ST AGNES’ PARISH NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great start to the year.

It is a privilege to work in Catholic education for St Agnes’ Parish. My role is to coordinate the educational endeavour of the Parish to ensure that our six schools are all working together to achieve common goals. The other important aspect of the position is to strengthen the links between the schools and the Parish. The Catholic school contributes significantly to the Church’s mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Catholic school offers the Catholic community and indeed the people of Australia, an educational formation for the full development of young people – intellectually, spiritually, physically, morally and emotionally. This is done in partnership with parents and carers. A warm welcome to all the new families commencing in Parish schools this year and of course to the 52 new members of staff.

I look forward to working with all of the Parish school communities in 2016.
Vale Gerard O’Brien: faithful servant and friend
The tragic passing of Gerard O’Brien, long term serving teacher of some 37 years, certainly has shocked the St Agnes’ Parish community. Gerard was an outstanding, committed, professional teacher who commenced his teaching career in 1979 at St Joseph’s Regional High School in Wartlers Street. In more recent times, Gerard was teaching at St Paul’s High School and MacKillop College on Ocean Drive. Gerard was a first-class teacher who always set the bar high for his students. He also contributed significantly to students’ sports such as basketball, touch football, soccer, rugby league and any other sport he was asked to supervise or coach. Thousands of students have benefitted from his love of sport and his dedication to after school and weekend coaching. Many students are not likely to remember their favourite Maths lesson, but they do remember the training sessions, the trips away, the close games whether they be wins or losses and the comradery and life-long friendships that come to fruition during those formative years. When we reflect on the important happenings of our own lives, it is often the friendships and the relationships that continually come to the surface. Gerard was a man who spent much of his time helping others both formally and informally and this resulted in the formation of numerous lifetime friendships being formed.

A special thank you to all the staff, many parents and students who have been so supportive during this special time. Gerard was a committed and loyal family man who would do anything for his wife Anne and the family. The St Agnes’ Parish Schools’ community extends its sympathy and prayers to Anne and their children Cassandra, James, Sally-Anne and Eloise; to Gerard’s sisters Elizabeth and Gail and to all the members of their respective extended families. May he rest in peace.

John McQueen
Co-ordinating Executive Officer
Parish Education

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – CURRICULUM AND ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME BACK TO 2016
I would like to welcome all staff and students back to another wonderful school year. Particular welcome to all the new families who are joining the MacKillop College community for the first time in 2016.

Our theme this year is “Excellence” and I encourage all students to fully embrace this theme in any endeavour they take on throughout 2016. Our school motto “Summa Tentabo” is translated to be “striving for excellence” indicating that the pursuit of excellence is a journey that we can all enter into and refine over time. Politician Colin Powell states that “if we are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception but a prevailing attitude”. This indicates that the attainment of excellence is best achieved through the coming together of many parts. Excellence is the summation of all we do and we should strive to embed excellence in every aspect of our lives.

There will be countless opportunities throughout 2016 for students to be involved in the many different extra-curricular activities offered at our College. I encourage students to take up these opportunities and do so with our motto and theme at the forefront of their minds.

CHANGES TO STUDENT INFORMATION
I remind all parents and guardians of the importance of informing the school of any changes to student information. This includes changes to contact details, address and most importantly medical information. This is especially important for those students who have medical plans in place for major medical conditions.

EXTENDED STUDENT LEAVE
From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel were no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of school holiday periods is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

From time to time parents/guardians may approach the school seeking permission for their child to travel during the school term for extended periods of time. Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons.
When travel during the school term **exceeds** 10 consecutive school days parents/guardians are required to complete an *Application for Extended Leave – Travel* (Form A.1) prior to their travel and return to myself as soon as possible. This form is attached to the newsletter and can also be found on our website at [http://pmaclism.catholic.edu.au/about-us/policies-0](http://pmaclism.catholic.edu.au/about-us/policies-0)

Once this application is received, and upon the Principal’s approval, a *Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel* is issued.

