“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,

St Mary MacKillop College Enrolments

A reminder to all Grade 6s and their families, St Mary MacKillop College enrolments are now being taken for any families wishing to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2013. **Enrolments will close on Friday 29th June, 2012.** Information booklets and College tours can be arranged through the Front Office.

For any further information please contact Mandy McCallum on 5032 9771.

What Seeds Do I Sow?
Do I create a world of harmony around myself? Sunday’s Gospel reading about the scattering of seed challenged me to think about the seeds that I sow amongst the people with whom I have daily contact. Do I sow seeds of hope, encouragement and love or do I sow seeds of negativity and discord? Am I positive in the way I relate to people? Am I open to all who cross my path or am I selective in my relationships?

Enhancing Catholic School Identity
Last week our College Executive spent the morning with Liam Davison, the Director of Religious Education in the Ballarat Diocese and Gina Bernasconi Liam’s assistant, unpacking the results of our Enhancing Catholic School Identity surveys from last year. You will be hearing more about our Catholic Identity as the year progresses. However, it is good to begin by reminding ourselves of our Mission/Vision Statement as a Catholic School and I paraphrase:

Our Vision is to be an educating community with Christ as our inspiration.

Our Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Identity in sharing in the Mission of the Church, yet at the same time respecting the unique dignity and faith of each person. We provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum and strive to achieve the best possible outcome for each individual student.
We will continue as a school community to reflect upon our Catholic Identity in future newsletters.

**Recent Exams and Reports**
Most students will have completed their End of Semester exams by this time. I congratulate staff and students for the way in which these exams have been conducted. Those studying Unit 3 and Unit 4 exams will be glad to have completed their mid year exams – reports suggest students were quite happy with the exams. You will receive a Semester Report during the holidays along with other important information.

**Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers**
Your generosity last year enabled the College to benefit greatly from this promotion. We are asking you again this year to be equally as generous by sending your vouchers with the students into the Pastoral Care Centre for collection. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

**Holidays**
Just a reminder that holidays commence at 2.20pm on Friday 29th June and school reopens Monday 16th July at 8.55am.

**WEP Student Exchange - Special Holiday Info Sessions**
There is no better time to plan your student exchange program than during your school holidays! Choose from over 20 countries around the world and experience life as an overseas teenager for a summer, semester or even a year.
To help you and your family make this important decision, WEP has scheduled **12 additional information sessions** during the school holidays.
For dates, times and directions, visit [wep.org.au](http://wep.org.au) or call 1300 884 733.

**From Our Students**
“My host family was waiting for me at the airport with big smiles and open arms. All that worrying for nothing! They are the sweetest people and I feel very lucky to be staying with them”
~ Chelsea, semester program to Italy.

**World Education Program (WEP) Australia**
WEP is an independent, not-for-profit Australian student exchange organisation registered with the education departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.
Students accepted by WEP Australia generally act as producers, rather than consumers, of their own education. Our programs ready students for a lifetime of successful learning in a diverse and rapidly changing society.

Rob Aron
Principal

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**School Holidays Office Hours:**

**Office hours:** Mon 2nd - 6th July, 2012 – 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Office closed:** Mon 9th – 13th July, 2012.
**FAITH MATTERS**

**What is Grace?**

God’s grace is on the loose amongst us.

Coincidence is a name God uses when he doesn’t sign his name. What if coincidence is grace?

*Fr John Chalmers*

Grace is God’s practical concern for us in the uncertainties of our lives

*Fr Pat Richards*

Grace is the energy of divine love, rolling into our lives like waves, never ending tides, towards the shores of human need.

*Bill Huebsch Grace God’s Greatest Gift 23rd Publ. USA p.44.*

Grace which is God donating and communicating God’s own self to us, comes through the powerful acts of those around us, the acts of love, selflessness, forgiveness and affection. This grace of which Jesus was full, this grace is the life of God.

