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THAI CLASSROOM • TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

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VINNER WINTER APPEAL

Thank you to the generosity of all families who have donated their warm winter woollies for the Winter Appeal. We are in the last week of collecting winter items, so please pop them into the bags available through Home Rooms.

INSTRUMENTS AND FUNDRAISING FOR TIMOR LESTE

The trickle has begun – we have had some instruments donated which is very exciting. One thing that all immersion students came to last year was saying that the whole Manobo community sings and plays guitar and any one instrument every night. It was an amazing sight for our own students, and one of the areas they identified for contribution, besides the Library, was music. Most guitars were missing a few strings, but they were considered the most valuable item in the community. At Mackillop, we would like to contribute to their enjoyment of music by donating more instruments – second hand or new. Thank you to families and individuals who have donated guitars, recorders and tin whistle.

Please have a good search around home and your local market or second hand store and bring them in. Instruments without full sets of strings will be repaired here at the College before being sent to Timor Leste.

Mrs Linda Pollard
DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY

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SELECTION OF ELECTIVE SUBJECTS FOR 2015

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“Preach always and everywhere and if you need to, use words”. St Francis of Assisi

PRINCIPAL

“REMEMBER, WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE”

Last week the College celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. The week-long celebration, known as JIAMM (Julian, Joseph and Mary MacKillop) Week included a variety of activities, which included the following:

J Jam donuts and Joyful jelly eating competition
J Jelly hot dogs, staff vs student mixed netball game and Zorb Ball thrill ride
A Awesome jam cream buns, A Minute to win it challenge and Zorb Ball thrill ride
M Mega Dodge Ball Competition and Zorb Ball thrill ride
M Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass, Mighty AFL hand ball challenge, Marvellous sausage sizzle, Mister Whippy van and the Magic MacKillop College Talent Quest

The highlight of the week was the Feast Day Mass, which was held on Friday, 8 August. Many thanks go to Fr Peter O’Loughlin for celebrating Mass with us.

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Mr B Shaw
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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Attached to today’s newsletter is an insert informing parents of the carnival details organised for our College Athletics Carnival next week August 21. All students need to return to the College from the Athletics Centre on the morning of this day to compete. If their son or daughter leave early as this is a whole College event and it is important that all students are present for the end of the carnival. A letter will be sent home in the coming week regarding this matter and all students have been informed of these expectations.

SAVE THE DATE - AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
Over the past two terms a number of staff have given their time to support our young people’s learning by offering their time to run tutorials before and after school. Starting next week, Tuesday, August 19 from 3.30pm – 4.30pm, staff members have offered an opportunity to any student in the College to stay behind and work on assignments or coursework they may require help with in a relaxed learning environment. The supervision will be on a rotational basis and the staff members available each Tuesday will be published to the students the week before.

This is great opportunity to catch up, get some extra help or just to get out homework out of the way before going home.

COMMUNICATION
Communicating effectively with adolescents!
It has been estimated that teenagers today spend a third of their waking time communicating with peers and adolescents of their own age group or the age group of their nearest friends. When you consider all the elements competing for your teenager’s time including television, electronic gaming machines, homework and part-time work it is little wonder that parents are lucky to spend even half an hour a day with teenagers.

The best communication in families tends to happen when no one is working at it; however, opportunities to talk shouldn’t be left to chance. Here are some ideas to promote some communication between you and your teenagers:

- Make all meals television-free and insist that all family members eat together.
- Have an electronic screen-free day once a week (except computers used for schoolwork). You will be surprised what a difference it makes!
- Take your teenager out alone and spend some special time together.
- Ask their opinion about a range of topical and news issues.
- Look for communication starters. Television, music and shared interest can provide entry into your teenager’s world.

Mind your language:
Speaking with teenagers can require great attention to detail. Sometimes it seems that you say one word out of place and a teenager can close communication down or fly off into a tantrum. That can seem like normal behaviour with some young people for quite a period. Communication that came naturally with children suddenly requires parents to choose every word with care, to consider carefully your tone of voice and body language. It seems that communicating with teens is like going for a job interview – you need to pay close attention to what you say and how you speak. From Parenting ideas by Michael Grose

MEDICAL ALERT
Please be aware that there has been a confirmed case of measles recently in a secondary Eastern Shore high school. The symptoms of measles are fever, headache, earache, runny nose and some children will develop a blotchy rash appears about four days later. If you think your child may have measles seek medical attention as soon as possible. More information about measles is available at: www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/peh/infectious_diseases/measles

TIMOR LESTE SUNRISE BAKERY FUNDRAISING
As our fundraising for our Timor Leste Immersion Program gets into full swing, it’s time once again for our ‘Pie Drive’. This is the final fundraiser and an order form is included as an insert in this week’s newsletter. The ‘Pie Drive’ is in accordance with the order that our students need to be back to Mr Dixon at MacKillop College by Monday, September 14, 2015. Orders will be supplied on Wednesday, September 10, 2015. This year we have organised for a credit card payment to make the process easier for you to order.

