Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 school year! It is great to be back. I hope you all had a wonderful break spending quality time with your family and have returned feeling refreshed and ready for a great year.

The start of school is a time of mixed emotions for parents. Our precious children spend so much time at school each day and we want our children to be happy. The most important influence on your child’s learning other than you is your child’s teacher. It is essential that parents and staff work together in partnership to create a wonderful work environment that is safe and supportive for our children to learn in, so that they are inspired to be the best that they can be.

Effective communication is an important part of this partnership. During the year there may be times when you need some information clarified. From time to time your child might come home with a concern. If you have any questions or concerns please let your child’s teacher know in the first instance. If not resolved or of a serious matter, please contact either myself or a member of the leadership team.

One of Mary MacKillop’s most famous quotes was “Never see a need without trying to do something about it”. This has been visible in our school this week already with some of our parents running a ‘Tea and Tissues’ morning this morning for parents. Thank you to Paula La Gerche and Jo Oliver for organising the event, baking, setting up and packing up. We really do appreciate your support. I would also like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to the start of the school year. The classrooms are all looking wonderful – vibrant and inviting to children and I look forward to children’s work being displayed over the coming weeks.

We have welcomed many new faces to our school community this year - staff, students and parents. This year we welcome the following staff members to MacKillop:

Mrs Alison Smith who is teaching Year 4
Mrs Sue Waugh Admin Assistant working Thursday and Friday
Mrs Gaynor Klasse – OSHC Co-ordinator and Miss Casey Muscat – OSHC Assistant
MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We have a number of new families joining our MacKillop community this year. To our new students and families we extend a very sincere and warm welcome to MacKillop. We know that you will find our school to be an exciting, challenging, rewarding, fun and welcoming community to be a part of. We look forward to the gifts each new family will bring to MacKillop.

Welcome to MacKillop Community:

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I look forward to being a part of your child’s education this year as together we work to empower our children to be responsible and successful in a changing world!

"Every journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." (Chinese Proverb)

TERM ONE CALENDAR

We are still finalising some dates for Term One so a Term One Calendar will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unable to attend school for the day due to an illness or for some other reason, it is important that you please contact the office prior to the commencement of school.

ALLERGIES

We have a number of students enrolled at MacKillop who have allergies to certain foods. All parents are asked to consider the type of food they pack for their child’s lunch and we would like to request that no peanut or peanut products be packed in children’s lunches as contact with such products can be distressful to these students and in some cases, life threatening. Your support ensures the classroom and school environment remains safe for all students. Thank you!

SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND OUT

When children arrive late at school - anytime after 8.40am they are required to be signed in at the office by a parent/guardian. Please do not just drop your child off at the drop off zone. Similarly if children are being picked up anytime prior to 3.00pm they also need to be signed out by a parent. This is Workplace Health and Safety requirements. Can I please remind you of the importance with establishing routines in classrooms and having children arriving late and leaving early is very disruptive. We do understand that occasionally children may have appointments to attend but if they can be kept to a minimum it would be appreciated.

ARRIVAL TIMES

For the safety of your children, I ask you to consider the arrival time of your students at school. I refer to our Parent handbook which states:

“Parents are requested not to allow children to arrive at school before 8.15 a.m. on any day as Teacher supervision does not occur until 8.15am. All students arriving earlier must sit in the Assembly Area on the benches. No games or movement allowed until 8.15am.”

Please realise that there is no guarantee that a staff member will be on site prior to 8.15am so if your child is arriving at school earlier than this it could be a safety concern.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

This is probably a good time to remind everyone of the road safety conventions we have here at MacKillop in regards to the “Pick-Up” section of the central driveway in the school grounds.

Firstly, the 5 Parking Bays in front of the school entry is for immediate pick-up only. The teacher calls for your child from the Undercover Area (where all children are expected to be at school’s end)- and then the children are supervised into a waiting car. As front cars are filled - cars from behind proceed up to the next available bay. The circular drive is one way only, one narrow (overtaking) lane is available for cars wishing to park in the Longer Term Carpark, but you must proceed to the Long Term carpark via the Circular Drive. Cars must not access the Long Term Carpark by going right (at the initial fork) within the school’s entry. Also could we use the available carpark bays and not park on the grassed areas. We would ask for everyone’s compliance and cooperation so as to maintain the safety of all our children and adults. Please ensure the disabled car park is reserved for those families who require it.

