

St Mary MacKillop

GENEROSITY: "TRY ALWAYS TO BE GENEROUS:" (1882)

NEWS

Vision

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

Mission

At St Mary MacKillop College we are people who affirm the dignity of every person, who act with respect and compassion, who reverence relationships, who have hearts for generosity and forgiveness.

We celebrate our Catholic identity.

We respect the unique dignity, faith and gifts of each person.

We value learning, aspiration and connectedness and we work together to create a positive future.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

This week has been JJAMM Week at our school and it has been a wonderful celebration of St. Mary MacKillop, Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, and the Josephites. There have been activities every day, run by the student led Liturgy Committee and overseen by Mrs Alison Wright.

At the beginning of the week I attended an AJASS (Josephite) Principal's meeting in Melbourne. These meetings always inspire and encourage me to continue to work for the best outcomes for our students and to provide an educational facility that is inclusive to all. Sadly, this meeting was the last meeting with Sr Rita Malevisi, who will be moving to Chicago next week to study. When Sr Rita returns to Australia she will most likely not be involved with schools, as she has been for the past 9 years.

We have been blessed to have had the presence of Sr Rita at our Josephite meetings, student Leadership Days and Pilgrimages. I pray that Sr Rita has a safe journey and that we will have her presence in our school again one day in the future.



Sr Rita (centre) with AJASS Principals from Victoria, Canberra and Tasmania

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FUTURE EVENTS

AUGUST

- Thurs 15th** **WICKED Production**
Evening Performance
7pm in our JC
- Fri 16th** **WICKED Production**
Matinee Performance –
Year 7 & 8 Students

Evening Performance
7pm in our JC
- Mon 19th – Fri 23rd** **Science Week**
- Tues 20th** **Athletics Carnival**
- Wed 21st** **Culinary Challenge**
Regional Final
Studio Arts Excursion
- Tues 27th** **Staff Professional**
Practice Day
Student Free Day
- Wed 28th** **Swan Hill Regional**
Athletics



During 2019 the Catholic Education Office are planning for the Diocesan Education Community Strategic Plan 2020-2024. To ensure that the strategic plan is representative of all communities the focus group is travelling around the diocese, providing opportunities for anyone connected to education; staff, parents, parish and students, to attend a workshop.

The Swan Hill community is invited and encouraged to attend a workshop at the Parish Function Centre on Wednesday 28th August at either 4:30pm or 7:00pm. Fr Matthew is a member of the planning group, so I am sure that he would appreciate your support and input into this important discussion.

If you haven't purchased your tickets for Wicked yet, don't miss out, buy yours on Monday.

Regards

Michelle Haeusler
Principal

FAITH MATTERS

What a fabulous week of celebrations we have had this week! Saint Mary MacKillop was a woman who taught us that there is so much to be grateful and thankful for and this week we have seen this in action!

Our junior Liturgy committee members organized and ran a Saint Mary MacKillop Kahoot in the Library. Those that attended had lots of fun!!

Tuesday was the annual Staff V Students Netball match. After a defeat last year (the first in a number of years), staff were ready to claim the prize back. However, the Year 12 team proved way too good (and TALL!) and the students were victorious in a hotly contested affair.

Wednesday included Hot Jam Donuts at recess and the return of pJJAMMa day. It was great to see so many students and staff support the wearing of their pyjamas.



Thursday was our Feast Day Mass and opening of our newly refurbished building, The Providence Centre. Many thanks to all those who helped with preparations for both events. A big thanks to those who always work behind the scenes preparing for the Mass, and in Thursday's case, helping organising and setting up for the opening. Thank you especially to Mick and Emma.

Mary MacKillop lived with radical faith and trust, inspiring hope in entire generations of people. This dynamic woman found life in the call of Jesus, devoting herself to the needs of others, especially the downtrodden, poor and forgotten.

She never lost sight of the personal invitation at the heart of today's gospel, to strive first for the kingdom of God. She proclaimed it and built it up with her Sisters of St Joseph bringing education and relief to the poor. Mary and her companions would see a need, discern a response, and act with love and trust in God. Her letters tell of her fidelity in trial and challenge, joy and consolation. Her courage in the face of persecution is legendary.



Let us look to Mary MacKillop and learn from her as a model of faith, love, and generosity. Like her, may we find our joy in God's presence.