Mrs Sue Howard
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

A FULL JJAMM WEEK REPORT
Wow, what a week! Firstly, I was very impressed and proud of our Year 9 Past Students and SRC members from Year 7-10 who managed to organise and lead various fundraising, sporting and novelty events throughout the week which united our school community (like J-J-A-M-M in the spirit of Mary MacKillop). The focus of the week was on fundraising and sport, with work also done on our namesake Saint Mary MacKillop. Each day was themed with the letters from the acronym J-J-A-M-M.

Monday (J):
Jayden Early was sold at recess time and the annual J-JAMM Competition was held at lunch when saw even our Principal Dr Towns, stepping up to the challenge “to don” a plate of J-JAMM jelly in the quickest time.

Jelly Eating Competition Champions:
Year 7: Joshua D’Amico.
Year 8: Seamus Hallam.
Year 9: Jordan Davidson.
Year 10: Blake Anderton.
Mr Sam Cramer
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

Tuesday (J):
The Jumbo Hotdogs were certainly popular at lunchtime, enjoyed by spectators while they watched the competitive staff versus student netball match. The staff proved too strong for the student team with the scores being 11-9. Those that weren’t watching the netball game were having rides on the cool Zorb balls in the Gym. During lunchtime and spare time, all students carried out tasks to actively fulfill Mary MacKillop’s mantra of “Never see a need without doing something about it”. Students made easy to read books to assist with literacy skills for students in Timor.

Wednesday (M):
More bakery product arrived at recess time, this time in the form of “awesome” jam cream buns. At lunchtime, a terrific “A Minute to Win It” team challenge took place on the basketball court where students and staff were given a range of tasks including “Late to School” relay, passing tennis balls chin to chin, balancing soft drink cans and so on. (Many of the students commented however, that their team seemed to enjoy the tennis ball under the net exchange far too much.)

Thursday (M):
A Mega Dodge Ball Game took over the basketball court on Thursday while the Zorb Balls were rolling and flipping people about in the gym.

Friday (F):
Friday began with a mighty breakfast for staff led by Mr Shaw and the VET Hospitality team before we headed to our Feast Day Mass at Corpus Christi Church which ended with a sausage sizzle back at school. The Mister Whippy Van was hugely popular, selling soft serve ice-creams on site while people watched competitors step up and have a go of the AFL Handball Challenge.

AFL Handball Competition Champions:
Year 7 & 8: Congratulations, Fynn Racke and Jordan Davidson.
Year 9 & 10: Congratulations, Ben McGuinness with a special mention to Jessey Guevara (9 Green) for his persistence and determination.
Staff: Mr Dixon.

Jeremy Ford and Brady Stacey are to be congratulated for hosting our Talent Quest, co-ordinated by Mrs Howard.

The money raised from our fundraising efforts will this year go towards future project work in Timor Leste. Thanks to all staff and students who supported and participated in such a “JJAMM” packed week.

COFFEE FOR TIMOR
Once again, I encourage you to support our MacKillop Catholic College Timor Leste Immersion Team, by buying coffee. Thank you to all those who have already purchased the well presented coffee packs. Many people have commented on how good the quality of the coffee actually is, which is why it seems to have been so popular.

So, go ahead sample some yourself or purchase for gifts (ideal for Fathers Day). 250g fundraising packs of freshly ground or roasted bean, priced at $12.50 per bag, (medium or strong strength) for $12.50 per bag. Not only are you supporting the MacKillop students, and said coming to the Mass had made her Feast Day very special.

SISTERS’ MASS MASS
The Feast Day Mass is an insert informing parents of the Australian Catholic Education Week, to which all school students, staff and parents of schools in the Bellerive- Roekey-Lindisfarne Parish are warmly invited. This Mass will be held at Corpus Christi, Bellerive on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm. There is an opportunity to donate to the逆es of wider diocesan celebration.

Thank you also to our Music Teacher, Mr Steve Burdon, who led the musicians and Choir, and played so professionally at the Mass. All SRC students who participated in the Readings and Processions are to be commended for their excellent conduct and contribution to the Mass.

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