*Bill Huebsch*

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**Contemplating the face of Christ**

**Jesus Year of Grace Prayer**

Invite Jesus to walk with you this day as you pray:

Jesus as I contemplate your face: let me experience your great love for me.
Reveal your saving grace and give me a grateful heart.
Heal me of my weaknesses and sin and fill me with compassion for others.
Gift me with the wisdom of the Spirit and encourage me to be a faithful witness to the Gospel.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**CURRICULUM EXPO**

**Teacher Advisor Term Reports and End of Semester Reports**

It has been very positive to see the manner in which students and staff now approach the Teacher Advisor Program at St Mary MacKillop College, engaging in honest and open discussions about student progress and general wellbeing, as well as learning goals and strategies at their Teacher Advisor Interviews each term. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to make changes or seek assistance throughout the semester, rather than wait until final grades are reported.
All students should have brought home their Term 2 Teacher Advisor Interview Report and associated TA Subject Interim Reports by now. These reports are also available online via the Parent Access Module (PAM). If any parent has not received the Teacher Advisor Report for Term 2 from their child or is unable to access it online, please do not hesitate to contact the Office for a duplicate copy.

Your feedback and support is appreciated by you returning a signed copy of the TA Interview report and/or an email to your child’s Teacher Advisor so any questions or comments can be followed up in a timely manner.

End of Semester Reports, which provide a more formal summary of grades for assessment tasks and work habits, will be posted in the final week of Term 2.

**Completion of Semester 1 Examinations**

I would like to congratulate the majority of our students on their conduct and achievements during the mid-year examination period.

Students studying VCE Unit 3 Biology, Physics, Accounting, Psychology or Chemistry completed external exams at the Anglican Centre on the 12th and 13th June, whilst all students studying a Unit 3/4 subject completed the General Achievement Test (GAT) in our Jubilee Centre on Thursday 14th June. These examinations are key components in the successful completion of VCE studies for our senior students, along with the ongoing School Assessed Coursework (SACs) and School Assessed Tasks (SATs) that they complete throughout the year.

All Year 7 – 11 subjects will have completed their exams by Thursday 21st June, allowing staff to utilise the Curriculum Day on Friday 22nd June to complete marking, reports and prepare curriculum for next semester.

**2013 Subject Selection for Year 8 – 11 students**

All students in Years 8 to 11 should now have received a 2013 subject selection form which needs to be completed and returned by 27th July, 2012. This form is part of the first stage in our subject selection process where students indicate their preferences, so final subjects for 2013 can be determined. Planning and information sessions have been held in classes over recent weeks, along with information provided at the Subject and Curriculum Expo held on the 30th May.

Year 8 and 9 students need to plan their completion of the 9/10 Vertical Curriculum carefully, ensuring they complete the required minimum units in a range of subjects, whilst also choosing electives that suit their particular interests and learning needs.

Year 10 and 11 students have been encouraged to seek further advice from their parents, teachers and Pathways Coordinators on their career and tertiary education pathways. Students should consider the numerous options VCE or VCAL pathways offer, including the opportunity to complete School Based Apprenticeships and VET subjects for those more focused on preparing for the workforce, or the need to research prerequisite subjects and ATAR scores required for University Courses.

All subject selection forms need to be signed by a parent or guardian and students in Year 11 or 12 must also obtain a recommendation from their current subject teacher.

Once the final blocking of subjects to be offered in 2013 is completed, all students in Year 11 and Year 12 will have subject counselling interviews in November. Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend these interviews.

Subject selection assistance is available from the students’ Teacher Advisor or subject teachers, as well as more specific planning advice from Mrs McMahon, Mrs Brady or myself in the Careers Office each lunch time for the remainder of Term 2.

Sally Looney
Director of Curriculum

**CAREERS NEWS**

**Grow your Career Expo**

All Year 10 students will be attending the Grow Your Career Expo at Sunraysia TAFE Swan Hill on Wednesday, July 18th. The Expo will involve students in interactive workshops, as well as an exhibitors’ marquee representing local, regional and national education and employment industries.
**Tertiary Information Session**

All Year 12 students will be attending the Loddon Campaspe Tertiary Information Session at The Grain Shed on Wednesday, August 1st. This will involve a panel of tertiary representatives and current students addressing issues relating to tertiary study. Students will also be able to collect information and speak with representatives from all Victorian Universities, some interstate Universities and TAFEs. A similar session will be held at The Grain Shed for parents of Year 11 and 12 students on the evening of Tuesday, July 31st.