Alison Wright
Director of Mission

JJAMM WEEK



OPENING & BLESSING OF THE PROVIDENCE CENTRE



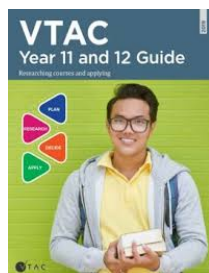
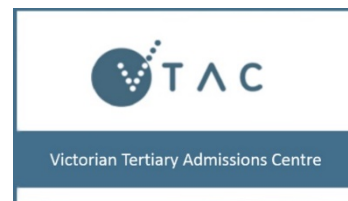
VTAC Applications

Our busy Year 12 students have one more thing to cope with at the moment which is the process of registering with VTAC (or Interstate TAC). Last week we gave them information prior to VTAC opening on Monday, August 5th. Application close on September 27th.

This application process can be stressful for some students and their parents so we are both available to meet with any student or parent that needs assistance. Please contact us if necessary to arrange a time.

Free VTAC Webinar for Students and Parents

VTAC are running a free Webinar on Wednesday, August 14th from 7pm to 8pm. This Webinar will cover the complete application process including CourseSearch, SEAS, Scholarships, the ATAR and Scaling. Students or parents can [register via EventBrite](#), and the link to join the webinar will be sent out 24 hours prior to the webinar.



All Year 12 students have received a VTAC publication that explains in depth how VTAC operates, how to research courses, understanding eligibility, the selection process and encouraging students to research careers and pathways.

Year 11 students have also received a copy and hopefully they will use this resource so they have a better understanding of what is involved for them next year!

Remaining Open Days for 2019

Australian Catholic University	Ballarat	Sunday 25 August	www.openday.acu.edu.au
Deakin University	Melbourne	Sunday 25 August	http://openday.deakin.edu.au
Federation University	Ballarat & Berwick	Sunday 25 August	https://federation.edu.au/openday
LaTrobe University	Bendigo	Sunday 25 August	www.latrobe.edu.au/openday
University of Melbourne	Parkville & Southbank	Sunday 18 August	https://openday.unimelb.edu.au

CAREERS OPENDAY

This will be held on Wednesday, August 28th from 10.00am to 5.00pm at the Swan Hill SuniTAFE Campus. Exciting workshops, Information Expo, displays and demonstrations will be running all day. For more information, call 1300 478648 or visit www.sunitafe.edu.au



Apprenticeship Opportunity

Two Swan Hill businesses - William Adams CAT and Cummins Diesel are advertising for full-time Apprentice Heavy Diesel technicians to commence in January, 2020. William Adams will accept applications until August, 23rd and Cummins ASAP. More information is available on their websites or from the Pathways Office.

Employment Opportunity

The Out of School Hours Program are looking for Year 12 students who will be pursuing a career in teaching or child related work to join the team who care for primary school aged students after school and during the school holidays. To find out more about this great opportunity please contact Rebecca Carmichael 0418 558994

2019 Accounting Week

This year we have a record ten students undertaking a week of Work Experience with local Accountants. This amazing opportunity is organised by the local firms who work together to deliver a worthwhile program for Year 10 students in our area. On Friday they visited some local businesses to listen to CFO's, Business Managers and Accountants who talked to them about their roles and career pathway to present. This was followed by a luncheon where all students were recognised for their involvement in this annual program.

Laura Crow and Brenda Brady

Pathways Team

WICKED TICKETS NOW ON SALE



St Mary MacKillop College is excited to announce our 2019 production of *Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz!* will run on **Thursday 15th August and Friday 16th August at 7:00pm** at our Jubilee Centre in Splatt Street.

When Dorothy famously triumphed over the Wicked Witch, we only ever heard one side of the story. *WICKED* tells the incredible untold story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two young women who first meet as sorcery students at Shiz University: the blonde and very popular Glinda (played by Charlotte Rush) and a misunderstood green girl named Elphaba (played by Phoebe Griffiths and Kate Mullan).

Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (played by Jethro Edullantes and Harrison Sawyer), their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences for her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfil their destinies as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.



It's not too late to buy your tickets!

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through the Front Office. Phone: 03 5032 9771.

Talia Henderson
Curriculum Leader Arts



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is set for Tuesday 20th August at Ken Harrison Reserve. Students have already nominated for events, our Year 7 and 8's are hard at practice in PE classes and everyone is looking forward to a fun and competitive day.

It would be terrific to see many family members come along to support the students and add to our carnival atmosphere. Events begin at 10am and should conclude by 2.30pm at the latest. Field events are completed on a rotation system with each age group competing in javelin, discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and triple jump.

The events schedule is as follows:

100m events:	Begin at 10am
1500m events:	Begin at 10.30am
200m events:	Begin at 11.20am
800m events:	Begin at 11.35am
400m events:	Begin at 12.05pm
4 x 100 relays:	Begin at 1.45pm

A reminder to everyone that the Athletics Carnival is a compulsory school day.

