



newsletter

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Principal's Message

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DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 16 April

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 17 April

First Day of Term Two

Monday 23 April

ANZAC Day School Service

11:00 am RSL Sub-Branch

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday 16

to Friday 18 May

Year 8 Camp

OFFICE HOURS

Office will be open over the holidays on weekdays except for Public Holidays and

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 April.

Accepting Enrolments for

Years 7, 8 and 9 for 2019

and

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 2020

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to a very successful first term at McAuley College. I know I have said it many times, but for a small school we are huge in spirit and opportunity. The telling sign is how full our newsletter is and our Facebook posts... with exciting news on events and things happening both within the classroom and other aspects of our holistic education and learning opportunities.

I acknowledge the Year 7 students on the way with which they have transitioned so well into Secondary school and embraced the way of McAuley College. It has been lovely to speak with two Pastoral Care groups, with six more to see in Term Two, to listen to and give our students a voice in what is happening around the College. Both Bojaxhiu One and Frassati One were most engaging in their conversations with the me. From the student's feedback, they are happy with the range of opportunities on offer and for our newest students, they feel well inducted into our "Keeping it REAL" values and expectations. It has been pleasing to hear them maturely reflect on what we are doing well and the areas where we can improve.



Last week we journeyed over to All Saints' Primary School to deliver an Information Session to prospective families in this area. I thank Anna Brandon (Year 8, STE1) and Gabrielle Wilson (Year 8, FRA2) for their preparation of speeches to deliver as part of our presentation. To continue promoting the amazing things happening at McAuley College, it will be great to welcome the Year 5 students from All Saints' early in Term Two.



On Wednesday, we welcomed our Year 5 students from St Mary's Primary School for their Gala Day. The students enjoyed a variety of classes including Spanish, Industrial Technologies, Music, Art, Science and Food Technology. As well, they were treated to a sausage sizzle and some fun activities during our lunch break. Enjoy more photos in our first edition of the newsletter next term.

I remind all parents of our **Evening Expo** in Term Two on **Tuesday 1 May** from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. Please call in at any time to experience McAuley College. I ask that you spread the word to family and friends who may be considering the College for their sons or daughters. It is a great way to be introduced to all that is happening in this great school of ours.

EVENING EXPO | **TUESDAY 1 MAY**
5.00 PM TO 7.00 PM

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Next term, I will engage in an important appraisal process. As I enter my 10th year of principalship, I welcome the opportunity, with feedback from the members of my community, to reflect on the strengths and areas for future growth of my leadership. **All parents will be invited to participate, and a survey will be received on Monday 16 April.** Thank you for considering this request.

A reminder that End of Term One Reports have been distributed via the Parent Portal, and parents should have access to PTO on the portal as well to book Parent Teacher Student Conversations for Monday 23 April from 3:30 – 6:00 pm.

We wish Mr Michael Darcy all the best as he embarks on some personal leave at the beginning of Term Two. I thank Mr David Harris for taking on the role of Acting Deputy Principal and Mr Christopher Borg for taking on the role of Acting Assistant Principal, which he will juggle with his Year 7 & 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator position over the two weeks. We will welcome Mr Mick Kajewski to the staff of McAuley College to cover classes over this time.

It was a lovely way to finish off the term with our Easter Liturgy and Interhouse Cross Country. Congratulations to Frassati on their winning efforts!

In Mercy,
Deidre Young, Principal



HERE COME THE GAMES

Congratulations to Mrs Richards, selected to be a volunteer at the upcoming Commonwealth Games. "She is looking very helpful".
Well done to Mrs Richards on this wonderful achievement.

LEARN ...In action

As I mentioned in my previous article, teachers are preparing Term One Progress Reports for our students. For Term One we are reporting student progress against the four aspects of our **Keeping it R.E.A.L at McAuley** student behaviour support document. These aspects are:

- **Respect**
- **Excellence**
- **Act Responsibly**
- **Live with Integrity**

Each of these aspects has been reported using a four point scale – Consistently (C), Generally (G), Sometimes (S) and Rarely (R) – for each subject. There is also the option for teachers to request an interview with parents. Parents will also be able to request and interview with teachers via the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) software that is available on our College Parent Portal.

Term One Progress Reports are now available on our Parent Portal.

Michael Darcy
Deputy Principal

MacKillop Day



On Monday the 19th of March, MacKillop house held the MacKillop Celebration Day for the whole school to enjoy, as well as our special guest, Mr Greg Christensen, the Mayor of the Scenic Rim.

MacKillop Day started off with an assembly where we talked about the story of our house patron, Mary MacKillop, and her theme of "never see a need without doing something about it". This tied in well with Bullying No Way! Day, and our push for a kinder community at McAuley College. The Mayor spoke about bullying, which gave us an interesting insight into his personal experiences with bullying.

After we had our assembly, we got together in our PC groups in W1 and W2 where we were set a task my Mrs Field to fill a jar with Acts of Kindness. The aim of the task was to have enough acts of kindness in the jar so that every week in PC we would take one out and have that as a focus during the week. For example, on Monday morning someone could pull out, "Help whenever you can" and in that week you had to try to do as the slip of paper said.

After we had finished that task, Mr Way assigned us another one. This time, a PowerPoint was put on the screen and on one of the slides was a question. "How can I bring kindness to McAuley College?" We then had to put our name, and our answer on a wooden puzzle piece and decorate it. The idea of the wooden puzzle pieces is that everyone is a piece of our McAuley College puzzle; that we all "fit".

The last thing we did to celebrate MacKillop Day was eat the green cupcakes that the students of MacKillop house provided.

By Elizabeth Fritter—Year 7 MacKillop House

MacKillop House Celebrations

