Near the Sacred Heart we are strong and without fear”
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

“Live a Life That Counts”

St Mary MacKillop College
Silver Jubilee Fundraising Appeal
The Appeal is still running until the end of the year: your donation to help with costs of refurbishing our Science rooms would be greatly appreciated.
(Donations are tax deductible)

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Gratitude
Our hearts and prayers reach out to the people of Syria who are enduring great suffering at this time. How fortunate we are, and how grateful we must be for the country in which we live. Even the handing over of government from one party to another moves along peacefully. Surely we cannot let these matters pass under our guard as we express our gratitude to God for the stable lives we are able to lead in this great country.

Enrolments 2014
Whilst we no longer ask every student to re-enrol for the following year of school, it is still important for us to know who will not be returning to the school in 2014. I do ask families to inform me as soon as possible if your child is not returning to St Mary MacKillop College next year.

Student Free Day
A reminder that September 16th is a student free day to allow staff to undertake important Professional Development in the area of data analysis.

Silver Jubilee Appeal
Again I request families to support our Silver Jubilee fundraising appeal by making a donation. Thank you to the many who have already made a contribution. Please remember that our fees are kept very low so a request to make a donation to support capital works projects which will enhance the academic infrastructure of the College is not out of place.
End of Year Celebration
What we have called Presentation Night in the past has had a change of date from Wednesday December 11th to Monday December 9th. Please mark this in your diaries and keep a look out for further information with regard to this evening.

Rob Aron
Principal

FAITH MATTERS
#Prayforpeace
Pope Francis appeals for unity in the quest for a peaceful solution to the deepening Syrian crisis on social media, tweeting “Peace is a good which overcomes every barrier, because it belongs to all of humanity” #prayforpeace. Francis has tweeted regularly on his official papal Twitter account @Pontifex since the beginning of September, despairing the use of arms causing suffering, condemning the use of chemical weapons and calling upon all to pursue peace.

Pope Francis called for a World Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Syria on Saturday September 7th and Catholics, Christians, Jews and Muslims prayed together across the world in solidarity. Since 2011 the Syrian conflict has killed an estimated 110,000 people and seen two million refugees flee the country. Half of these are children. In his ‘cry for peace’ for humanity, the pope takes a unambiguous stand opposing all fighting, including possible airstrikes against the Syrian regime. This is not the first time a pope has made a public and official appeal against war and conflict but it is certainly a strong move with the pontiff writing to the leaders of the G20 meeting in Russia, urging them towards a process of reconciliation rather than a military solution.

When Pope Francis announced the prayer vigil he urged others to join. The response indicates the widespread desire for peace and reconciliation and also an understanding that despite our differences, our humanity binds us together. Grand Mufti Ahmed Badreddin Hassoun, Syria’s Sunni Muslim leader called for Syrians to join in the prayers. Muslims held prayers for peace on Friday the 6th at the Great Mosque of Paris. Support also came from Batholomew 1, the spiritual leader of the world’s Orthodox, Riccardo Di Segni, Chief Rabbi of Rome and the vice president of the Shiite Higher Council in Lebanon. The four hour Vigil for Prayer at St Peter’s Square in Rome took place on Saturday with the Vatican estimating about 100,000 people taking part and other prayer vigils being held across the world.

The Church always calls us to prayer. In the worst of times often that is all that we are able to practicably do. Yet we should not underestimate the power of prayer; the power to unite, to strengthen, to bring hope, to bring understanding and wisdom and indeed to bring peace. In times of war and conflict, prayer may in fact be a very powerful weapon. ‘We ought never to lose hope. God overwhelms us with his grace, if we keep asking.’ Pope Francis.

Prayer for Peace in Syria
God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria,
Bring healing to those suffering from the violence,
Bring comfort to those mourning the dead,
Strengthen Syria’s neighbours in their care and welcome for refugees,
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,
And protect those committed to peace.

God of Hope,
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies,
Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria,
And give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace and Light of the World,
Amen. (adapted from Catholics Confront Global Poverty)
BETTY CURRIE SCHOLARSHIP 2014
Betty Currie Scholarships are now open for the 2014 School Year. These scholarships are available to families who may be experiencing financial hardship and need assistance with school fees. Application forms are available at the Front Office. If you are applying for a scholarship please return the application form by 3pm, 31st October, 2013. All applications are confidential and interviews will be conducted in Term 4 if required. Financial information must be supplied; applications without proof of income will not be accepted.