If you have any queries regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

**WE WELCOME OUR LEADERS OF LEARNING FOR 2016.**

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Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Administration

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Mr Andrew Evans  
Leader of Learning Human Society and Its Environment

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AND RETURNING STAFF MEMBERS FOR 2016**

**Ryan Adams**  
After completing his Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Health & Physical Education at the University of Newcastle in 2003, Ryan commenced his career in Port Macquarie before heading to England. He spent eight years teaching overseas in the UK. Ryan will be teaching Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

**Samantha Adams**  
Before moving to Australia from the UK, Samantha completed her degree at the University of Sussex, Brighton. She has had experience in the Creative Arts as a Music teacher, Director of Performing Arts and Musical Director in productions such as Oliver, Joseph and the Technicolour Dream Coat and The Wiz. Samantha will be teaching Year 7 to 10 Music.
Patrick Byrnes
Patrick completed his Bachelor of Arts majoring in both English and History at the University of Sydney. He has also completed his Masters of Teaching in 2015. Patrick has written and performed at the Sydney Comedy Festival and will be teaching English and Modern History at MacKillop College.

Amber Ford
Amber returns to the Technological and Applied Studies faculty in her job share role after taking maternity leave.

Linda Frankham
Linda completed her Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Humanities: Education, Literature, History and Drama at the Australian Catholic University. She has been working in Sydney at Brigidine College, Loreto and Mater Maria Catholic College. Linda has made the “sea change” to Port Macquarie and will be teaching English.

Mark Harvey
Mark has transferred from St Joseph’s Regional College and will undertake the role of Leader of Learning Science.

Rob Mahon
Rob returns to his role in the Science faculty after a secondment role as the Leader of Pedagogy at St Paul’s Kempsey.

Andrew Marsh
Andrew returns to our Parish after his role as Assistant Principal, St Matthew’s Catholic College, Mudgee. Andrew will be working as Leader of Pastoral Care Year 11.

Francesca Serafino
Francesca completed her Physics degree at the University of Italy and undertook her Diploma of Teaching. She has been teaching Mathematics and Physics in Brisbane for the past five years before moving to Port Macquarie in 2015. Francesca will be teaching Science and Physics in 2016.

Brittany Skea
Brittany has completed her Bachelor of Arts (Dance)/Bachelor of Education at the University of New South Wales with majors in Dance, History and Modern History. She has been working in the Northern Beaches of Sydney and this year will introduce Dance at MacKillop College into Year 9 and also teach History.

Megan Verdon
For the past four years Megan has been working at Gunnedah High School where she has been teaching in the Technological and Applied Studies faculty. She has also been a hospitality business owner. Megan will teach Textiles in 2016.

Lisa Wilton
Lisa is originally from Port Macquarie. She completed her degree at the University of Armidale in 2009. On completion of her degree Lisa return to Port Macquarie and commenced casual teaching at St Joseph’s Regional College and MacKillop College in 2015. Lisa re-joins us as the Study Centre Supervisor at MacKillop College in 2016.

Elizabeth White
Liz commenced her career in the field of Secretarial and Administration in Sydney before moving to Port Macquarie. She has been employed locally working in legal companies and real estate agencies. Liz will assist in the area of Administrative Assistant for Pastoral Care and staff support.

Trainees
Zahna Franklin
Zahna completed her HSC at MacKillop College and will undertake her traineeship in the area of Sport. Zahna hopes to complete studies in the area of teaching PDHPE at university on completion of her traineeship.

Jack Titterington
Jack completed his HSC also at MacKillop College and will undertake his traineeship in the area of Creative Arts. Outside of school and work, Jack performs in bands and as a solo performer at local venues around the region.
Sarah Smith
Sarah completed her HSC at MacKillop College and will undertake her traineeship in the area of Teachers’ Aide. In her spare time Sarah plays basketball and attends various Parish youth events.

Zachary Parnell
Zachary has been appointed as the Youth Ministry Officer after completing his HSC at St Joseph’s Regional College. Zachary has a passion for social justice and looks forward to sharing his faith with us.

Adam Kelly
Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Administration
ajkelly@lism.catholic.edu.au

OFFICE NEWS

ABSENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS
There has been a change to our procedures in relation to student absences. If your child is late to school or they leave early, they will be marked late / leave early unexplained until we received written advice from a parent.