**Open Days**

Most tertiary institutions are holding their Open Days on weekends during July and August. Any students in Year 10 - 12 who are considering further study should be starting to attend Open Days. You will find out first hand about courses, campus activities, scholarships, accommodation and entry requirements, as well as being able to talk with current students and lecturers.

**School Based Apprenticeships**

This year St Mary MacKillop College has thirteen Year 10, 11 and 12 students undertaking a School-Based Apprenticeship. These students work one day a week, plus some after-school hours, to learn the skills of a first year apprentice. They also complete theory modules either at work or at TAFE. We would like to thank their employers for giving these students the opportunity to start an apprenticeship while also finishing their schooling.

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**MY SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP**

I am doing a School Based Apprenticeship as an Auto Electrician with Swan Hill Auto Repair Service as a part of my Year 12 VCAL Certificate.

I am training to be an Auto Electrician, but I am also learning much more than that. I am learning how to service cars, fit suspension to cars, fit bullbars and other accessories to vehicles, and many other things. I will need to know all these things because the business I work for is a 4x4 shop, auto elect shop, motorbike shop, jet-ski shop, and small motor mechanic shop. We also work on tractors and trucks and in the summer we fix air conditioners in farm machinery out in the field.

We get many different jobs in the workplace, from five minute jobs to work that could take a week to complete. There are 13 employees at Swan Hill Auto Repair Service, four in the office and the rest out the back in the workshop. There is a school student who comes down to clean the shed after school. In the workplace I am required to get the job done in the time quoted for the job, and it is also a requirement to clean up after yourself and help pack up the shop at the end of every day.

I am learning many skills and know to make sure I do the job the best that I possibly can. I have learnt a few other tricks about how to do things without
damaging equipment you are working on, and sales and computer skills because I get asked to come in and work out the front if they are short of staff.

I often work through my lunch break or have a shorter lunch break as it helps the work flow quicker.

There are many OH&S requirements in the workplace such as what clothes you wear. You must wear the right clothing, e.g., no singlets, no uncovered shoes and more. If we are drilling, grinding and filing, we must wear safety glasses and ear plugs and gloves. If something is spilt, it must be cleaned instantly and if equipment is damaged, it must be either reported or thrown out.

I go to SuniTAFE once a month to study and complete an Auto Electrician course. The school checks up on my progress and I also have an Apprenticeship company in Swan Hill that rings me every once in a while to check how I am going.

I have been doing this for a bit over 12 months now and love every day of it. I work on Saturdays before footy and every spare chance I get.

TIM CARRISON

VCAL enables Tim to pursue his career as an Auto Electrician while still completing Year 12. He gets time off school to work and go to trade school. His VCAL studies complement his apprenticeship with practical literacy, numeracy and personal development skills. If you are interested in VCAL or a School Based Apprenticeship, pop into the Careers Room to talk to a staff member.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY/HOSPITALITY

St Mary MacKillop College have recently purchased a commercial coffee machine that is housed in the Food Technology room. The machine is to be used to teach senior Food Technology and Hospitality students barista skills that will enable them to gain part-time employment either while at school or at university. The coffee machine will be operating twice a week for the students to sell coffee to the staff as well as being used as a funded raising activity at different events throughout the year.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

On Tuesday June 5th, a team of over 20 students travelled to St Arnaud to compete at the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country. Against strong fields of up 90 per age group, our students generally performed creditably with many top 20 finishes. The students’ efforts were excellent with lots of “exhaustion” evident as the finish line was crossed.

Kyra Bennett was our best performing individual with an excellent top 10 finish in the 16 year old girls division. Kyra has now qualified to compete at the State Championships in Melbourne at the beginning of Term 3. Well done Kyra.

