“Do all you can to assist one another”
(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

How Will You Re-CREATE Your World?

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We come to the end of another term grateful for all that has been during these past days. I keep reminding the students about gratitude – we have so much to be thankful for when one considers how little some people have in our world. The opportunity to experience such a resource-laden education is one example.

I also express gratitude to our staff who continue to work extremely hard for the betterment of our students. I have read a couple of articles recently (not written by educationalists) who suggest teachers do not work hard because they have plenty of holiday time. I can assure you nothing is further from the truth. The life of a teacher these days is quite demanding and we need to express our gratitude for the wonderful work they do – especially at our College.

Mandy McMahon
Sadly we are farewelling Mandy McMahon this week. Mandy has been an excellent VET/Pathways Coordinator and excellent Maths teacher for the past five years. Mandy will be joining her husband, Tim, as he has been appointed Principal of Oberon High School in Geelong. We are grateful for all you have done, Mandy, and wish you well in the future.

Recent Appointments
We have created a new position to commence next year, Senior School Coordinator, as an added support for our Years 11 and 12 students.

Senior School Coordinator : Mrs Suzy Haley
VET/Pathways Coordinator : Mrs Laura Crow
Director of Mission : Term One 2013 (Replacement Position) Mrs Alison Wright
Maths Coordinator : Term One (Replacement Position) Mrs Neetu Mago
Pathways/Careers : Mrs Brenda Brady – moving from half time to full time.

Congratulations to the above mentioned Staff members on their appointments.

Summer Uniform
Students may wear the winter uniform for the first two weeks of next term. However, all students must be in the Summer Uniform from Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October. Parents, please ensure your student has the correct summer uniform including grey socks (boys) and white socks (girls). Black socks for boys are not acceptable.
School Improvement Review
Recently we experienced our School Improvement Review which is conducted every five years. I thank all the staff, parents and students who were interviewed by the review panel members. The verbal report we received on the last day was largely very positive. More details about the recommendations will be forwarded to you when the written report is received some time in October.

Rob Aron
Principal

VCAL: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!
The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning is an alternative to VCE for Year 11 and 12 students. There are many misconceptions about the course. This may answer some of your questions.

Is VCAL the easy option? Yes and No.
The VCAL is offered at three different levels: Foundation, Intermediate and Senior - based on ability. We offer Foundation and Intermediate levels in Year 11, and all levels at Year 12. A Senior VCAL Certificate probably requires of a student more initiative, and more independent learning than the average VCE course. VCAL students are required to juggle part-time work or SBA/T with the usual demands of school. VCAL students may be out of school one or two days per week at work or TAFE, be absent for whole weeks during term for Trade School, Structured Workplace Learning, or Work Experience and still hand in class work on time.

Can I go to university with a VCAL certificate? Yes and No.
Some universities are now accepting students with a Senior VCAL certificate. Students completing a Foundation or Intermediate level certificate will also be studying at least one VET (Vocational Education and Training) course. Students with a Certificate 2 can enter a TAFE or other RTO (Registered Training Organisation) to do a Certificate 3 or 4. Students with a Certificate 3 or 4 can apply to study a Diploma, and once you have a Diploma, you can enter a Degree course (with credits from your previous study). VCAL will not give you an ATAR which is the basic requirement for direct entry into most university courses.

Is VCAL just for boys? Definitely not!
Although many boys who want to enter the traditional trades do VCAL, it is not just the domain of the boys. We currently have nine female students in VCAL. Along with students pursuing careers in the building and automotive trades, we also have students with SBA/T (School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships) in Hospitality, Hair Dressing, Children’s Services and Retail. Other possibilities are Community Services, Business, Sport and Recreation/Fitness, Racing, Information Technology and many others.

TRANSITIONS
A number of our current Year 12 VCAL students with SBA/T have already been offered fulltime apprenticeships/traineeships when they leave school. These include:

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Congratulations to these students!
CURRICULUM

NAPLAN Results
Students in Year 7 and Year 9 should have received their NAPLAN results in the mail this week. If you have not received your child’s results please contact the Office.

Year 12
The majority of Year 12 VCE classes will have completed their coursework by the end of this term and will be focussed on exam preparation with less than three weeks of classes remaining in Term 4. Unit examinations commence on Thursday November 1st with English and English ESL and conclude on Thursday 22nd November. Students studying VET subjects and/or the VCAL course will also need to ensure all outcomes have been successfully completed by the last day of Year 12 classes on October 25th, 2012.

Unit 4 Practice Exam Timetable
All students completing exams for Unit 4 subjects are required to attend practice exams to be held in the Jubilee Centre from Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th October. These form a very important part of their preparation for the final exams and therefore any student who is unable to attend at the scheduled time must contact Mrs Sally Looney prior to the practice exam to make alternative arrangements.