For full day absences, we will be contacting parents via text message every day between 10.00a.m. and 11.00a.m. This will commence in a couple of weeks. Please respond to this text with the reason for the student’s absence. We will then use this information in lieu of a note being written. All written/text explanations for absences must be received within seven days.

MacKillop College 2015 Year Book
This year for the first time, the College Yearbook is specifically about your school, but also includes a special section about all of the Parish Secondary Schools.

The 2015 Year Book is now available at a cost of $20.00

Please note the current Years 8 and 11 have already paid for their 2015 Year Book.

Only Years 9, 10 & 12 students need to order and pay for their Year Book.

EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS NEWS

INAUGURAL MASS
Welcome back to another school year. It’s already been a busy start, with our Inaugural Mass held last Wednesday. Our mass was celebrated by our new College Chaplain, Fr Peter Wood and we look forward to working with Fr Peter in our masses, reflection days and retreats during the coming year.

Fr Peter shared his thoughts on our school theme for the year “Excellence” and we inducted our College Leaders, presenting them with their badges, while they in turn pledged their commitment to their important roles for 2016. We are sure that with the support and assistance of their teachers and peers, they will do a wonderful job of leading us with our school motto “Summa Tentabo” first and foremost in all they do.
NEW STAFF
We welcome two new staff to the Religious Education Department this year. Mrs Emma Daley joins us to teach junior RE. Mrs Daley previously coordinated the study centre at the senior site and we look forward to her contribution to our classrooms.

Zachary Parnell is our Youth Ministry Officer for 2016. Zachary graduated from St Joseph’s Regional College last year, and has been very active in our Parish youth activities such as ‘Encounter’ and the LEAD and Ignite Conferences. Zachary is also the youth coordinator for Vinnies in the Hastings Region and we look forward to the energy and enthusiasm he will bring to social justice in our school.

Joan Lancaster
Leader of School Evangelisation

YEAR 12 NEWS

Welcome back to Year 12 for an exciting but equally challenging year. Thanks must go to Mrs Jenni Searson who did such a great job nurturing and leading this cohort during the second half of last year.

SRC & HOUSE CAPTAINS
SRC members attended school on Monday, 1st February to assist with the Year 11 Orientation Day. They provided great leadership, were able to give a student perspective to the “new” Year 11 students and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

UNIFORM
I discussed this in some detail at the initial Year meeting. If students elect to wear the sports uniform on a Tuesday, it must be the correct one. This means black shorts and sport socks with the SAPSS logo which are purchased from Joprim are the only ones to be worn. Skirts are to be “to the knee” and boys’ shirts are to be tucked in. If for some reason you cannot purchase the correct uniform, the College will assist with the provision of one. All boys are expected to be clean shaven.

HOMEWORK CLUB
This will run Monday to Thursday from 3.15p.m. – 5.00p.m. in the senior Library, starting from Monday, 8th February. Students will need to ensure they have made travel/pick-up arrangements.

SENIOR MATHS TUTORIALS 11 AND 12 GENERAL 2
Starting February 8th maths help will be available in room 49 (junior site) from 7.45a.m. to 8.30a.m. on Monday mornings. This will provide a comfortable environment for students of all levels to come and ask questions, complete their own revision or work on their maths homework with a maths teacher present to help where needed.

For further information please contact Mrs Robertson on elrobertson@lism.catholic.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS
There are always lots of things happening in our College. The following are key ones, specific to Year 12.

1. **Senior swimming carnival**, Wednesday, 17th February. This is a compulsory day (a doctor’s certificate is needed if absent) and is one of the fun/highlights of the year.

2. **Staff Development Day/pupil free**, Monday, 22nd February. Students with lessons scheduled on this day will most likely be set work to do at home.

3. **Year 12 Student & Family Breakfast**, Tuesday, 23rd February from about 8.00a.m. – 8.55a.m. Students and parents are invited to attend along with Year 12 teachers to enjoy some bacon and egg rolls plus tea and coffee in a relaxed, social setting.
4. **Year 12 Retreats**, Wednesday, 11th to Friday 13th May at either Camp Elim (Forster) or Bonny Hills. This is one of the highlights of the school year and attendance is an expectation of enrolment. There will be more details provided as we get closer to this date, but students need to ensure there are no clashes with work, sport or other commitments. If there are financial concerns regarding the cost (around $220) please contact the College. This has been billed to student accounts to allow families plenty of time to pay it off. Regular payments are encouraged.

