“Work on with constancy and courage”
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

PURSUE KNOWLEDGE – RECEIVE WISDOM
(Proverbs 2)

Dear Parents, Guardian and Friends,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to
be your hands and feet where we are
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
love as you love us
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
pray for those in need so that You are honoured and
glorified.

We have now finished three full weeks of school and already we have accomplished so much. Just this week we have seen a wonderful number of Year 7s and their families at our Year 7 Basket Tea, Solomon win the Swimming Carnival and the completion of our first reports for the year.

Year 7 Basket Tea
A huge thanks to all of the families who came along to the Basket Tea on Monday evening. To reiterate my comments on the night, I encourage you to communicate with us. Your son/daughter’s Homeroom Teacher should be your first point of contact, however the House Leaders, Deputy Principal and Wellbeing staff, are all there when you need them.

We communicate with our school community through the school newsletters, which are emailed home, or you can access the newsletter through the college web page, www.mackillopsh.vic.edu.au.
We also run a twitter feed, @SMMCSwanHill and a FaceBook page.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Solomon House, the winners of the Swimming Carnival this year. It was great to see so many of our students participating. I am always amazed at the House spirit that comes out at our carnivals. Although I was unable to stay for the whole day, from all reports the students were encouraging of each other and celebrated their successes. Well done to Tenison for winning the House Spirit points on the day. A big thank you to Mr Chris Joyce and his team for all of the preparation, setting up and packing up. Thank you also to the large number of parents who came along and helped out, or supported the student.
Reports
Our teachers completed the first of our reports for 2014 today. The Year 11 and 12 Teacher Advisor (TA) reports will be completed next week and available to parents via the Parent Access Module (PAM). If you are unable to access your PAM account, please contact Amanda in the Front Office to have your password changed.

Mrs Michelle Haeusler
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
It is hard to believe that we are already into Week 4 of Term 1! St Mary MacKillop College is a hive of activity as students settle into their learning and school activities. The beginning of the school year is also often a time when we need to re-establish guidelines around the way we operate as a school community. In this regard may I bring a few college procedures to your attention.

Uniform
Students are looking very well dressed and wearing their uniforms proudly at the moment and we expect all students to continue in this fashion throughout the year. The uniform requirements are very clearly set out in the diary.
Shoes should be polishable black shoes for both boys and girls.
- Plain grey socks for the boys and plain white socks for the girls except with the sports uniform, where sports socks are appropriate.
- Earrings should be one pair of small, plain sleepers or studs.
- Students should not come to school with facial piercings, clear or otherwise and they will be asked to remove these.
- Boys should be clean shaven.
We appreciate that the vast majority of our students and families support our guidelines regarding uniform.

Attendance
All students are expected to be at school for the full day, even Senior students who have scheduled study lessons. Students should not be signing out at lunchtime to go down the street. We appreciate that families who live out of town may have the odd occasion where it is necessary to complete some errands and in this case a note from a parent is required. Town students should not be leaving school at lunchtime unless there is a very particular reason, such as medical or dental appointments.
If a student is absent due to illness or other family reasons please contact the school via the Absence Hotline PH: 0427 781 910 Senior students in particular need to be vigilant about explained absences due to VCAA requirements.

This term we have two year level camps, Year 7 and Year 8 and a Year 12 Retreat. All of these events are carefully planned by staff with specific aims based around providing a learning experience for students. It is an expectation that students attend these school events. All have benefits reaching beyond the classroom experience and we consider them to be a vital part of your student’s school year.

Communication
There is an enormous amount of evidence supporting the idea that parental involvement improves educational outcomes for students. Please do not hesitate to contact staff at our college. We encourage parents to make contact with Homeroom Teachers should you have a concern about the wellbeing or general progress of your child. If you are unsure as to who to speak to, the Homeroom Teacher will certainly be able to help you.