Some results are as follows:

13 year old girls
Anna Burns 12th
Emma Boyd-Law 13th
Alannah Simpson 19th
13 year old boys
Angus Verbeek  17th

14 year old girls
Henry Woodward  12th

14 year old girls
Mikayla Burge  11th

16 year old girls
Kyra Bennett  9th

Angus Verbeek

The very successful 13 year girls competitors

WINTER SPORTS REPORT
On Wednesday 22nd May, over 200 of our students competed in the Swan Hill region winter sports day. Two of our teams, the junior boys football and the Year 8 girls netball were the most successful for the day by remaining undefeated and have now progressed to the Loddon Mallee Region competitions early in Term 3.

All students are again to be congratulated on the high standard of their uniform, behaviour and standards of good sportsmanship.

Results are as follows:

Netball:
Senior Girls: 3rd place. Best player: Jessi Templeton.

Intermediate girls A: 2nd place. Best players for different games were: Sarah Alvino, Lauren Paynter, Elly Bookham, Kyra Bennett.

Intermediate girls B: 4th place. Best player for the day was Miranda Gray, with all others girls making an even contribution.

Year 8 girls: 1st place (undefeated!) Best players in different games were Mikayla Burge, Ebony Triplett and Hope Shadbolt.

Year 7 girls: 2nd place on percentage. Best players in different games were Holly Rogers, Jade Featherby and Emma Boyd-Law.

Badminton: Senior and Intermediate boys – 3rd All other teams 4th Great efforts from all players.

Senior boys soccer: 2nd place. Best players on the day were Jack Gleeson and Lachie Button.

Junior boys soccer: 2nd place. Best players on the day were Michael Torr, Elliot Broad, Archie Bisinella and Angus Op’t Hoog.
Senior girls soccer: 2nd place. Best players on the day were Nat Von Wirtz Matthews and Jennafer Hayward.

Junior girls soccer: 3rd place. Best players on the day were Abol Yak and Aduk Monydhhot

Football:
Junior boys: 1st place (undefeated and only conceded 1 goal). Best players for the day were: Lachie Carroll, Paddy Dow, Josh Wooding, Jack Fletcher, Brent Daniels and Ryal Yak.

Intermediate boys: 2nd place. Best players for the day were: Taylor Cameron, Liam Davis, Declan Quin, Jesse Palmer and Jake Maher.

Clay target Shooting:
Naomi Barry 1st Junior Girls
Rebekah Bavage 2nd Senior Girls
Steven Cameron 3rd Junior Boys

Archie Bisinella in action at the junior soccer

Emma Burns at the senior girls netball

STAFF PROFILE – NELLA O’BRIEN
Nella, originally from Balranald NSW, commenced her teaching career in 1995 servicing the NSW and Victorian education systems both in Public and Catholic Schools.

In 2003 Nella came to St Mary MacKillop College to teach Italian, Religious Education and SOSE on a full time basis and became LOTE Co-ordinator prior to her marriage in 2007. In the intervening years Nella has given birth to 3 children and is now back at the college on a part time basis, currently as Humanities Leader for Years 7, 8, & 9.

Teaching is Nella's passion. She enjoys teaching students and gains great self achievement in seeing them develop throughout their secondary education.

The College has been through many positive changes over the years and Nella has been around to be part of that change and as she continues her teaching career in Religious Education, Italian and SOSE we wish her well and hope that she continues to enjoy her time and the challenges ahead at St Mary MacKillop College.
THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
On Friday 8th June, Ms Leanne Cook and Mrs Jane Alderuccio’s Yr 9/10 Australian History class travelled to Melbourne to tour the Shrine of Remembrance. This program offered an inspiring range of learning for all students. They were given a tour and a short service of remembrance in The Sanctuary. The program focussed on the ANZAC legend, its values and contemporary relevance to national identity. The guided tour also included the ANZAC experience in all wars and the history of the Shrine. The aim was to develop students understanding of the Shrine as a place to honour Australia’s servicemen and women. The students were reliable and respectful whilst on the trip and we thank them for being such good ambassadors for the College.

FREEDOM FEST IN GANNAWARRA
Lock these dates in your diary – you won’t want to miss this event!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 2012

Featuring Music, Art, Sport… There will be something for everyone.
Further information to come.
Organised by the Gannawarra Youth Council
With support from Gannawarra Shire Council