Phil Lloyd  
Year 12 Leader of Pastoral Care  
plloyd@lism.catholic.edu.au

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**YEAR 11 NEWS**

**WELCOME TO YEAR 11**
Year 11 have commenced their senior Stage 6 studies at MacKillop College in an extremely settled and committed manner. All staff have been impressed with their eagerness to learn and overall positive attitudes. In addition to this, we have welcomed 11 students from other schools into MacKillop College for the start of 2016. All students have been reminded to be very mindful, considerate and helpful towards these students in the transition period of commencing at a new school.

**TIMETABLES**
For the vast majority of Year 11 students there have been no problems regarding student timetables. If, however, there are any problems which do present for students they are instructed to see myself or Ms Stuart so that the necessary changes can be made. All students are reminded that extension courses in English and Mathematics operate outside of the timetable (before or after school).

**YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING**
All parents and students are reminded that the Year 11 Information Evening will take place on Tuesday, 16th February commencing at 6.00p.m. (Week 4). It is hoped that all parents will be able to attend this evening, as the major points presented are pertinent to student success in the Higher School Certificate.

**HOMEWORK CLUB**
The operating hours for the school’s Homework Club are from 3.15p.m.-5.00p.m. Monday to Thursday. This provides students with an ideal time to complete homework and assessments in the absolute quiet of the senior library.

Andrew Marsh  
Year 11 Leader of Pastoral Care  
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Welcome to Year 10. I trust that all families had an enjoyable and restful holiday break. Year 10 poses a number of challenges which all students will battle and overcome. Some of these challenges will be organisation, attendance, assessment or friendships. Year 10 is the stepping stone to developing good study habits, motivation and direction leading into Years 11 and 12. I look forward to guiding all our students in what is their final year of junior high school.

This year we have an energetic Pastoral Care team who will be focused on forming working relationships between staff, students and families. The Pastoral Care team for Year 10 2016 is:

10F1 – Mr David McMahon  
10F2 – Mrs Amber Ford and Mr Ben Kelly  
10I1 – Mr Richard May  
10I2 – Mrs Megan Verdon  
10M1 – Mrs Tracey Bewicke  
10M2 – Mr Rob Irving  
10O1 – Miss Holly Hitchen  
10O2 – Miss Brittany Skea

Should you have any questions or concerns please do hesitate to contact your child’s Pastoral Care teacher through the school office or by email. Alternatively, feel free to contact myself with any questions.

The dedication of our students was seen earlier this week with a number of Year 10 students returning on Monday to assist our new Year 7 students, along with the induction of our Year 10 SRC and house captains. Congratulations.

Finally I would like to welcome the new students and families to our school in Year 10. Welcome to Kearyn Eastwell, Tim McVerry, Ella Heeney, Willow Rissel, Naomi Dalli, Tom Finn and Will Smith.

Warren Lorger  
Year 10 Leader of Pastoral Care  
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Welcome back to another exciting school year. Students have moved into stage 5 of their learning and with this move comes extra responsibilities and privileges. I encourage each and every student to take these extra responsibilities on as a challenge and push themselves to be involved in as many aspects of school life as possible.

It is important that students try to improve on last year. This does not mean they need to excel in every area of school life but should try and improve on what they did last year. This may mean a student who received a common grade C should be aiming for a B or if a student was only involved in one extra-curricular activity they should aim to be involved in two. These changes do not just occur; students need to make adjustments in their life so that they can achieve these things.

Starting the year with high expectations of themselves will go a long way to having an enjoyable and fulfilling school year. Please ensure that students do a personal head-to-toe check of their own uniform so that they are prepared for school.

There is a great group of Year 9 Pastoral Care teachers:

9F1  Miss Tahnee Johnston  
9F2  Mr Peter Farrugia / Mrs Michele Marino  
9I1  Mrs Nichola Lutton  
9I2  Mr Rob Geaney  
9M1  Mrs Emma Daley  
9M2  Mrs Jodie Rich  
9O1  Mr Matthew Johnson  
9O2  Mrs Jenni Sewell
If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Pastoral Care teacher or myself.

