TASMANIAN ROBOCUP JR COMPETITION 2/8/14

MacKillop’s Robotics Team again did us proud in the State finals of Robocup Jr, held on Saturday, 2nd August. All the teams improved on their performances from the regional competition.

The Soccer team added a compass sensor to their infrared sensor, increasing the complexity of their program and pushing them up a level in the competition. Although they didn’t win a game on the day, the team were very competitive and only just missed a spot in the finals.

The Dance team changed their theme to Pirates of the Caribbean, which meant new pirate costumes for themselves and their robots. They added a sword wielding arm to each robot, involving further programming challenges.

The Senior Rescue team had a better competition than the previous one. Although a wheel fell off at one point, generally the robot held it together for the 4 rounds. Some obstacles proved easy to manoeuvre around, others, more difficult.

The Open Rescue team had some challenges on the day. The team learnt that what works in the comfort of the school classroom doesn’t necessarily work in the competition arena. They did manage a perfect round, lifting and placing the “victim” out of danger within the time limit. They competed really well and were pleased with their 2nd place finish.

Overall – I am proud of the way the students represented Mackillop College. They competed with good sportsmanship, and never gave up when the going got tough. Our Robotics Team include Isaac and Keely Hudson, Christopher Ferguson-Stoop, Joshua D’Amico, Seth Denby, Luke Petrusma, Sam Bedloe, Zephyr Wilson (Year 7), Liam Brooks, Benjamin Kershaw (Year 8), Holly Blake, Jesse Fox, Munro Wilson and Alexandra Bull (Year 9).

As the Robotics season draws to a close, I would like to thank the following staff members who have given their time to help run the after school sessions: Mrs Kathy Tyquin, Mrs Maree Smith, Mrs Deb Arnett, Dr John Snell, Mr Bernie Colebourn, Mrs Bec Prenter, Ms Rosie Graham and Mr Ty Capaci. A special thank you to Mr Murray Herbert, who has gone above and beyond with his time and effort with the Soccer team.

Pat Graham
Robotics Co-ordinator

WHAT’S COMING UP

AUGUST
Week 5 - B
21 Thursday MacKillop Athletics Carnival
22 Friday GYC preliminary course selections due

Week 6 - A
25 Monday Year 10 Retreat
26 Tuesday Year 10 Retreat
28 Thursday RYDA - Year 10
29 Friday Asia Wide concludes

SEPTEMBER
Week 7 - B
1 Monday Year 10 Drama Performance week

Week 8 - A
8 Monday Marine Camp commences
9 Tuesday College Board meeting

Week 10 - A
22 Monday 2014 Immersion group depart for Timor Leste
22 Monday Japanese Tour
24 Wednesday Southern SATIS Athletics Carnival
26 Friday TERM THREE CONCLUDES

TERM DATES FOR 2015
Term One 5 February 2015 (Year 7 only) - 2 April 2015
Term Two 20 April 2015 - 3 July 2015
Term Three 20 July 2015 - 25 September 2015
Term Four 12 October 2015 - 17 December 2015
MacKillop Catholic College
Year 10 Drama presents

Daniel Evans

**Ivy Shambitt and the Sound Machine**

“A delightfully Roald Dahlesque tale”
The small town of Apronwood appears normal enough, if a little tired and rundown.

But the people of Apronwood harbour a dark secret and they will do anything they can to keep their secret and turn their sleepy village into a thriving tourist attraction. Even if it means murder...

At the **Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre**

**TUESDAY 2nd September**
7PM (approx. 1hr 15mins)

**WEDNESDAY 3rd September**
7PM (approx. 1hr 15mins)

**THURSDAY 4th September**
7PM (approx. 1hr 15mins)

**Tickets on sale through school office from 18th August**

*suitable for ages 10 and up*