There will be a canteen available although students are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch and water bottle. Appropriate clothing to compete should be worn, ideally in house colours, along with a hat. A rug to sit on is also an excellent idea as the ground is often still quite cold.



Can Tenison House go back to back????

BOOK WEEK

From Sunday 17th to Friday 23rd August, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) works in partnership with authors, illustrators, publishers, booksellers and other organisations in the children's book world to bring images and stories into the hearts and minds of children and adults.

At St Mary MacKillop College our Library will be celebrating by holding a Scholastic Book fair for the week. Students are able to browse through the collection of books that are available to purchase during their Recess and Lunchtimes in the Library. There will also be a range of novelty items for sale such as pens, pencils, erasers etc.

This is a great time for students to not only be able to purchase books for their own reading but to perhaps purchase as Birthday or Christmas gifts for others in their family or household. Parents or Guardians are also able to prepay online for their child's book purchase by visiting the following link:

<https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/BookFairs>

We are looking forward to a wonderful week celebrating our love of books and reading!



STATE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 18th July, Sophie Balkin and Eliza Everett both travelled to Melbourne and competed in the State Cross Country, after qualifying by finishing in the top 10 at the LMR Cross Country last term.

Eliza competed in the 12-13 year age group and completed the very challenging and hilly course in the impressive time of 13 min 40 sec over 3km. Eliza finished midfield with the winner finishing in 10 min 45 sec.



Sophie Balkin

Sophie competed in the 15 year age group and ran 3km. Sophie also finished midfield in a time of 14 min 22 sec. The winning time in her age group was 10 min 53 sec.

Both girls are to be commended on their efforts on the day. Many thanks to their parents for driving their child to the Cross Country. Our College is very appreciative of your support.



Eliza Everett

LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL SPORTS

All teams that represented our School at Loddon Mallee Regional Sports last week were highly competitive and participated with excellent team spirit. The Year 8 girls Netball team were the most successful on the day, only missing state finals by one goal.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The St Mary MacKillop College Library Committee would like to present The Little Free Library Initiative that will be unveiled on Monday 19th August

The Library Committee began the planning stages for this Free Library a few years ago and it has taken a while to go from planning stages to a physical product. However, this year the Library Committee under the guidance of Mrs Casey Simmonds and with some much appreciated funding allocated for the proposal, it has finally become a reality.

The Library Committee created a plan of how they would like their Free Library to look and with the expertise of Mr Scholtens and VET Building and Construction students our Little Free Library was created.

Continuing on the wider school community effort, it was then moved on to Ms Anna Stewart's Year 9/10 Art Explosion class for the pops of vibrant colour to be applied.

With this, the creation of our Little Free Library was complete and ready to be erected.

The Little Free Library will be accessible from the front of the Technology Centre. Members of the public are urged to access this and please spread the word to your fellow visitors or travellers.

All we ask is that you abide by our motto,


Take A Book, Read A Book, Leave A Book.

Donations are also very welcome as we will continue to stock the free library as books are taken. It would be wonderful to get an influx of fiction books from the wider community to keep it fully operational. Any donations can be delivered to the front office at St Mary MacKillop College.

Happy Reading.

FREE LIBRARY

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE



STEP 1


TAKE YOUR FREE BOOK
AND ENJOY!

STEP 2

RETURN YOUR BOOK
AND FEEL FREE TO TAKE
ANOTHER...

OR!


SHARE YOUR BOOK!




LOVED YOUR BOOK??
SHARE IT WITH A
FRIEND AND PASS IT
ALONG.

LEAVE A BOOK?

HAVE ANY UNWANTED
BOOKS GATHERING
DUST AT HOME?
DONATE THEM! &
LEAVE THEM IN THE
FREE LIBRARY.





SCAN ME

VISIT ST MARY MACKILLOP
COLLEGE WEBSITE BY
DOWNLOADING THE 'QR CODE
SCANNER' APP.

DOG KENNELS FOR SALE

Our 1st Year VET Building & Construction students have completed their dog kennels and they are ready for sale. There is one large, two medium and two small kennels available with the sizes listed below. The small kennels are only \$100, medium \$125 and the large kennels are \$150.

Sizes:

Small – 740mm long x 450mm wide x 700mm high (top of gable)

Medium – 900mm long x 600mm wide x 840mm high (top of gable)

Large – 1000mm long x 700mm wide x 1030 high (top of gable)

All kennels are supplied with treated pine weather board walls, colour bond roof and 18mm thick ply bottom.



CHARTSEC CAMP

Over the last two weeks, our Year 10 students have attended Chartsec camp in Charlton. They had a great time and learnt new driving skills.



QUILT FOR CAMBODIA

The quilt to raise money for the Cambodian children is FINISHED!