It was great to see so many Year 9 students coming back a day early to assist the Year 7 students in their transition to high school.

Glen Littler  
Year 10 Leader of Pastoral Care  
glittler@lism.catholic.edu.au

**YEAR 8 NEWS**

It was a pleasure to welcome the familiar, smiling faces of Year 8 to a new school year. I look forward to working in partnership with you and leading these students towards excellence in 2016. Each student should aim to organise their timetable, diary and workbooks. A school locker can be issued from the front office, at a cost is $5, if a student requires a locker.

Our compassionate and strong Year 8 Pastoral Care team teachers are:

- 8F1  Mr David Sinclair  
- 8F2  Mrs Ann Palmer  
- 8I1  Mrs Marg Gobius  
- 8I2  Mrs Kylie Ryan and Ms Nikki Gray  
- 8M1  Mr Patrick Byrnes  
- 8M2  Miss Linda Frankham  
- 8O1  Mr Trevor Erga and Mrs Johanna Pilgrim  
- 8O2  Mrs Ellen McKell

Your son or daughter’s PC teacher is your first point of contact to air and share any questions, concerns and achievements.

We also welcome new students to our community: Emily Banks, Shahni Couper, Blair MacLachlan, Monique Thompson and Joshua McVerry. We wish them and their families well in their transition to MacKillop College.

All parents of Year 8 are cordially invited to a families and technology evening to be held in the Theatre next Thursday, 11th February 5.30p.m.-6.30p.m.

Information for parents regarding students’ use of internet and iPads will be presented by Mr Rhys Jones, Leader of Learning for Information Technology, and PC teachers will be available for an informal chat, so please keep this hour free.

Please feel welcome to contact me at the school or email me if there is a qualm, concern or information that will help us assist your child’s transition into Year 8.

**Alexander Green, Jeremy Thresher, Hugh Sharp**  
Nicole O’Connell  
Year 7 Leader of Pastoral Care  
noconnell@lism.catholic.edu.au  

**Mia Dare, Nicholas Goldie, Aidan Warren, Gemma Mooney, Benjamin Cole, Lucy Waser**
YEAR 7 NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 7 students on their smooth transition into high school. Special thanks must go to our Year 7 PC team who spent a large part of the first day helping them to settle in:

Ms Diane Sloan, Mr Danny Murphy, Mr Dino Di Bona, Mr Ryan Adams, Mr Scott Schumann, Mrs Michelle Lund, Mrs Francesca Serafino, Mr Rob Mahon and Mr Col Coelho.

I must commend parents on making sure the majority students are looking marvellous in their school uniform. In one or two instances girls’ skirts, boys’ shoes and long hair need to be remedied in the next couple of days; apart from that well done!

Have a great weekend.

Dom Ashe
Year 8 Leader of Pastoral Care
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MATHS TUTORIAL NEWS

JUNIOR MATHS TUTORIALS YEARS 7 TO 10
Starting 9th February maths help will be available in room 12 (junior campus) from 7.45a.m. to 8.30a.m. on both Tuesday and Friday mornings.

SENIOR MATHS TUTORIALS 11 AND 12 GENERAL 2
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For further information please contact Mrs Robertson on elrobertson@lism.catholic.edu.au

Elizabeth Robertson
Leader of Numeracy
elrobertson@lism.catholic.edu.au
MC CENTRAL – LIBRARY CONNECT

A special welcome from the library staff to our new students. It has been lovely to see so many new and old faces in our library this week. It is vitally important that the senior students are aware of the range of digital resources for the HSC years that are accessible for them 24/7. I gave a brief overview to Year 11 of some of the tools that the library subscribes to. These tools included:

- www.mccentral.libguides.com the College Library website, this is the starting point for accessing and using information
- Clickview online – the College Library digital video collection
- Britannica & World book online – online encyclopaedias
- Ebsco – database of electronic journals
- Oliver – College Library catalogue

To ensure the senior students are competent users of our digital tools, I will be conducting tutorials for senior students before school in the near future. Students will be advised of the dates via the student notices.