Unit 4 PRACTICE EXAM TIMETABLE 2012

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BETTY CURRIE SCHOLARSHIP 2013
Betty Currie Scholarships are now open for the 2013 School Year. These scholarships are available to families who may be experiencing financial hardship and need assistance with school fees. Application forms are attached to the newsletter. If you are applying for a scholarship please return the application form by 3pm, 21st September, 2012. All applications are confidential and interviews will be conducted in Term 4.

CLAY TARGET SHOOT
On Monday, 21 students from St. Mary MacKillop College travelled to Mellool to compete in the Swan Hill Field & Game North West Region School Shoot. The competition was shot over one ground consisting of nine stations and twenty four targets. There were nine other schools from the region in attendance with weather conditions perfect for all shooters to break a few targets, on a reasonably trying course. All of our students shot very well with a few being involved in the presentations at the end of the day.

Rebekah Bavage was awarded High Gun for Senior Girls Members. High Gun means Rebekah shot the most targets for Girls overall, 15/24.

Bailey Fry came 3rd in Junior Boys Member after a shoot off, shooting 19/24.

Xavia Elford was 2nd in Junior Boys Non Member also after a shoot off with 18/24.

Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Mr Scholtens.

SWAN HILL REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Thursday September 6th, over 100 of our students travelled to Kerang and competed at the Swan Hill Regional Athletics Carnival. Final results of the carnival were as follows:

1st place: ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE 713 points
2nd place: SWAN HILL COLLEGE 594 points
3rd place: KERANG SECONDARY COLLEGE 524 points
4th place: COHUNA SECONDARY COLLEGE 513 points.

Congratulations to all of our students on:
• The way you presented yourself, both in uniform and behaviour.
• Your willingness to help each other out and support our team.
• The manner in which you take pride in your performance and our College.
• Your healthy competitive spirit.
• Being quite fantastic examples and role models to each other and members of our community.
Special congratulations to the following students who have won Age Champion medallions:

- Paddy Dow – 13 yr old boys
- Lauren Paynter – 15 yr old girls
- Natalie Von Wirtz-Matthews – 16 yr old girls
- Karl Wilkins – 18 – 20 yr old boys

All of the following students won events on the day:
Natalie Von Wirtz Matthews
Zac Rundell-Gordon
Paddy Dow
Lauren Paynter
Ali Yamani
Henry Woodward
Bettina Aron
Jesse Palmer
Jennifer Hayward
Jesse Keil
Bethany Oliver
Aleesha Flanagan
Xavia Elford
Corey Daniels
Tamra Hoare
Michael Conlan
Ryan Shadbolt
Lachlan Joyce
Karl Wilkins
Patrick Crowe
Mikayla Burge
13 boys relay team
16 girls relay team
17 boys relay team
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‘MACKILLOP’S GOT TALENT’

Over the past 4 weeks, St Mary Mackillop College Student Forum have been organising and running a ‘MacKillop’s Got Talent’ Competition at lunchtimes. This was a very successful event in 2011, with a great display of talent at our school. Therefore, we decided to do it again this year and it proved to be an even bigger hit, with a crowd in excess of 250 at each performance. There were over 20 acts that performed in three heats, as well as a semi-final on Tuesday 10th September and Grand Final on Friday 14th September. All performances were of a high quality, making it a difficult job for our three judges, Mr Tony Haley, Mrs Jaclyn Clark and Mr Rob Waterson. Each judge gave a score out of 10, which were combined to determine the top 4 junior and senior acts that would compete in the finals. At the final, it was an extremely close competition with the senior winner having to be decided on a count back. There were many fantastic prizes up for grabs, thanks to Kristy Caccaviello and Bridget O’Bree, who managed to gain sponsorship from local businesses of up to $1000 worth of cash and vouchers for finalists.

The Grand Final saw Erin Connellan and Alice Gilbee take out first prize of $350 for the senior division and Tullie Roberts and Milly Op’t Hoog won first prize for the junior division. Other finalists included Mitchell Barkman, Sarah Carmichael and Georgie Tully-Watts in the junior division, and Jessika Nott, Callum Rendell and Courtney Rovere in the senior division.

Congratulations to all performers throughout the competition and we hope to make ‘MacKillop’s Got Talent’ even bigger in 2013.
‘MacKillop's Got Talent’ Sponsors:
Sunnyside Vineyards
Diamond Ridge Orchards
Swan Hill Chemicals
Swan Hill Toyota
Landmark
Visy
Elders
St Mary MacKillop College
Rutherford Street Insurance Service
Café 202
Northern Shoe Store
The Beauty Spot
Mickey’s Meat
Cameron’s Fine Jewellers
Ian Ray Beta Electrical
Karinie Building Supplies
Jaspers
Ladz
Clarks Gift Salon
Aspire Jewellery
Elliot Print
Lenards

VET BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION
Vet Building & Construction students have been busy, with the First Year students beginning production on two Cubby Houses. The construction of the floor frames and floor lining, wall frames and roof have been completed and work has begun on the external cladding, which will be weather boards. These cubbies will be finished in time for Santa to deliver for Christmas. Enquiries can be made to the Front Office. The cubbies are 2.4m long and 1.8m wide and cost $700.00. Second Year students have been working on the Roof Framing module where they have been involved in the construction of a scale model house roof. This roof had to be a Hip and Valley with a Gable End and during this module the students learn how to set out, cut and construct all components in relation to this type of roof.

