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YEAR 8 POETRY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

A WINTER PRAYER
Let us huddle together this morning,
Our community a place of warmth in our lives
As we share the flame of hope and connection.

Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away
As we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning,
Lacking shelter or love to keep them warm.

Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves,
And wish each other safe journeys through the storm.

May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by the snow,
And, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold,
Ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice.

As the calendar turns to June next week I am conscious of the year moving at rapid speed. June is the official start of winter, the damp and cold, short dark days and chilly winds have set in. We have also completed a cycle of religious celebrations. The sequence of events including Christmas, Lent, Good Friday, Easter Resurrection, Ascension into Heaven, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday witness the beliefs we hold dear.

Next week also marks the half-way point in the term and the business of the end of Semester One will be upon us. There will, of course, be assessment tasks, projects and homework to complete. It is my sincere hope that students have developed, or are developing, good time management techniques to manage their time and to complete all set tasks. This is an essential skill for life.

Teachers, too, have a busy time at this point of the year as they mark and provide feedback on the work that has been submitted, and write reports. It is important that we too, as teachers in this school, meet deadlines for the reporting period. Accurate and meaningful report comments take a lot of time to plan and craft. The only way that teachers can do this well, and with accuracy, is for students to complete all set work and submit it by the due date.

Over the next few weeks it would be most beneficial if parents would review their upcoming schedules and ensure that their child has adequate time to complete the work required. Students should also endeavour to submit their best work, in line with the College expectation of ‘Being your best’.

The Forest around him
The trees surrounding him
Were protection
Not a wall
Breaking his connection
With the outside world
He became as silent as
The forest around him
As withdrawn as the woods
Camouflaged
Among the trees
And so the prey became
The predator once more

His hungry and restless mind
Tugged him toward the trees
He entered a different world
Felt himself become prey
Instead of practised predator
Felt eyes burning his back
Holes being drilled into his head

Rustle, snap
A haze of fear
Surrounds him
Proceeding with a new caution
In his endless search
Time passed
And he felt as though
The trees surrounding him
Were protection
Not a wall
Breaking his connection
With the outside world
He became as silent as
The forest around him
As withdrawn as the woods
Camouflaged
Among the trees
And so the prey became
The predator once more

Jessica Mayne - 8 Blue

THE BEOYNDBLUE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BUSHFIRE RESPONSE: SCREENING INFORMATION

Following a natural disaster such as a bushfire, children and adolescents can display a variety of emotional responses (e.g., crying/sadness/mood swings; increased anger and irritability; physical complaints; withdrawal).

Children often keep their worries to themselves and may not talk about their concerns with parents, family or teachers. Screening provides a way of understanding how children are coping. For some parents, screening results will provide peace of mind that your child is coping well; for others we may recommend a re-screen further down the track; and for some, screening will identify that your child may require emotional assistance in relation to their bushfire experience. All services provided are free of charge.

As part of the beyondblue Bushfire Child Response, targeted screening will be offered at Mackillop Catholic College. If you live in a disaster-impacted area, or have other reasons for thinking that your child may have been affected by the bushfires, please contact the college counsellor, Mrs. Diane Pitman, to arrange for your child to be included.

u 16 boys
1. Alec Willing
Penola 19.11
2. Jackson Atherton
Tenison 19.38
3. Joshua Burgess
Tenison 20.07

u 16 girls
1. Eliza Westland
Tenison 17.31
2. Nicole Bresnehan
Kirby 18.11
3. Bianca Burgess
Lochaber 18.22

u 15 boys
1. Joshua Hope
Lochaber 15.02
2. Jack Callan
Penola 15.33
3. Jordan Parkinson
Tenison 16.26

u 15 girls
1. Fiona Smith
Tenison 13.59
2. Briana Green
Lochaber 14.55
3. Emily Steele
Lochaber 14.55

u 14 boys
1. Matthew Gadd
Kirby 15.24
2. Matthew Bomford
Tenison 16.32
3. McCallum Hennessey
Penola 16.47

u 14 girls
1. Jemma Smith
Tenison 13.00
2. Natasha Shirley
Tenison 14.45
3. Maggie Rogers
Kirby 14.50

u 13 boys
1. Thomas Ratcliffe
Tenison 11.40
2. Harrison Cummins
Tenison 11.42
3. Seamus Hallam
Penola 12.24

u 13 girls
1. Anabel Vandenberg
Penola 14.39
2. Meg Francis
Tenison 14.50
3. Maggie Tilley
Penola 14.52

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From the Director of Ministry

EDDIE RICE CAMP - MAY 2013 @ MACKILLOP

It was with considerable excitement that our Year 10 leaders gathered at 4pm at school last Friday, June 21, 2013.

In this response through our Counsellor, Diane Pitman. Leaders from all the Brothers of Saint Joseph in Australia and the United States were present.

The other solution is to have Route 648 continue along Killibrae Drive to the new campus which is a very popular location due to its proximity to the beach.

At the beginning of Term 2, the St Joseph Certificate was launched. This certificate recognises and encourages students who have not only met the basic expectations of MacKillop Catholic College but who have participated in extra-curricular activities and volunteer work.

I warmly invite all parents to attend our Guilford Young College Parent Information Evening at MacKillop, next Monday, June 3, to be held in our College Gym at 7.30pm.

I strongly encourage parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity in an effort to commence preparations for senior secondary school.

Enrolment packages will be available on the evening or can be obtained now by contacting GYC’s Enrolment Registrar, Ms Rosie Stevens: rsteven@gyc.tas.edu.au 6238 4367. Parents are reminded that submission of enrolment applications to GYC for 2014 close Friday, June 21, 2013.