The students helped make the hexie flowers and Mrs Op't Hoog put it together. The backing fabric was donated by Coco Leahy. The quilt was professionally quilted to hold it all together - it's a gem! And it could be yours!

Tickets are just \$2 and we hope to raise at least \$1,000 to go towards our students assisting with projects in Cambodia; building toilets (many families are without toilet facilities), concreting the floor for a school, and building pig pens and chicken coops. How amazing will it be!

See the front office to purchase tickets. The winner will be announced early September! Any other donations will be gratefully accepted.

Thanks to all who have supported this worthwhile cause.



eat. move. smile.

fruit & veg more often together

Think about these three words to help your child (and yourself) be their most healthy and happy

Eat more fruit and veggies

Move more often

Smile with friends, family and neighbours.

Getting good nutrition, good levels of physical activity and interacting with other kids and adults are important factors in the growth, learning and health of children.

Week 3

29th July – 2nd August

smile.
together

International Day of Friendship – Tuesday 30th July 2019



Friendships are a really important part of school, and having a good support group at school can be really beneficial to your children.

This week, ask your child what friendship means to them, and why they are friends with their friends.

Week 4

5th – 9th August

eat.
fruit & veg

Dental Health Week 5th to 11th August

This year's Dental Health Week theme is "How's your oral health tracking?"

What we eat can have a huge impact on our oral health, and our oral health can impact what we eat! Having healthy teeth and gums means we can comfortably enjoy everyday foods that we love without pain and discomfort. Here are some tips from the Australian Dental Association to keep your oral health on track:

- **Drink lots of water!** Not only does our body need water to stay hydrated, but it's also the best option for our teeth. Tap water often contains fluoride which can further protect your teeth from decay.
- **Watch what you eat!** It's not always the obvious sweet foods and drinks that can cause decay. Snacking on foods with 'hidden sugars' like biscuits, cereals, and dried fruit can cause acid attacks on your teeth. Try not to snack on these foods too often, but when you do, be sure to have a glass of water afterwards.
- **Make sure you're brushing right!** Brushing with correct technique is really important for your oral health. Make sure you are brushing for 2 minutes, morning and night, to get the maximum benefit! This picture shows how you should be brushing.

All children under the age of 13 are eligible for FREE dental health care at Swan Hill District Health's Dental Clinic. Call 5033 9336 or visit 30 High Street to make an appointment.





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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Collings'.

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WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 10AM – 5PM

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1 Employer Satisfaction Survey (ESS) 2018, Australian universities, results released January 2019, and ESS 2017

2 Student Experience Survey (SES) 2018, Australian universities, postgraduate level, results released March 2019

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Career News

#1 in Australia for Employment Outcomes*

Exciting Announcement: New Courses for 2020!

Course offerings at Federation University will continue to grow in 2020 with exciting new options across Engineering, Business and Health.

We are currently ranked #1 in Australia for Teaching Quality[#] so students can expect the very best when they start with us next year.

federation.edu.au/newcourses

Relieving VCE Pressure: Guaranteed ATARs

If you're a Year 12 student you may be feeling the pressure mount as you focus on course preferences, so it's timely that we alert you to Federation University Guaranteed ATARs.

The transparency of Guaranteed ATARs enables students to plan and list course preferences with confidence. It takes the guess-work out of preferences and allows you to make informed decisions about your future, now.

federation.edu.au/atar

Study that counts towards a degree

Students can now complete our [Diploma of University Studies](https://federation.edu.au/diploma).

With a focus on Education, Engineering, Information Technology or Sport, Physical and Outdoor Education, you can choose study that counts towards a degree, right from day-one.

It's the ideal pathway for those who want to experience university and gain the skills needed for success in a chosen career.

study.federation.edu.au (search 'university studies')

Open Day: 25 August (10am to 2pm)

Visitors from across the State can expect to enjoy live music and entertainment, informative career sessions, and tours of our beautiful campuses.

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Tuning into Teens™ at headspace



FREE 6 WEEK PARENTING PROGRAM

When: Each Wednesday from
14th August to 18th September

Time: 10am – 12pm

Where: headspace Swan Hill
11 Pritchard St
Swan Hill VIC 3585

Contact: 03 4010 7100



Community mindfulness event

Mindfulness is paying attention to the present moment with openness, curiosity and without judgement. Community members are invited to attend this event and learn what mindfulness is and how to use it help build healthy young and smiling minds.



Date: Tuesday 22 October 2019

Time: 5.30 - 7.00pm

Where: Swan Hill Club – William Garden Room
17 McCallum Street
Swan Hill VIC

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2JEzusP>