We would also recommend a slow and defensive speed in your approach in and out of the school grounds.

Parents are also reminded that parking beyond the gateway at the back of the Administration and Franklin Buildings is for Teacher Parking only. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Please ensure your yellow family name card is displayed in your windscreen when picking your child/children up from the “pick-up” zone to ensure a quick flow of traffic. If you require another one, please see the ladies in the office.
The MacKillop Newsletter is an important way of communicating with parents and provides you with important information about what is happening at our school. It will go home on Wednesday afternoon each week by your chosen method of email or paper copy. Please take the time to read it and discuss relevant parts with your child/children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

MacKillop is a school we should be proud of. This also applies to the wearing of the school uniform. We want to instil pride not only in their school but themselves. Students also need to appreciate that judgements are made about them according to the way in which they wear their uniform. Being neatly and correctly dressed makes an immediate positive impression; here is a student who is ready to learn and who understands the nature of being respectful to the community in which he or she is part of. The final reason for wearing a uniform is that it makes a statement about the culture of the school. People who do not know the school make judgements about us on the way in which our students present themselves.

The uniform is a complete package. Whilst there are a number of variations of it, the expectation is that whenever the uniform is worn, it will be worn correctly. Could all parents please ensure all articles of clothing including hats are clearly labelled as this helps reduce lost items. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

Please ensure children are wearing ALL black jogger shoes to school. Any other colours on the shoes are NOT ACCEPTABLE not even a small stripe of colour! Volley shoes and Mary-Jane type style shoes are NOT ACCEPTABLE as they do not provide support for the children's feet. Thank you.

HAIRSTYLES

A reminder please that hair accessories must be plain and minimalist and either navy blue, black, teal or white. Large decorative hair pieces are NOT acceptable. Hair that is long enough to be tied back must be worn in this manner for health and safety reasons. Haircuts must be neat and tidy in appearance and not falling into eyes or around the face. Hair must not be dyed or coloured or worn in a style that is deemed to be inappropriate for primary school. The following styles are NOT considered appropriate for MacKillop students: tracks, rats tails, mohawks, shorter than gauge 2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Berrigan family on the birth of their daughter Nina who was born in the holidays. Nina is a Sister for Ella Berrigan (Year 1).

If any other families have any news to share please let the office staff know so we can share this in the newsletter.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for the way they have conducted themselves as leaders so far this year. The following students have been elected to their respective positions.

School Leaders: (Term 1): Jasmine Green and Thomas Ford

House Captains –
Fitzroy (Blue): Mersades Lawson and Letitia Talbot
Merara (Green): Kona Ellul and Kelsey Dalglis
Copperfield (Gold): Phoebe Franklin and Baylen Waldon

Student Council: Hamish Donnollan, Alyssa McClarty, Ashleigh Hollingsworth, Connor Cridland, Gracie Delahunty, Amber Roscher, Jasmine Green, Thomas Ford.

Further information will be sent home to notify you of our date and time for the Leaders Induction.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

The cyclone season has begun and in the past we have been required to close the school. Before a decision is made to close a school, there is consultation with State Education, Catholic Education Office and various emergency organisations. This is never taken lightly, however the safety of all the school community is paramount. Announcements will be made on the radio in the morning. When possible we will also SMS parents. Please ensure the office has a current mobile number so we can contact you. This has been a very effective means of communication.

BOARD VACANCY

We have one Parent Position to fill on our School Board for the 2016 school year. This position is for a maximum of three years and will involve commitment to a monthly meeting. The role of the School Board is to:

- Develop, review and maintain policies
- Support staff
- Provide advice, at the invitation of the Principal, regarding staffing
- Reflect on curriculum
- Oversee prudent financial management and recommend the annual School Budget
- Oversee prudent maintenance of school buildings and plan for future facilities

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the School Board, please contact me or return the reply slip further on in the newsletter. We will be having a Board Preservice evening in the next couple of weeks for anyone interested.
HatHERO CLIPS

The HatHERO is a clip that can solve the issue of lost and misplaced hats simply by clipping school hats to school bags.