CURRICULUM
Unit 3/4 PRACTICE EXAM TIMETABLE 2013
All students studying a Unit 3 / 4 subject (Year 12 subject) are required to attend practice exams in the second week of the school holidays as per the timetable below. Any rescheduling of a practice exam due to timetable clashes or valid personal/work reasons must be requested in writing, with a parent signature, to Mrs Suzy Haley, Senior School Coordinator, prior to the holidays. All students must complete and submit a practice exam for their subject, even if rescheduled, by 3pm Wednesday 2nd October.

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**PATHWAYS / CAREERS NEWS**

During the year we have spoken with many senior students who have no motivation to do well at school because they ‘don’t know what I want to do when I leave school’.

Coming into subject selection time we felt it was important to offer more support to students, and now offer to Year 10 and Year 11 students an online personality test - My Career Match. This online test helps build career profiles for students – matching their personality style and natural talents (strengths/employability skills) with the most suited careers. It is empowering and gives students knowledge of themselves and what they’re good at, creating a positive experience.

Students need to come to the Careers Office and book in to do the test - it takes only 15 minutes to complete a short online profile with My Career Match.

**Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program - Year 10 students**

The University of Melbourne is inviting applications for the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program. This program is open to high achieving students in Year 10, and at least one student from St Mary MacKillop College will be offered a position in this program. Students must demonstrate evidence of leadership potential, active citizenship and community involvement in their application.

Brochures and application details are available in the Careers Centre and also online at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/kld. Applications must be received by October 14.

**ACU – English and Mathematics Workshops (Mildura)**

On Wednesday, September 25th, Australian Catholic University are again conducting Unit 3 and Unit 4 English and Mathematics (Methods and Further) workshops at no charge, to assist Year 12 students. These Workshops will be held at St Joseph’s in Mildura – Further/Methods 10.00am to 12.00noon and English 1.00pm to 3.00pm. If there are sufficient student numbers, free bus travel will also be provided by ACU. Students must register online by Friday, September 13th at www.acu.edu.au/vhwreg

**Air Force Technical Camp for Girls**

The Australian Air Force are excited to offer girls an opportunity to experience Air Force technical and engineering careers. This Technical Camp will run from October 1 – October 4 at the RAAF Base, Wagga. Girls will be able to experience working on sophisticated Air Force Equipment and speak with other women technicians, as well as take part in some training and leadership activities. Interested students must commit to the full program and if under 18 have permission from parents. Apply at www.defence.gov.au/work experience or contact Llani Kennealy on 0408 990401 for more information.
Zoo Keeper for a Day
Interested in working with animals?? Why not apply to work for a day during the school holidays at the Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary or Werribee Open Range Zoo. To find out more information or to register, please go to http://www.zoo.org.au

JMC Academy Workshops
High School introductory workshops will be held during the September school holidays in the areas of Film, Entertainment Business, Animation, Music, Games Design and Audio Engineering. For more information and to register go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au

MADEC Hospitality Courses
For any Year 12 students wishing to obtain a qualification in Responsible Serving of Alcohol or Responsible Gambling Services, the Swan Hill MADEC Office will be delivering these courses in the September School Holidays. Please contact MADEC on 50330025 for more information.

Accounting Traineeship 2014
This is an opportunity for a self motivated goal driven student studying Year 11 in 2014 to join an established accounting firm for a two year school based traineeship. Applicants should have a keen interest in a career in bookkeeping or accounting, and

• Be positive, reliable and honest.
• Have the ability to work in a team environment.
• Have competent computer skills
• Be willing to undertake a pathway to an Advanced Diploma or Tertiary Degree in either Accounting, Business and Commerce.

For a position description or to apply, please contact or email resume addressed to Justin Toomey, justin@gmgfg.com.au by the 27th of September 2013.

