound good ? Want more information ?

Contract the Group on Mobile: 0499 233 158 or by

Email: gl.2ndleongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au

**Mary MacKillop College
South Gippsland
5662 4255**



**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
PRIOR TO 10:00AM BY:**



Phone



PAM by 8:45am



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Email

attendance@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au



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.



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

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ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

ADULTS \$24

STUDENTS \$20

TICKETS @:

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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