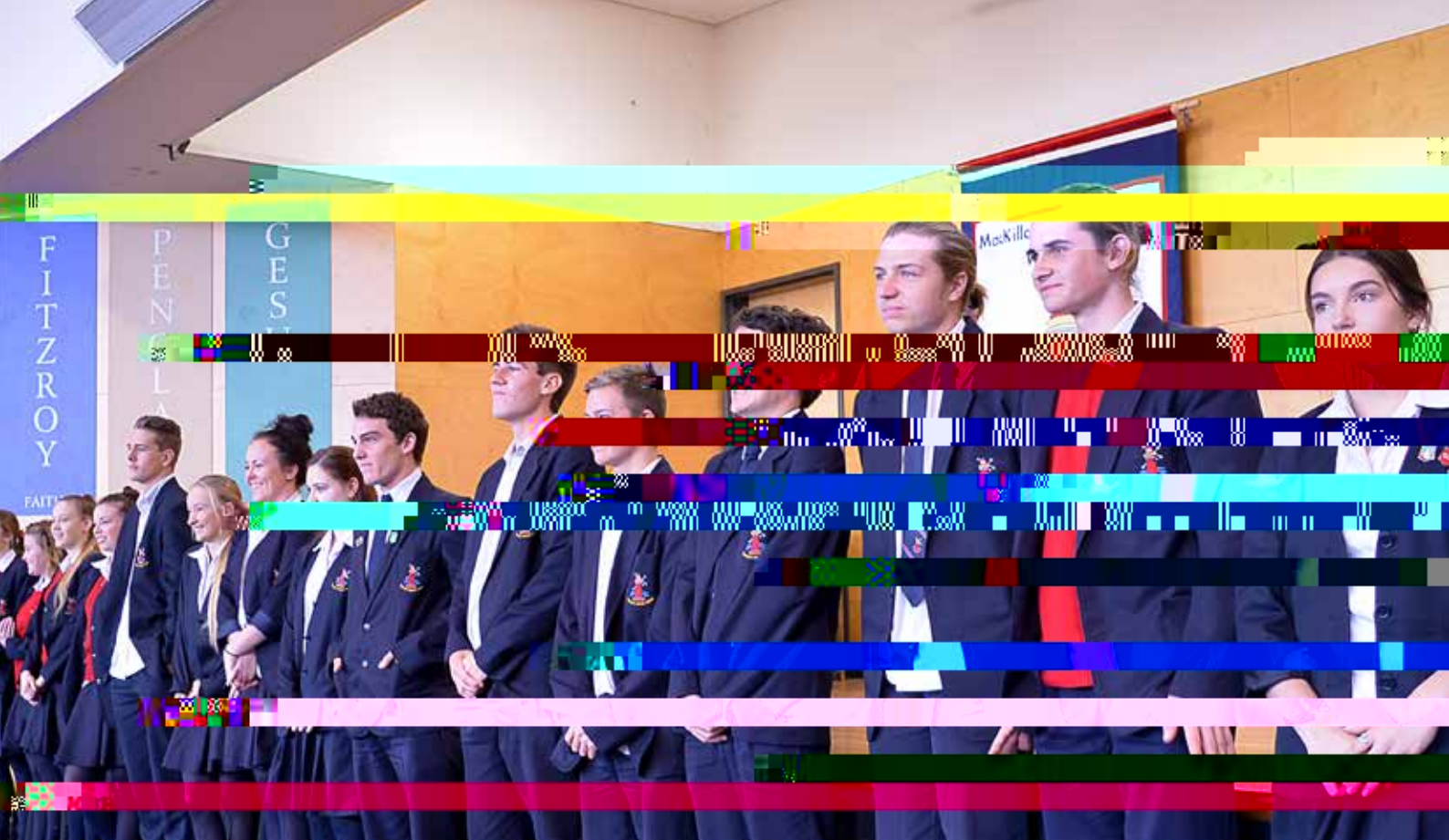


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OUR WONDERFUL LEADERS



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AS WE BREAK for the Term 2 holidays, I pass on my

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for your much-valued support of the College during the term.