If your concern is subject specific, again please contact the subject teacher. Sometimes email is a convenient option for both parents and staff and you will find listed the school email addresses of teaching staff.
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St Mary MacKillop College is on Twitter
Follow what is happening day to day at St Mary MacKillop College on Twitter. We can be found at @SMMCSwanHill.
CONGRATULATIONS
Homeroom Representatives have now been nominated and they will join the other Student Leaders to form the Student Forum. Congratulations to the following students:

S1 Lisa Bartalotta
S2 Ebony Dalton
S3 Connor Power
S4 Robert Capstick
S5 Monique Bruton
W1 Baden Grey
W2 Thomas Leahy
W3 Courtney Kemp
W4 Jack Woodward
W5 Lea Boschen
X1 Madeleine Wright
X2 Tim Watson
X3 Rachael Wynne
X4 Jacinta Van Roosmalen
X5 Mia Balice
T 1 Shannon Robinson-Hore
T2 Taylar Borg
T3 Demi Andrews
T4 Ted Morton
T5 Brodie Rayner

Catherine Howison
Deputy Principal

FAITH MATTERS

You are warmly invited to celebrate the 2014 Beginning of Year Mass with students and staff on Thursday 27th February at 12.15pm in St Mary’s Church
Student Leaders for 2014 will be commissioned at this Mass.
CURRICULUM NEWS

Parent Access Module (PAM)

Have you accessed your student’s important information such as assessment task results and feedback, attendance and timetable available online via our Parent Access Module (PAM) on our St Mary MacKillop College website yet?

All new families to our College in 2014 will receive details of their logon and password to access PAM in the mail and via email this week. All other families with a child at school in 2013 were issued with a logon and password last year, so if you have forgotten it please contact the Office as soon as possible.

All subject progress reports provide grades and feedback on any completed assessment tasks as well as work habits and also your child’s Teacher Advisor Interview Report will be provided online this year, therefore it is important that parents access these reports to ensure you are aware of your child’s progress and so that you know how best to support your child’s learning.

End of Semester reports, which are a more formal summary of assessment task grades, AusVELS, VCE or VCAL levels and satisfactory or not satisfactory completion of a subject, will be also provided online at the end of each semester.

Any parent who would like individual assistance with using the Parent Access Module is welcome to contact me and arrange a meeting time to attend our St Mary College Library between 3:30 – 4:15pm on most Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Teacher Advisor Interviews and Reports

As a part of St Mary MacKillop College’s commitment to achieve the best possible outcome for each individual student, the Teacher Advisor program will continue for all students in 2014. The reports produced through the Teacher Advisor program are more focussed on student feedback and involve the student in the production of the report, which we consider is vital to them owning their own education.

Students will still continue to receive a more formal End of Semester Report, which will include grades of assessment tasks and AusVELS progression points, VCAL or VCE achievement levels.

Once a term, each student will be interviewed by their Homeroom teacher, or in some cases by a senior member of staff. Interviews will take 10 – 20 minutes and students will be withdrawn from class in accordance with a prearranged and mutually agreed appointment time, which is recorded in their diary. This interview will be based on feedback that their subject teachers have written for assessment tasks and also their work habits which have been updated in the week prior to the interview. During the interview the student will be asked to reflect on their effort, results and the teacher’s feedback comments. Students will be asked to set goals and they will need to show their student diary. Parents or guardians are most welcome to attend an interview but it is certainly not a requirement or expectation.

At the conclusion of the interview the Subject Interim Report and the Teacher Advisor (TA) Report will be generated and will be available online via the Parent Access Module. We ask that you read through the reports and discuss them with your child.

Remember – all past and present reports are available online, via the Parent Access Module.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Homeroom teacher or House Leader via email or phone. We look forward to your feedback on this program as the year progresses and hope that you find this a beneficial experience, with parents and students taking the opportunity to discuss the Teacher Advisor Reports and reflect on the student’s personal learning needs and goals.
TEACHER ADVISOR REPORT CYCLE 1

Week commencing | Year Level
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24/2/14 | Year 11 & 12
03/3/14 | Year 10
10/3/14 | Year 7
17/3/14 | Year 8
31/3/14 | Year 9

**Parent Teacher Interview Evenings**

Parents and students are also invited to attend Parent Teacher Interview evenings (4:00 – 7:00pm) to discuss student progress, face to face, with their Subject teachers and Homeroom teachers.

Year 7 & 12 --- 1st April 2014 (This includes any Year 11 student studying a Year 12 (Unit 3 Subject)
Year 8 – 11 --- 6th May 2014

**After School Homework and Study Help in the Library**

In an effort to assist students with their homework and develop sound study skills, the staff at St Mary MacKillop College have been rostered into the Library every Monday – Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm, with an **English teacher rostered on every Monday and a Mathematics teacher rostered every Tuesday**. We strongly encourage students to utilise this excellent facility, where students can stay after school any day until 4:30pm (except Friday when the Library closes at 4:00pm).