VET HOSPITALITY EXCURSION
Last week the Vet Hospitality class travelled to Melbourne to attend a cake pop decorating class. We caught a train out to Glenhuntly to the cake decorating school where the students spent three hours designing and decorating cake pops. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were able to take their cakes home with them. In August the class had catered for a CFA annual dinner and the profit they made from that paid for their entire trip to Melbourne.
MACKILLOP’S GOT TALENT
The annual ‘MacKillop’s Got Talent’ competition reaches its climax this Friday, 13th September with the Grand Final in the Jubilee Centre, commencing at 2.15pm. MacKillop’s students have been thoroughly entertained over the last two weeks during lunch time, with this year more entrants than ever and a wide scope of talent - soloists, trios, instrumentalists, gymnasts and even Shakespearean skits! Three judges have awarded points in the areas of ‘wow’ factor, competency and degree of difficulty and the finalist are:
Senior: Balanced Bridges (Robbie Caccaviello, Georgie Tully-Watts and Sarah Carmichael), Olivia Tully-Watts, Krystyanne Bercasio and Tamra Hoare. (Tamra is unable to compete in the final due to other commitments).
Junior: Lachlan Dunn and Tullie Roberts.

The Grand Final is open to all the community and we warmly welcome you to come along and enjoy some talented performances in the Jubilee Centre this Friday.

SWAN HILL REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Wednesday 4th September, over 100 of our students travelled to Kerang to compete at the interschool athletics carnival. Our students again presented themselves extremely professionally and competed gallantly all day in their events. We had many fantastic individual performances, with a large number of our students qualifying to compete at the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics carnival in Bendigo on Thursday October 10th.

Particular congratulations must go to Taylor Cameron, who was awarded age champion for the 17yr old boys division.

The final scores for the day were:

Swan Hill College  659 pts
MacKillop         636
Kerang           582
Cohuna           419
COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS
There have been a number of times this year that the country buses have been delayed, or students have missed their bus home through leaving the Bus Exchange at Swan Hill College and going to the shop on the other side of the school grounds. Under the School Contract Bus Guidelines, no student is allowed to leave the school grounds unless boarding their homebound bus. This applies to all students from all schools that access the bus exchange. Please be advised that country buses will not be held to wait for students not following the rules, out of consideration for all other students.

Country bus drivers have reported students getting off the buses at other schools. The drivers have a duty of care to get students to and from school. For the safety and wellbeing of students who travel on the country buses, students are not permitted to leave their designated bus until they reach their school, unless prior arrangement by a Parent or Guardian has been made.

Kathie Box
Bus Coordinator

PASTORAL CARE CENTRE
Bullying
Bullying is the most common form of violence young people may experience. This can take place at school, on the bus, at home, via phone and online using various forms of social media. The impact of bullying varies, but more often than not the effects are significant and stay with the individual for many years.

Put a stop to bullying by reporting if you have been, or know of, someone being bullied. There is a Bullying Report Form online located on the St Mary MacKillop Website under the Student Links heading. If you do not feel comfortable talking directly with a teacher or member of staff, this form can be completed in the privacy of your own home.

It is everybody’s responsibility to ensure school is a safe place to be. Stand up for the silent and say ‘no’ to bullying by reporting any known incidences to the College.

Toni Bolton
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Swan Hill Basketball Association season 2013/14
Season commences: Open – Tuesday 08th October; Boys – Wednesday 09th October; Girls Thursday 10th October.
Registration Days: Friday 13th September at the Stadium 3:30 – 5:30 and Friday 20th September at Coburns Sportspower 3:00 – 5:00
**Earlybird Special** Register and pay on our registration days and receive $10 discount per junior player.
For further information contact Swan Hill Basketball Association T: 50336 1402
E: shba@bigpond.net.au W: www.swanhill.basketball.net.au
Swan Hill Little Athletics Centre

COME & TRY NIGHTS
OCTOBER 11TH & 18TH

- 3-4 events each Friday night
- 1-2 track events
- 1-2 field events
- Coaching & Competitions
- Carnivals
- Regular BBQ’s on Friday nights
- Family Friendly Atmosphere

Swan Hill Little Athletics Centre offers coaching, weekly competitions and lots of fun for children from ages 5-16.

New families are invited to join us for the 2013-14 Track & Field Season.

Venue:
KEN HARRISON
SPORTING COMPLEX
Back Oval, Yana Street
Swan Hill

For more information:
Melissa Burge – 0429 302 779
Leisa Lyons – 0488 305 071
Email – swanhill@lavic.com.au
Register Online:
www.lavic.com.au

FAMILY
FUN &
FITNESS

Season Begins
Friday 11th October from 5pm
Registration, Coaching & Sausage Sizzle