The achievements of the term can be measured a number of
ways, that may include via your child's mid-year report, each

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and opportunities that have been embraced so far this year.

Looking back over the term's calendar or via the Secondary
students' planner, it would not be hard for parents and

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An eventful Term 2

A message from our Primary Principal, Sue Dietrich.

DURING THE SECOND half of this term, we have enjoyed many achievements and activities. Many of our children for 2016 have been taken, teachers have written reports for the children, the Life Education Van arrived for the Healthy Harold sessions, we danced through the term with Footsteps lessons and the disco to culminate this program, excursions have taken place in some grades, our Yr 6 children headed R • RQ WKHLU PDMRU H[FXUVLRQ WR & DQEHUUD DQG ZH FHOHEUDWHG Naidoc Week on the last day of term. All in all, we have already experienced an eventful Term 2, with much excitement and learning experienced by all in our Primary community.

As part of the Leadership Process in our Diocese, Mrs Ann Jackson, Assistant Principal, and Mrs Kerry Power, REC, have both worked through a Contract Renewal Process. This process involved staff and parent input through survey tools; interviews with some staff and parents and a self-reflection document written by both Mrs Jackson and Mrs Power. The aim of this process is, in a positive way, to give feedback on the many areas of work that our leaders undertake throughout a school year. It is to congratulate and thank them for all that they contribute to our school community. It is also a time when they are able to reflect on their work and to identify some goal areas that they would like to be involved in for the future years ahead or are identified to support their leadership growth

through the process.

I would like to congratulate both Ann and Kerry for the many positive affirmations that they have received and I thank them warmly for being such wonderful co-leaders in the College, and particularly in the Primary campus. They both are very dedicated to the children, staff families and parish in our care and we are very blessed to have such quality leaders in our school.

On Monday 18th July, all K-12 Staff will be involved in a Staff Professional Development Day. There are no classes on this day. On this day we will have a Curriculum focus in the areas of our work in Learning. Children will return to school on Tuesday 19th July.

For Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3, Mrs Power, Mrs Huggins, Mrs Denneman and I will be on leave. I will be spending a couple of weeks excitedly welcoming my first grandchild. Mrs Jackson will be Primary Principal, and an Acting Coordinator, Mrs Shilling, will support her during this time. I thank them and all the staff for their work looking after our children during this time.

Thank you for your support of our staff and community. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing you early in Term 3.



A busy end to Term 2

A message from our Secondary Principal, Debra Ferguson.

THIS TERM HAS certainly passed extremely quickly. It is a term WKDW LV GRWWHG ZLWK H[DPV ZLWK <HDU FRPSOHWLQJ WKHLU 4UVW Stage 6 Half-Yearly Preliminary Exams and the Juniors in Years 7 to 10 all sitting some type of Semester exams. It is a time for DOO RXU VWXGHQWV WR UH5HFW RQ WKHLU OHDUQLQJ DQG WR PDNH JRDOV for the second semester.

It is also when we hold our Parent/Teacher interviews which occurred on Tuesday, June 14th. Our data has shown us that our number of interviews grew again this year. We thank all those parents who place such an importance on their engagement with their children's learning that they made time to attend these interviews. For your children to share their learning journey and to see the interest you take has been proven by research to be such an important element in their DFDGHPLF VXFFHVV 7KLV LV D YHU\ ORQJ GD\ IRU RXU WHDFKLQJ VWD• and I thank them for their commitment to their students and the preparation that accompanies such a day as this.