| After School Homework and SAC Supervision |
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| **Week** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** |
| 4 | Suzy Haley | **Swimming Carnival** | Greg Hahn |
| 5 | Laura Crow | Clare Robinson | Kursty Knee |
| 6 | **Staff Meeting** | Neetu Mago | Jennifer Salvo |

Sally Looney
Director of Curriculum

**PATHWAYS / CAREERS NEWS**

**Guiding, Educating and Developing our Future Engineers**

Engineers Australia (Victoria Division) Annual Expo offers students a wonderful opportunity to attend free seminars and to talk with engineers, meet prospective employers, and hear about the latest and most innovative projects.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 26

**Time:** 12.00pm – 5.00pm

**Venue:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, Southbank

Experience La Trobe is designed especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to get a taste of what it's like to be a uni student for a day and get the inside scoop on what really happens after secondary school. Participate in workshops of your choice, find out about student life and check out the Melbourne campus, including student accommodation. If you have any questions, University students and staff will be there to help you out. Experience La Trobe is a free event - **Experience La Trobe** (www.latrobe.edu.au/experience)

**Keeper for a Day or Vet for a Day**

Zoos Victoria have organised a wonderful program that gives students considering a career working with animals a fantastic opportunity. Selected days are available during the April school holidays:
Werribee Open Range Zoo - April 8, 10 or 14  Bookings 9285 9406
Find out first hand the skills and experience required to become a Zoo Keeper  Cost $103.00
www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary - April 9, 10, 16 or 17  Bookings 92859406
Vet for a Day allows students to hands on experience in the Vet Hospital.  Cost $125.00
www.zoo.org.au/healsville/whats-on/healsville-santuary-vet-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary - April 8, 9, 15 or 16  Bookings  9285 9406
Work as a Keeper and get up close to many precious and endangered animals.  Cost $103.00
www.zoo.org.au/healsville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

Year 9/10 Subject News!!
Year 9
Students this week have been focussing on Self Development. In their first lesson we focussed on our values and how they can affect our future goals. Students were able to write down their three most important goals for now and related them back to their values. Our next focus will be on self confidence and developing a range of communication skills needed in managing further career development.

Year 10
This week students are being career coached and are participating in a module from the Coaching Young People for Success Program. It is being delivered by the Pathways Team and Kane Sparks and Gaby Jones from Youth Inc. The module is focussing on their individual Life and Career Pathway Plan.

It is important YOU ASK and DISCUSS with your child all things related to their Pathway or maybe just what they were doing in class this week.

Laura Crow and Brenda Brady
Pathways Team

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
This allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age. Parents must have a Health Care Card or a TPI Card current as at February 1st, 2014 or be a foster parent. Payments will be in two instalments. Eligible parents are asked to please complete an application form at the Front Office and bring their Health care Card.

EMA Applications will not be accepted after Friday, February 28th

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Tuesday 18th February, our College swimming carnival was conducted in perfect weather conditions. The Year 12s again began the day with their parade, they all went to extraordinary lengths in preparation for the carnival and are to be congratulated on the spirit they created for other students to follow so early in the day.

The carnival itself was a fantastic day with enormous amounts of house and competitive spirit constantly on display. Tenison were selected as the house with the most impressive set of cheering lungs, and as a consequence, won the House Spirit Award.

Ryan Hodgson of Solomon and Kyra Bennett of Xavier dominated their events and again broke long standing records. Well done Kyra and Ryan. Whilst all houses participated fully in the events it was Solomon who proved to be the winner of the 2014 Swimming Carnival.

Many thanks to the numerous parents and friends who visited the carnival throughout the day to support their child and the school. It was great to see them witness the involvement and enjoyment
that our students were clearly experiencing throughout the day. Also many thanks to the parents who assisted as volunteers and helped with timekeeping and judging. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Finally, a massive congratulations to the House Captains of all four houses, who worked tirelessly throughout the day ensuring that events were constantly full and students arrived to their events on time.

**FINAL SCORES**

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**NEW RECORDS SET**

- U/18 Boys 50m freestyle: Ryan Hodgson (Solomon) - 27.02sec
- U/21 Girls 50m freestyle: Kyra Bennett (Woods) - 29.91sec
- U/21 Girls 50m backstroke: Kyra Bennett (Woods) - 35.25sec
- U/21 Girls 50m butterfly: Kyra Bennett (Woods) - 32.03sec
- U/18 Boys 50m Breastroke: Ryan Hodgson (Solomon) - 38.54sec
- U/14 Girls 4 x 50m freestyle relay: Solomon - 2:44.57

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

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