Designed and developed by two frustrated parents exasperated with ongoing hat issues of lost or misplaced hats with their own primary school aged children, we hope you too will find value in this simple solution.

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR $5.50.

P & F News:

TEA AND TISSUES
Thank you to Paula La Gerche and Jo Oliver for organising the Tea and Tissues morning tea today.

WELCOME BACK BBQ
All are invited to the Welcome Back BBQ which will be held on Friday 5th February 2016. This is a great evening to come along to and kick off the New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Sarah Jansen on being Dux of HSC in 2015. What a wonderful achievement.

If you have any suggestions for the P & F, please fill out a suggestion form available in the office and pop it into the red box. Alternatively you can email your suggestions to presidentmackillop@gmail.com

Remember to check out the MacKillop P & F page on the website where you can find our contact details and the latest meeting minutes. MacKillop Catholic Primary School.

Deb, Prue, Mel and Jackie

Keep Smiling
A J Blakey
Principal

BIRTHDAYS FOR WEEK 1

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DATE CLAIMERS
Welcome BBQ – Friday 5th February 2016
P & F Meeting – Monday 8th February 2016
2016 Catholic Schools Masquerade Ball – Friday 22nd July 2016
Fete – Saturday 3rd September 2016
Welcome back to another action packed year of sport!

I would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment as House Captains and I have no doubt they will fulfil their sports duty to the best of their ability.

House Captains:

- **Fitzroy - Blue**
- **Merara - Green**
- **Copperfield - Gold**

- Letitia Talbot
- Kelsey Dalglish
- Mercedes Lawson
- Kona Ellul
- Phoebe Franklin
- Baylen Waldon

This term is an exciting one in relation to sporting activities and I would like to draw your attention to some important dates.

- **Swimming Carnival** - Thursday 10th March (Pioneer Pool)
- **QLD HPE Week** – Week 6 (Week of the 29th February)
- **Cumberland Sub-District Sports Trials (10, 11 & 12 year olds)**

Trials are held in various sports throughout the semester. If your child excels in a particular sport they may be eligible to attend the trial. Students and Parents will be notified of these trials during Assemblies, via the school newsletter and sports noticeboard in the hall.

Throughout the year, MacKillop Catholic Primary School selects students (10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs old) to undertake in the Cumberland Sub-District sports trials. The trials comprise of various students from schools within our Sub-District (MacKillop, Andergrove SS, Beaconsfield SS, Eimeo Rd SS, Slade Point SS, Carlisle Christian College, St Brendan’s and Bucasia SS) trialling to gain selection in the Cumberland team.

If your child is selected to be part of the Cumberland team, they will then train and compete at a carnival/competition against other sub-districts within the Mackay area. Based on their performance at the carnival/competition he/she has the opportunity to represent Mackay and District, then Capricornia and even Queensland.

The selection process during the Cumberland trials can be very challenging. To be selected to trial for the Cumberland team, it is highly recommended that the child already have experience in that particular sport or have above average skills required to play the sport. A note will go home with your child if they express an interest in trialling for a particular sport.

If you have any questions regarding the trials please feel free to see me 😊

**CAPRICORNIA SWIMMING TRIALS**

Nominations for the Mackay Capricornia swimming trials are due **Monday February 8th**. If your child is interested in trialling for the team you will need to see Mrs Newland **before** Monday to get an information note. You will also need to provide current swim times recorded at an official swim meet. These times must be from a 50m pool.

If you are excelling in a Sport or Physical Activity outside school please let me know!!!!!!!

This is definitely worth celebrating!!

Christine Newland 😊
PE Teacher and Sports Co-ordinator
WANT TO PLAY HOCKEY !!!!!!

Welcome back to a new and exciting year. The start to the season is just around the corner so if you are returning to Hockey or looking for a new sport please let me know if you are interested.

The age groups are U7 mixed, U9 mixed, U11 boys/U11 girls, U13 boys/U13 girls.

- U7 – aged 7 or under at 31st December 2016.
- U9 – aged 8-9 at 31st December 2016.