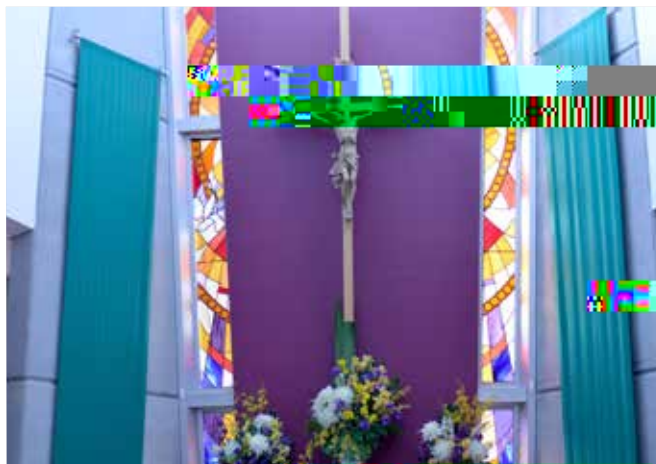
This term I had the great privilege to travel to New Zealand with Mr Todd for the annual AJASS conference that was held in Christchurch this year. Mr Todd has written about this in his report so I will simply say that I truly appreciated the opportunity to learn even more about the life of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite charism.

I also thoroughly enjoyed a day in Canberra with our Year 12 Leaders working as mentors with the Year 6 students at the War Memorial. A very long day but very worthwhile and the day with the Year 12 students was a delight. We thank Mr Brian

ON SUNDAY 19TH June, Year 4 students and their families braved the rain and wind and joined with the Parish to celebrate the 10am Mass.

Many of our students took on roles in the Mass, including altar serving, reading, singing in the choir, collecting, participating in the offertory procession and greeting parishioners. It was wonderful to see our students confidently and reverently serving the community and sharing their gifts and talents.

Of particular note was the enthusiastic singing of our



Come Holy Spirit

Christine Shilling VSHDNV DERXW WKH 6DFUDPHQW RI & RQ4U



ONE THING WE ask, Lord: to live in the beauty of your Word and to be transformed by its wisdom and wonder. Send your Spirit that we might abide within your presence and live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives. Amen.

The sacrament of Confirmation completes the sacrament of Baptism. Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation; it establishes young people as fully fledged members of the faith. The sacrament's name Confirmation comes about because the faith given in Baptism by parents is now being confirmed and made stronger. During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles at Pentecost and gave them courage to spread the Good News to all and practice their faith without fear.

The celebration of Confirmation was held at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Church on 28th May. Each ceremony presented approximately 45 children over 2 services with Bishop Peter Comensoli attending and presiding. The day was a lovely family and community event with the church at full capacity for both services. Children attended and listened as Bishop Peter explained the sacrament. He likened being 'Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit' to a story of sealing a special message into an envelope. Children were blessed and chose significant saints as Confirmation names. Sponsors promised to be a 'spiritual friend' who would continue to assist and guide the children with love and care, on their journey of faith. The students had prepared for the sacrament by participating in four Parish-based lessons with volunteers as teachers of faith. The children received a blessing and a Holy Spirit pin as a gift and memento of the day.

A big thank you goes to all who helped with the organisation, planning and running of this special sacrament.



Year 6 Youth Mass

Leanne Hyland shares the joy at Year 6 Mass.

ON SUNDAY, 22ND May the Year 6 cohort came together at the 5pm Youth Mass to celebrate the Eucharist. All students had the opportunity to be involved in a ministry at the Mass. They eagerly and happily chose a ministry that appealed to them, including; reading, band, singing, offertory, welcoming, altar serving, cleaning, after party celebration and collectors. The atmosphere and energy in the church was uplifting. The Year 6 students appreciated the opportunity to learn from and work with the Parish Youth Ministry Team and the Secondary Youth Ministry Team in the lead up to the Mass. The seniors worked with the Year 6 students to create meaningful Prayers of the Faithful and to learn the praise and worship songs. The 'My Lighthouse' song was a huge hit! The group leading the after party had the great opportunity of spending time in the Ryan Centre with Miss Kovacic and the Senior Youth Ministry Team to learn games, which they led with the senior students after Mass. It was a true K-12 team effort. Well done to the Year 6 students and staff who put a lot of effort into the preparation of the Mass and for making it a wonderful Mass for the whole community.