Year 7 students will be visiting the library to borrow a book for Drop Everything And Read (DEAR). We have a wonderful selection of fiction and non-fiction books that cater to a wide range of reading interests. The library staff are very happy to recommend a book with which the students can connect. Many of our fiction books contain a brief review from a teenage reader; this has proved popular with helping students find a book that they like. There are no limits to the number of books a student may borrow. Encourage your child to visit our wonderful, dynamic and welcoming library.

Suzanne Penson
Teacher/Librarian

SPORT NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the students and families back to sport for 2016 and also to thank the students for such a positive start to the year. I have no doubt that as sportspeople we will uphold the College theme of striving for excellence not only in our skills and abilities but in our attitudes both on and off the field.

I would like to remind families that should your child not be able to participate in sport due to injury or illness a signed note is required. If the condition is ongoing, documentation from a doctor or medical professional is required.
**TERM 1 SPORT**

**Year 7**
I look forward to getting to know the sporting talents of our Year 7 students.

Please refer to the newsletter each week for the most up to date information regarding sport. Year 7 students will participate in their sport double once a week. Students need to come to school in their sport uniform when their timetable indicates a double sport lesson.

During Term 1 your child will be completing a swim and survive course at Wauchope Pool. Permission notes for this have been handed to students this week; this note needs to be returned to your child’s sport teacher prior to their first sport double in week 3.

Beginning in week 3 students will need to bring to school with them their swimmers, towel, rash shirt and hat to participate in the swim and survive course at Wauchope.

Families are billed $100 for Year 7 sport for the year – this does not include representative sport.

**Year 8**
Your child will participate in a wide range of sports throughout the year. During Term 1 your child will participate in volleyball, cricket, recreational walking and volleyball.

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**Year 9 and Year 10**
Year 9 students have been placed in their chosen elective sport based on the selection that they made last year. Changes to sports at this stage will only occur in the case of extenuating circumstances.

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**REPRESENTATIVE SPORT**

Students are reminded that there is a wide range of representative sport opportunities to be involved in at MacKillop College. We have a very proud tradition within the sporting arena at a local, Diocesan and State level. It is a privilege to represent the school and with this comes student responsibilities. Should a student not attend training, has had behavioural concerns in class or is not completing school work, that student will have their sport privilege taken away.

Sign-up sheets are placed at the Sports noticeboard; trials are then run for each sport. Updates for representative sports occur regularly through morning notices, the newsletter and the Sports noticeboard.

Families and students are reminded that when your child represents MacKillop College they are to adhere to the code of conduct, wear the full sports uniform and return their permission note and money by the due date. Failure to do so may jeopardise your child’s position in the team.

John Cocciola is the Diocesan Sport Coordinator. Please do not contact John directly unless he has requested that you contact him; all enquiries regarding Diocesan events should be made through me first.

I look forward to providing students with a positive sporting experience and to acknowledge and embrace sporting achievements. If your child excels in a sport at a community level please email this information through to the relevant Pastoral Coordinator to be published in the newsletter.

**MacKillop College swimming carnivals**

15<sup>th</sup> February Years 7 to 10 swimming carnival
16<sup>th</sup> February Years 11 to 12 swimming carnival

Our carnivals are fantastic days that foster our positive school spirit. It is a compulsory day of school and all students are expected to attend. The students will be bused from school to the Port Macquarie Pool and will return to school at the end of the day. The carnival will cater for all abilities with both championship, participation and novelty events. 100 metre races will be held in the morning before the carnival begins.

Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated for the carnival. If you could please contact me directly or the school office on 65832632.

If you have any questions regarding sport at MacKillop College please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Andrea Huxley**
Leader of Sport
ahunley@lism.catholic.edu.au
CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC IN 2016 – WELCOME BACK!
The Co-Curricular music program will recommence in Week 4. Sign up sheets for ensembles will be available at the “music office” on the junior site during week 3. Any NEW student wishing to participate in the program is encouraged to sign up prior to the first rehearsal. If you are already a member of an ensemble it is not necessary to sign up.

Vocal Ensemble auditions will take place on Wednesday, 10th February in the junior music room. Audition sign up sheets will be available during week 2.

