Mackillop Catholic College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures. It is the occasion for moving tributes of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Blessed Virgin. The Christian custom of dedicating the month to Mary dates back to the 13th century at which time the Church Christianised the secular feasts which took place during May. Today, we still honour Mary during this month by reciting the rosary, the special prayer given to us by her.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all students and staff and a warm welcome to new students. For information on student progress which will also be important to parents. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the College later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with their teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as SRC representatives in Years 7-9 at the end of last term:

YEAR 7
BLUE Flynn Racket and Elinnah Creswell
GOLD Lachie Cressie and Zoe Teders
GREEN Mark Mamic and Jasmine Tate-Turvey
RED Meg Francis and Sam Mitchell
WHITE Laura Cruise and Tim Davis

YEAR 8
BLUE Kyle Martin and Brady Stacey
GOLD Jacob Rugless and Isabelle Webb
GREEN Claire Callan and Chelsea Opitz
RED Harrison Lange and Daniel Webb
WHITE Jemma Smith and Madeline Osborne

YEAR 9
BLUE Nathan Wallace and Lauren McFadyen
GOLD Meg Garnsey and Gemma Yaxley
GREEN Dana Mazengarb and Andrew Wignall

STAFFING NEWS

As mentioned in the last newsletter Mrs Sue Howard and Ms Cathie Sullivan are currently on Long Service Leave. Mr Nicholas Lahey is currently in the role of Acting Deputy Principal until Mrs Howard’s return in June. We welcome Miss Hayley Saltmarsh to the College for Term 2. Hayley is currently teaching Ms Sullivan’s classes.

We welcome Mrs Zdravka Milutinovic to the College this week. Zdravka was recently appointed the new Finance and Administration Manager at the College.

At the end of next week we farewell Miss Andrea Scott who will be taking some leave until May 2014. On behalf of the College I would like to thank Andrea for her many contributions to the College, in particular the Music program, and wish her well during her leave. We welcome Mr Murray Herbert and his wife, Yuka, on the safe arrival of their son, Louie, during the holidays.

DROPPING STUDENTS OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS

This is on a slight crest of a hill, and means that students also cross in front of, or in between, buses. This is a most dangerous practice and we ask that this does not occur. You are encouraged to drop off and pick up students on the other side of Currajong Street.

Dropping students off is imperatively imperative.

If any student needs to leave the College during the school day (before 3.15pm) it is imperative that you sign them out before leaving the premises. Parents/Guardians must collect students from the Front Office, as part of Safety Guidelines and WHS requirements. Students are expected to wait in the office until they are collected and signed out. This process is to ensure that we can account for all students at all times.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Matthew Harris (9 White) on his selection to represent Tasmania in the State U18 tennis team who competed in the championships in Adelaide recently. Well done, Matthew.

Congratulations to Seamus Hallam (7 Green) who presented as a Finalist in the Boekprint Arts Award by Rowen Hill, Senior Graphic Designer, Boekprint, at the 2013 Southern Cross Young Achiever Awards. Although he was not successful, he was the youngest person ever to be nominated. Well done, Seamus.

Dr Sally Towns
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

WINTER UNIFORM

All students should now be in full winter uniform. For full details please review page 12 of the Planner. Students are to be reminded that they are more than welcome to wear white coloured thermals or singlets under their white College shirts in an effort to keep warm, but these under garments should NOT be visible. Hooded tops or non-College jackets, beanies, scarves etc are not permitted. College beanies and scarves are available from the front office or the Uniform Shop which is open Tuesdays and Thursdays. College blazers should always be worn to and from school. The College bag with the Mackillop logo should be the primary school bag used. Finally, a note on the HPE girls’ tights; our suppliers assure us that they should arrive within the next two weeks.

CANTEEN

As we approach the cooler months, students often enjoy hot food for lunch during morning Home Room time to guarantee that their preferred item is available. The canteen only sells surplus hot food over the counter at lunch. It is quite distressing to see students expecting an over the counter toasted sandwich or pastry then have to settle for a packet of chips or a biscuit for their lunch as a substitute. The canteen will be commencing “Feature Fridays”, with special menu items available on a Friday, like hot roast rolls, chicken curry and so on. Please refer to the new Winter Menu included with today’s Newsletter for more information and remember if you have an opportunity to volunteer in our canteen, we would love to hear from you.

ANZAC DAY – COLLEGE REPRESENTATION

This year, ANZAC Day fell on the Thursday of the first week of the school holidays. Mackillop College was well represented at services across the Eastern Shore and at ANZAC Cove in Turkey. Rachel Hay had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Turkey after winning the Simpson Prize Essay Competition. Closer to home, student leaders Connie Woodward and Bianca Burgess represented the College at the South Arm service by delivering a short poem as part of the service. “The significance of the word ANZAC” and laid a wreath on behalf of the College. Ensure you read their student leader reports, also featured in this week’s newsletter, for the full details of their involvement on the day. Meanwhile, College Captain Tom Kenny proudly represented Mackillop at the Dunkley service. I am sure that many others also marked this significant day of commemoration in their own way.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Last Tuesday we gathered as a whole College community for a special assembly to commence Term Two and to continue our commitment in educating students about bullying. We welcomed a new organisation called Angel’s Goal. One of the presenters, Chloe Cunningham, shared a highly personal account of her experience about being bullied at a school in Launceston. Students seemed to have connected with her story and were very engaged with the key messages of the presentation. For further information about the new organisation, I encourage both students and parents to visit their website: www.angelsgoal.org