Year 10 Student Visit to Guilford Young College

All Year 10 students will be travelling from MacKillop to the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College, the morning of Tuesday, June 4, from 8:45-11:15am. This is an excellent opportunity for students to hear first-hand information about their senior secondary education options and have the chance to meet staff and tour the facilities of the Hobart campus.

Metro Bus Services - Term Two Update

Route 408 – Eastlands Express

Metro Tasmania has asked me to pass on the following information to both students and parents regarding Route 408.

Route 408 in the afternoon travels express from MacKillop College to Eastlands where it connects with the Route 698 service to Old Beach. It does not stop en route along Cambridge Road.

Students wishing to travel from MacKillop College to stops along Cambridge Road should catch the Route 68A service from Seven Mile Beach Road and change to Eastlands Express at the school at approximately 3.35pm and sets down at stops along Cambridge Road.

At the moment there are only approximately 5 students that are still on this service once it has passed Rifle Range Road. Mrs Boucher’s suggestion is that this service could stop at the junction (bus stop) of Rifle Range Road/Gelibra Drive and wait for the 648 service to drop off the students who live along Gelibra Drive at this time. The other service can continue along Gelibra Drive with the extra students.

The other solution is to have Route 648 continue along Gelibra Drive to the new campus which is a very popular location due to its proximity to the beach.

If you would like to “get on board” to support Mrs Boucher in this matter with Metro Tasmania, she can be contacted via e-mail: Linda.Boucher@ciro.au

From the Acting Deputy Principal

ST JOSEPH CERTIFICATE

Never be a need without doing something about it! St Mary MacKillop

At the beginning of Term 2, the St Joseph Certificate was launched. This certificate recognises and encourages students who have not only met the basic expectations of MacKillop Catholic College but who have participated in extra-curricular activities and volunteer work.

Named for Joseph, the father of Jesus, the St Joseph Certificate is awarded to those who work hard in the service of others. Saint Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods were so inspired by Joseph’s faith and dedication that they named their congregation the Sisters of Saint Joseph after him. They hoped that they too would be women of faith, and have courage and work hard in the service of God. Indeed, as we know, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters have done exactly that.

“Action on behalf of justice is a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel.” 1971 Synod of Bishops - Justice in the World

“We have managed to harness the power of the wind, the sun and the water, but have yet to appreciate the power of our children to affect social change.” Mary Gordon

Service is a very practical way of showing empathy in the form of giving to others or to promote social change. There are few limits to what shape and form service may take, or to what outcomes may arise from its application. The common element is of giving of one self to something beyond oneself. It enables students to construct their own learning.

Empathy is about stepping into the shoes of another person and comprehending their beliefs, motivations, fears and hopes. Empathy increases self-esteem, disposition to learn, and connection to school. Empathy reduces bullying and violence generally and contributes to the wellbeing of all.

Giving of your time to others increases motivation to work towards human rights. It’s also a pathway to social and emotional learning. Researchers say that those who contribute to their community are global in their outlook are happier and live longer.

To be granted the St Joseph Certificate, three criteria need to be met:

1. Meet the general College expectations regarding attendance, uniform and participation.
2. Take part in two extra-curricular activities in a year. For example, sport, committees, bands, performances, etc.
3. Undertake 10 hours of voluntary work in a year. For example, tutoring, coaching a team, helping St Vincent de Paul.

Students are encouraged to pick up a Certificate Application Booklet from Mrs Pollard, Mr Dixon, Mr Slade, Ms Cornelius, or from the Front Office.

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Leadership staff from both Guilford Young College and MacKillop College will be presenting information and answering questions on the enrolment, subject selection and the general transition process for your son/daughter to senior secondary education.

I strongly encourage parents and students to take advantage of this unique opportunity to examine the amazing variety of experiences and transformations that happened in that short period of time which was the Eddie Rice Camp at MacKillop. Children from ages 7 – 11 were introduced to our leaders, who were mentored by the camp youth leaders and, as they say, the rest is history! We watched our leaders lead, taking charge of children on a whirlwind tour of the Hobart Island. The Eddie Rice network provides camps for children who may not have these experiences otherwise. MacKillop’s students did an admirable job! The nature of this sort of camp is always challenging for students in a variety of ways, and it is worth remembering the “Why” of why we do it. For an answer to that, we can reflect on the work of Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers:

“In Edmund’s own grief after the loss of his wife, he was moved with compassion to recognise the grief of those around him among the poor in Ireland. He entered more deeply into their struggle and found inspiration in the story of Jesus which calls for freedom and equality for all.

He aimed to promote an education that recognised the dignity of each individual and to empower them with an education, which would enable them to rise from the demeaning poverty in which they were trapped”.

“Our Story”, ERED Charter

It is the fundamental work of a school in the tradition of Catholic Christianity to facilitate opportunities where our own students are moved with compassion, recognise and turn toward those less fortunate, and experience the value of giving themselves in service to others. It is starting to realise the extent of poverty and the need to give one’s time to make a brighter horizon in the life of a child is the work of Eddie Rice Camps in a nutshell.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our student leaders who gave up their weekend time in service, and entered into this experience and did an exceptional job. On behalf of MacKillop College, I would like to say a sincere thank you to Andrew Blackett for his great organisation and preparation of our students for the camp. Thank you also to the incredible energy and leadership of Will Smith, Brennan Webb, Josh Pritchard, Uzzy Rose and other camp leaders and mentors who ran such a successful camp on site at the College. A big thank you to Don and Shelly who were our cooks for the duration - we were all well fed! Stay tuned for the report from the campers in our next Newsletter.

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