I will keep you informed about plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence at MacKillop on Friday, 15 March 2013.

Mr Nicholas Lahey
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Last week, as College Captains, we were privileged to be able to travel to Sydney with Mr Lahey to attend a week long, National Leadership Conference called JJAMM.

JJAMM stands for - Julian, Joseph and Mary MacKillop – the name of the conference which is run by the Sisters of St Joseph. The conference allows the opportunity for young student leaders and teachers from across Australia to come together, to share ideas and improve our skills as leaders - so we can follow in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods and St Joseph.

We left a day earlier so we could see some of the amazing sights of Sydney, walking in the footsteps of Mr Lahey from Coogee Beach to Bondi Beach. After a refreshing swim and dinner we were treated to the lights and delights of Sydney Harbour.

On Saturday morning, the conference began at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. Here we met over 40 other School Captains, including fellow Tasmanian College Captains from St James and Sacred Heart Colleges.

In the evening, we had the amazing experience of having a formal Commissioning Mass in the chapel where St Mary MacKillop’s tomb is now situated.

Later in the week we travelled to Kincumber on the Central Coast and stayed at a special retreat which was originally an orphanage that Mary MacKillop established.

Here we learnt further leadership skills and investigated our school values and the history behind Mary MacKillop’s vision. Each school planted a tree on the beautiful property not only to commemorate our time at the conference, but to emphasise the point that as our plant grows, so will we as leaders grow with it.

We would both like to express our appreciation to Mr Lahey for joining us and looking after us all week at JJAMM. We would also like to thank Dr Towns and Mrs Howard for providing us the opportunity to take part in the valuable conference.

Our experience has given us valuable leadership skills which we look forward to sharing with our fellow student leaders and the rest of our community throughout 2013.

Tom Kenny & Connie Woodward
College Captains

I applaud the leadership of the house captains, Erin Ewington and Alec Willing. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the following Age Champions:

U13 Female 1st Georgia Sly Penola
2nd Maykayla Gangell Lochaber
3rd Zoe Teders Lochaber

U13 Male 1st Jayden Milanowski Kirby
2nd Clancy Vanderkelen Tenison
3rd Tom Steele Penola

U14 Female 1st Chelsea Clark Kirby
2nd Lauren Thornbury Lochaber
3rd Lila Visentin Lochaber

U14 Male 1st Jacob Rugless Penola
2nd Jaidyn Estcourt Kirby
3rd Blake Newell Kirby

U15 Female 1st Ashley Steele Penola
2nd Tabbi Fonnacht Penola
3rd Isabel Schueler Kirby

Congratulations to our Record Breakers:

- Ashley Steele Penola U/15 Girls
  - 50m Freestyle 29.32 secs
  - 50m Butterfly 30.39 secs
  - 100m Freestyle 1.05.20 secs

- Jacob Rugless Penola U/14 Boys
  - 50m Freestyle 27.28
  - 100m Freestyle 1.04.28

COMMISSIONING ASSEMBLY

Last week we held our Commissioning Assembly at the College.

The ceremony commenced with a Liturgy of the Word, with Father Peter O’Loughlin presiding. This was followed by the commissioning of student leaders and house captains. This was a wonderful celebration and acknowledgement of student leadership, and a proud moment in the life of our College. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Father Peter, Mrs Linda Pollard, Mr Nicholas Lahey and Mrs Sue Howard for their organisation of the day. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Miss Andrea Scott and the choir, and Mr Ben Shaw and his Hospitality class for their contributions.

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7, 2013

MacKillop Catholic College invites applications for places for Year 7 students for the 2013 year.

Application forms and information about the College are available from the College’s Secretary by phoning 6245 0099 or emailing: enquiries@mackillop.tas.edu.au

You can also visit our website and download an application form:
www.mackillop.tas.edu.au

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Dana Anderson, Dominic Flynn, Hannah Wall, Erram Lewis, Georgia Johnson, Megan Fennell, Poppy Hill, Sarah Thomas, Montrose Wilson, Courtney Branch, Jake Cashion, Troy Britteny Kelly Zac Teders, Jemima Robertson; Connor Hay, Amy Gadd, Alana Cooper, Laura Montgomery, Ellen Williams, Bridget Foale, Robyn Barber, Clover James, Shaya Spinck, Demi Clark, Amy Breen, Emily Kerslake, Rebecca Moore, Hayden Nettle, Choipe Oppitz, Jack Dyson, Alex Gaul, Alex Harris.

STUDENT TOILET REASSIGNMENT

In an effort to improve student wellbeing, the student toilet facilities on campus have been reassigned for our junior and senior students. The existing toilet block in front of the Drama Room is now a designated Year 7 and 8 only facility. Bathrooms at the entry of Foundation block and the far end of Tenison block are now a Year 9 and 10 only facility. This change should alleviate any sense of anxiety our younger students were experiencing in using the toilets, and reducing the opportunity for these spaces becoming bullying or graffiti hot spots.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS – JJAMM CONFERENCE SYDNEY

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TAKING A STAND TOGETHER

Our school has registered to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday 15 March 2013.

The National Day of Action is a day where school communities across Australia, Take a Stand together against bullying and violence.

MacKillop Catholic College is dedicated to creating a supportive school environment, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together at MacKillop, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is a major activity organised by Bullying. No Way! (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). The Bullying. No Way! website, created by all Australian education jurisdictions, offers practical resources and information to help schools work together against bullying, harassment and violence.

Students and parents can also download the free iPhone/iPad app Take a Stand to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand.
The Australian Government provides knowledge and support for parents dealing with the only world. The website strongly encourages parents to have strict rules about the use of technology and gives insights in how to best help young people make good choices. http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ To support parents in increasing their online knowledge we do have pamphlets from The Australian Communication and Media Authority on: Mobile Phone Safety, Dealing with Offensive Content, Sexting and A Guide to Online Safety.

Social networking and online friends.

Are they my friends in real life too? Chatting to friends using social networking or IM and that are great ways to stay in touch and make new friends. However, you should always keep in mind that there are some risks meeting people online—especially if you don’t know them in real life. When you share things online you may be sharing with other people you do not know or trust. Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you won’t be able to control where it goes.

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