2016 ensembles include:

- Concert Band – Thursday mornings
- Big Band – Friday mornings
- Little Big Band (NEW in 2016) – Friday mornings
- Senior Stage Band and Praise Band – Monday mornings
- Junior Stage Band – Friday lunch
- Jazz Ensemble “Groove Merchants” – Friday lunch
- Brass Ensemble – Thursdays (rotating timetable)
- Woodwind Ensemble (NEW in 2016) – Thursdays (rotating timetable)
- Percussion Ensemble – Tuesday mornings
- Choir – Wednesday lunch
- Vocal Ensemble – Wednesday mornings
- SAPSS Concert Band – Tuesday morning (Term 1 and 3 at the St Joseph’s Regional College, Term 2 and 4 at MacKillop College)
- SAPSS Drum Line – Wednesday afternoons (St Joseph’s Regional College).

A detailed co-curricular music timetable will be posted on the music notice-board by week 2 of Term 1 and will be posted in this newsletter.

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE SHIRTS
All students participating in MacKillop College Ensembles are required to purchase a shirt to wear at performances. This shirt will be worn with black trousers, black socks and black shoes at all performance events including:

- assembly performances and school functions;
- lunchtime concerts at the Glasshouse;
- Big Band Blast;
- the annual Music Awards Night;

Students are to see the music trainee at rehearsal or in break times in the Junior Band Room to order a size. Sample shirts will be available for you to try on. All payments are to be made to the front office of your school with the attached note by the end of Term 1. I encourage students to order a slightly larger shirt if still growing. This performance shirt will be able to be worn across all MacKillop College and SAPSS Bands into the foreseeable future.
REHEARSALS IN WEEK 4

MONDAY
- Senior Stage Band: 7.45a.m. – 8.45a.m. Junior Theatre
- Praise Band: Lunchtime, Junior Theatre

TUESDAY
- Percussion Ensemble: 8.00a.m. – 8.45a.m. J16 Music Room
- Vocal Ensemble: 8.00a.m. – 8.45a.m. J14 Music Room
- Choir: Lunchtime, J14 Music Room
- SAPSS Drum line: 4.00p.m. – 5.30p.m. St Joseph’s Regional College

WEDNESDAY
- Wander Band: 8.00a.m. – 8.45a.m. J14 Music Room
- Junior Stage Band: Lunchtime, J16 Music Room

THURSDAY
- Concert Band: 7.45a.m. – 8.45a.m. J16 Music Room
- Junior Stage Band: Lunchtime, J16 Music Room
- Brass Ensemble: See morning notices for time, Band Room

FRIDAY
- Big Band: 7.45a.m. – 8.45a.m. J14 Music Room
- Little Big Band: 7.45a.m. – 8.45a.m. J16 Music Room
- MacKillop Ensemble: Lunchtime, Theatre
- Junior Stage Band: Lunchtime, J16 Music Room

Please contact Ms Anderson with any questions relating to the co-curricular music program at MacKillop College or visit the College website and click on the Creative Arts tab.

Meg Anderson per
Rob Denham
Leader of Co-Curricular Music
rdenham@lism.catholic.edu.au

SAPSS NEW ZEALAND MUSIC TOUR NEWS

There is a fundraising meeting on Monday evening at 6.00p.m. in the Regional PAC for all families who would like to participate in fundraising activities for the tour.

Rehearsals will begin next Tuesday, 9th February at 7.30a.m. at St Joseph's Regional College. This is for all students who are participating in the tour as well as those who aren't, but are members of the SAPSS Concert Band. There will be a bus supplied to bring students back to the College. Next term we will be rehearsing at MacKillop.

There has been a note handed out this week to all students so please email or ring me if you haven't received one yet.

If any parents of Year 7 band students would like information on our music tour to New Zealand please email or ring me on 0416291648.

Sharon Green
Leader of SAPSS Co-Curricular Music
sagreen@lism.catholic.edu.au

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 WEEK 3

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to do canteen this year, however, there are still a few gaps in the roster. If you are able to help could you please contact the main office on 65832632 option 4. To the new volunteers, I will contact you personally before your rostered day. Thanks Max.