REMINDER: SCHOOL FEES
Payment of School Fee accounts are now due unless other arrangements exist. Prompt payment would be appreciated.
Chances for Children exists to ensure “the absence of money or support will not stand in the way of a young person achieving their potential”. It is locally based which means funding and support can be tailored to meet individual needs.

So if you're a young person dreaming of pursuing a tertiary education, apprenticeship, sporting, cultural or musical talents; Chances may be able to help. The range of support Chances provides is as varied as the young people it assists. The Chances funding round is currently open until October 12, 2012. For information regarding eligibility, applications or general enquiries, visit www.chancesforchildren.com.au

*Free ITALIAN COOKING*

This holidays learn how to cook homemade

Pasta sauce - Pizza - Pasta
Ravioli - Gnocchi

11am-1pm
Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th of September
@ Youthinc 50-52 Campbell St Swan Hill
It's FREE for young people aged 12-25
registrations essential
Health Promotion
03 50339337/ ltippett@shdh.org.au
School Holiday Program

September 2012

Week One – Primary Students Gr3-6
Tuesday, September 25 10.30am - 12noon
Thursday, September 27 10.30am - 12noon

LEARN TO DRAW FACES
Use colour, silhouettes, mirrors and other tricks to draw your friends, family and yourself.

Week Two – Secondary Students Yrs7-12
Tuesday, October 2 10.30am - 12noon
Thursday, October 4 10.30am - 12noon

PRINTMAKING
Monoprints are a great way of making unique images that can be made at home or at school with a minimum of equipment. Drypoint etching is another exciting aspect of printmaking. Learn to use an etching press as we process both mono and drypoints.

Cost per student: $10.00 per session

For further information or bookings please contact:
Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery
Telephone: 5036 2430

Horseshoe Bend
Swan Hill 3585

Email: artgal@swanhill.vic.gov.au
Women - Pilgrims of Grace

Spiritual Retreat Weekend

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APPLICATION FOR BETTY CURRIE SCHOLARSHIP – 2013

Student Details:
Surname: ........................................... First Name: ...........................................
Date of Birth: ...........................................
Present School: ........................................... Year Level 2013: ...........................................
Home Address: ...........................................

Family Details:
Father:
Name: ........................................... Home Phone: ...........................................
Employer: ........................................... Business Phone: ...........................................
Occupation: ...........................................

Mother:
Name: ........................................... Home Phone: ...........................................
Employer: ........................................... Business Phone: ...........................................
Occupation: ...........................................

Number of children in Family: ........................................... Ages: ...........................................

We have read the General Conditions overleaf and Financial Data is supplied. Yes/ No

STATEMENT BY PARENTS INDICATING REASONS WHY THEY FEEL THEIR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

I/We hereby apply for a 2013 Scholarship on behalf of my/our son/daughter (name) ........................................... and agree to be bound by the decision of the Finance-Committee of the St Mary MacKillop College Board of Management. I/We declare that all financial information is true and correct. The General Conditions overleaf must be read. Applications close 3pm, 21st September 2012.

Parents' Signature: ...........................................
General Conditions of Scholarship:

1. Scholarship will remit up to 75% of Base School Fees excluding levies for the recipient.

2. Scholarship is based on the financial need of the student’s family as well as the student’s attitude towards school and his/her classroom application.

3. Financial need will be determined by a Finance-Committee including the Parish Priest, Principal and Assistant Business Manager.

4. Application and the names of the recipients will remain confidential and information supplied will be available only to the Finance-Committee.

5. Interviews will be conducted in October/November, where necessary, to determine eligibility.

6. All scholarships are for one year only. Recipients can reapply in the following years.

7. The Finance-Committee has the right to ask for financial information from applicants, on a case by case basis.

8. Decisions are made on scholarships in October/November each year. Letters posted end of Term 4.

9. Funds do not change hands, but a book entry is made on the family accounts.

Information to accompany application:

Copies of current taxation returns or other documentation which will indicate the net income of both parents or parent in a single parent situation.

This application should be placed in a sealed envelope, together with supporting documentation, and addressed as follows:

Confidential
Scholarship Application
The Principal
St Mary MacKillop College
P.O. Box 971
Swan Hill, 3585
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