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR – BEHAVIOUR/CONSEQUENCE DOCUMENT

The next step in rolling out our Positive Behaviour Program at Mackillop, now that our expectations of Being Respectful, Being Engaged and Being Your Best are widely promoted, is that we explicitly teach students how to achieve these expectations. Staff participated in a planning meeting last Wednesday night to devise actual lessons to be taught during Personal Development time to give students the opportunity to continually meet our expectations.

This Tuesday, students were issued with a revised “Behaviour and Consequence” document that they stuck into their planners on page 10, whereby a guide of the possible consequences when students do not meet our expectations are outlined.

MACKILLOP CROSS COUNTRY – T2 WK3 FRI 24 MAY

The College Cross Country has now been confirmed for Friday, May 24 to be held at Rison Brook Dam. All students will be transported by bus from the College to Rison Brook Dam and encouraged to participate fully. In the next couple of days Mr O’Brien, as College Sports Carnival Coordinator, will issue a letter outlining the details of the day. In the meantime, I encourage students to consider preparing for the event or even consider entering into the City to Casino Run this weekend.

INAUGURAL EDMUND RICE RACE, AT MACKILLOP COLLEGE FRIDAY 24 & SATURDAY, MAY 25

Next Friday and Saturday May 24, the Year 10 Student Leaders will be hosting and leading our first Edmund Rice Race to be held at the College. The race will be open to primary aged students and their younger primary aged siblings. The models paid a gold coin donation to strut their stuff and to watch this fantastic performance the crowd paid a silver coin donation. It was a great ending to Term One and the amount of money raised was tremendous at $155.00.

Some of the amazing costumes were duff man, a banana, a cow, a tomato, a chicken and many more. We had a special guest, Justin Beiber, perform Baby and the crowd went crazy. There were prizes for the best costumes. 1st prize was awarded to Claudia Webb and Maddi Lucas who received a $30 iTunes voucher. Second place was awarded to Holly Blake who got a $20 canteen voucher. Third went to Year 10 sheep costumes who were awarded with LOTS of chocolate. Josh Scott from Year 10 was crowned “Mr Vinnies” for most amazing Vinnies costume.

Thanks go to our brash and talented Vinnies team for organising and successfully encouraging such a high level of participation. Thank you to the astonishing variety of Vinnies clothes combinations and dress ups!! Money raised will contribute to the ongoing efforts of St Vincent de Paul assisting the bushfire victims.

By Ellen Noye, Laura Cruise and Mrs Pollard

EDMUND RICE MASS AND CAMP

On Friday, May 10, Mackillop Catholic College attended the Edmund Rice Network Mass at the DEC. Our students represented the College exceptionally well on the day, and it was lovely to take our place as part of the Edmund Rice story in Tasmania. Congratulations to Kate Harper in Year 10, who read the second reflection so beautifully on behalf of the College at the Mass.

As an Edmund Rice Association School, Mackillop Catholic College is participating in the wider events of the Edmund Rice Network across Tasmania. Preparations are well underway with the Edmund Rice Camp design team – Andrew, Will and Brendan, who are mentoring our Year 10 Leaders to run the first Eddie Rice Camp at the College from May 24-25. The program they have designed is packed with fun, food and games, and our students are very excited about working with the Eddie Rice Camp team. It is humbling to work with such motivated and Gospel-inspired people who are continuing the work of Edmund Rice in Australia today.

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The Simpson Prize is an essay competition about the Gallipoli campaign and ANZAC legend. From the 17th to the 30th of April I was lucky enough to travel to Turkey as part of a group which consisted of a winner from each state and territory, two teachers, an Australian War Memorial tour guide and a Turkish tour guide. We spent six nights in Istanbul and while there toured the Bosphorous River, the Grand Bazaar, the Spice Bazaar, Hagia Sophia, Baslica Cistern, Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace, Suleymanite Mosque and the Hagia Sophia. We also visited Gallipoli and both the Anzac Cove and Lone Pine. We spent four nights in Istanbul and while there toured the Bosphorous River, the Grand Bazaar, the Spice Bazaar, Hagia Sophia, Baslica Cistern, Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace, Suleymanite Mosque and the Hagia Sophia. We also visited Gallipoli and both the Anzac Cove and Lone Pine. We spent four nights in Istanbul and while there toured the Bosphorous River, the Grand Bazaar, the Spice Bazaar, Hagia Sophia, Baslica Cistern, Hippodrome Square, Blue Mosque, Topkapı Palace, Suleymanite Mosque and the Hagia Sophia. We also visited Gallipoli and both the Anzac Cove and Lone Pine.

Both Connie and I felt honoured to be part of the service and to have been awarded the Mackillop Catholic College in a very proud manner.

Lest we forget.
Bianca Burgess (10 Green)