This year every registered player will receive welcome packs from Hockey Qld as follows.

- Every single person who signs on to play hockey in the 2016 season will receive an HQ lanyard with a Sports Pass rewards card.
- All junior 4-9 year old players will receive a coupon to collect a free hockey stick from Just Hockey (Mackay).
- All 10-18 year old players will receive a HQ drawstring bag.
- All senior players will receive a HQ branded microfiber towels.

All school hockey will be played on Saturday mornings at the hockey fields in Harney St/Bridge Rd.

Registration costs should be available soon. Please see the site address below if you are interested in the Government’s Get Started Vouchers (funding to help young people participate).

http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthege me/getstarted/

Please contact Stacey Davidson for enquiries.
Ph: 0409982184
Email: troydav@bigpond.net.au

NETBALL

Sign on NOW – Players for 2016

THURSDAY 28TH January 2016 – 4pm to 7pm
Amart Sports Mackay
Heaths Road, Northpoint Retail Mackay QLD 4740

JUNIOR GRADES
9 & 10 Modified (7years turning 8 in 2016)
11’s, 13’s and 15’s
(New Players to provide copy of Birth Certificate /Proof of Age)

SENIOR AND PREMIER LEAGUE GRADES
Senior and Premier League Competitive Competition

If you missed Sign On and need a Registration Pack please email us on:
Email: saintsnetballclubmky@gmail.com
or Phone: Kylie Renton 0408 933 205

Inspire Encourage Achieve

Medication for students
If your child requires any medication, this must be sent to the school office. (No medication is to be left in the student’s bag, desk or lunch box) Parents must also complete a “Medication Authorisation” form for that medication prior to the school administering it. All medication (INCLUDING PANADOL) must be in the original container and have the pharmacists label on it clearly stating the child’s name and dosage. This is a strict requirement under the Workplace Health and Safety Act.

Family Information Forms
Family Information Forms (Blue) were sent home today with your child. Could you please ensure these forms are returned to the school office by this Friday 29th January 2016.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Our second hand uniform shop is open Monday and Friday after morning assembly, in the spare year 7 classroom!
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Please return to school office by this Friday 29th January 2016.

Name: ____________________________________________
Child’s Name & Class: ____________________________

Class Co-ordinators for 2016

We are looking for people to put their hand up to be Class Co-ordinator’s for your child’s class for 2016. Class Co-ordinators would usually organise a social event for their class each term/semester, welcome any new families to your class and in fete years assist with co-ordinating your class stall for the fete. If you would like to take this role on, please complete the following and drop it into the office. I can send home a brochure outlining your role.

Yes – I ______________________ would love to volunteer to be Class Co-ordinator in 2016 for my child’s class. Year Level ____________.

Jubilee 150

This year we celebrate 150 years of the Catholic Church in the Mackay and district. Bishop Michael McCarthy will lead us in the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving held on Sunday 22nd May at St Patrick’s Church at 11am. Following Mass you are invited to a picnic lunch (BYO) in the grounds of St Patrick’s College to continue the celebration. (Tea, coffee and cold drinks provided)

From Friday 20 May through to Sunday 22 May there will be a display in the St Patrick’s Hall, acknowledging the gift of the Church within our community. Parishes and organisations from across the region have been invited to contribute to this display which will be open to the public.

More information will be communicated as the celebration draws near.
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MACKILLOP P&F ASSOCIATION

Invites all NEW and CURRENT families to the
2016 WELCOME BBQ

Come and welcome in the new school year
Meet your new teachers
Visit your classrooms
Make new friends
Catch up with old friends

When: Friday 5th February 2016
Where: MacKillop School Undercover Area
Time: 5.30pm

Steak Burgers and Sausage Sizzle provided
BYO Drinks (no alcohol please)
Softdrinks available to purchase
JUMPING CASTLE WILL BE PROVIDED

For catering purposes, please complete the reply form and return to the
office by Monday 1st February.

2016 Welcome BBQ

Family Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Phone Number: ___________________________________
Number of adults attending: ________________________________
Number of children attending: ______________________________
Number of steak burgers required: __________________________
Number of sausages required: ______________________________
Gluten Free required: Yes No