Monday  
Heather Sheers, Ann Todd and Mayo Brumby  
10.40a.m. start

Tuesday  
Rob Doyle and Tony McKenzie  
11.00a.m. start

Wednesday  
Kris Ann Johnson and Karen Ashe  
11.00a.m. start

Thursday  
Jo Seton, Karena MacLachlan and Kristine Fallon  
10.40a.m. start

Friday  
Jos Capper, Deb Nelson, Bec Lewis and Michelle Nugent  
10.40a.m. start

Please see the Canteen price list attached to this newsletter.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST AGNES' RUGRATS YOUTH GROUP
Open to all ages 5 years and upwards. Every Friday 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. $3.00 provides afternoon tea and dinner Games, outings to the park and much more. High school students may wish to assist as leaders. Great for Duke of Edinburgh Awards / Community Service!

For further details please contact Peter on 65849970.

SPORT REGISTRATION DAYS

PORT MACQUARIE FOOTBALL CLUB
DATE/TIMES: Saturday, 6th February, 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Saturday, 20th February, 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.
WHERE: 6th February at Port Central (near Flight Centre) and 20th February at McDonalds Settlement City party room.
CONTACT: Craig Johnson 0417 336 785 or Cath Cornish 0419 478 308

PORT SAINTS FOOTBALL CLUB
DATE/TIMES: Saturday, 13th February, 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. Saturday, 20th February, 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m.
WHERE: John Oxley Motors
CONTACT: www.portsaints.com.au

LAKE CATHIE FOOTBALL CLUB
DATE/TIMES: Saturday, 13th February, 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Saturday, 20th February, 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.
WHERE: Lake Cathie Bowling Club – 45 Evans St Lake Cathie
CONTACT: http://cathieraiders.org/ or secretary.cathieraiders@gmail.com or phone Russell Wallace on 0437149177.

PORT CITY HOCKEY CLUB
DATE/TIMES: Saturday, 6th February, 3.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. Saturday, 13th February, 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. Tuesday, 16th and 23rd February, 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m.
WHERE: Hockey field (Ocean Drive)
CONTACT: info@portcityhockey.com.au, www.portcityhockey.com or www.facebook.com/PortHockey

LAKE CATHIE / BONNY HILLS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
DATE/TIMES: Thursday, 11th February, 5.00p.m. to 6.30p.m. Tuesday, 23rd February, 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.
WHERE: 11th February at Lake Cathie Woolies complex 23rd February at Lake Cathie Sporting Fields
CONTACT: Mick Nixon 0419 483 892

PORT MACQUARIE BODYBOARDERS
DATE/TIMES: Sunday, 7th February, 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.
WHERE: Breakwall carpark. Look for the blue or Maccas tents.

Members need to be 10 years of age as of 31/12/2016.
**PORT PHYSIE AND DANCE**

Port Physie and Dance is a fun and energetic dance school for all ages with classes held at its studio at 1 Acacia Avenue, Port Macquarie. Each class incorporates jazz, hip hop, ballet and contemporary routines. For more information please email: portphysieanddance@live.com.au

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**Enriched Health Care - Camden Haven Triathlon Festival**

19th and 20th March


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MACKILLOP COLLEGE
JUNIOR CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2016 (YEARS 7-10)

Lunch orders may be written out at home or at the canteen
All orders must be handed into the canteen by 9.00a.m.
Lunches to be collected from the canteen at the beginning of lunch
(If you go home sick, please ask office staff to notify the canteen
to cancel your order and arrange a refund)
Ice creams and milk shakes CANNOT be ordered in lunch orders.

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MONTHLY SPECIAL – PLEASE CHECK THE WHITEBOARD
Application for Extended Leave - Travel
(Leave between 10 – 100 days)

Information: From the beginning of 2015, Family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School-Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

NOTE: Part A is to be completed by the Student’s Parent/Caregiver and returned to their child’s school principal. Separate applications are to be completed for each school if siblings do not attend the same school.

PART A: STUDENT DETAILS

Please complete table below with details of all students associated with the period of travel:

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Student Address: ____________________________
Postcode: __________

School Name: MacKillop College, Port Macquarie

Details of extended leave:

Start Date of leave: __________
End date of leave: __________

Number of School Days absent: __________

Reason for Travel (Including why this travel is occurring during school time):

Relevant travel documentation such as an e ticket or itinerary (in the case of non-flight bound travel within Australia only) must be attached to this application.