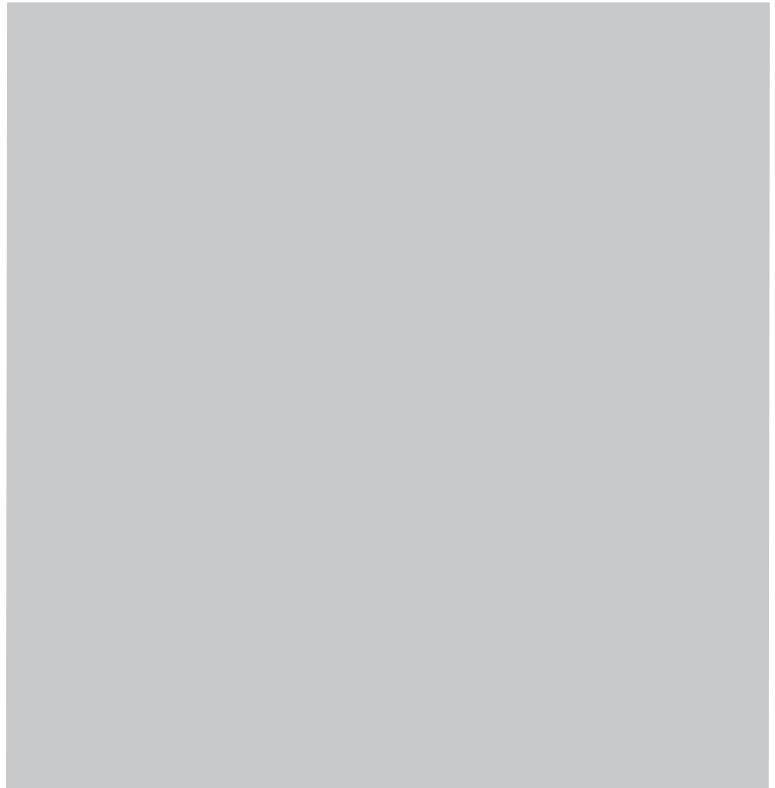
Dance enthusiasm in Primary

Ann Jackson talks about Footsteps.



EACH THURSDAY THROUGHOUT Term 2, the students in Primary have been participating in a dance programme facilitated by a company known as Footsteps. This company specialises in curriculum/age based movement programs which are run by an experienced, versatile, high energy instructor. Some of the styles of dances the children are learning to master include Tango, Hip Hop, Cha Cha and Jazz. Each lesson is designed to meet the outcomes of the NSW Creative Arts syllabus. The aim of these lessons is to improve the fitness, co-ordination and social skills of the students whilst having fun at the same time.

This programme culminates in a school disco at the end of the term where the children get to try out their newly acquired dance skills in a social fun filled context.



Max Potential programme

Samantha Vella , Year 11 engages in the Max Potential programme.

LAST TERM, I and two others were approached by Miss Elizabeth Kovacic to volunteer for a leadership role from 16th to 22nd May at Camp Toukley, Lutanda. I was unsure at the time what I would be doing but a brief description from Miss Kovacic said it would be life changing.

On arrival I realised it was about primary aged kids volunteered by their carers to come and learn about God. It was about creating self significance in young kids who are not taught by their families that they are important and worth something. I was a cabin leader with four other girls looking after girls aged 7 to 10. It was struggle street tying laces and making sure all 17 girls had clean clothes and proper shoes. Seeing the girls so little and hearing the bad circumstances these girls had with their families from a young age was heartbreaking to me. Many were removed from their family. The only thing the cabin leaders and I could think to do was to make sure the girls felt loved in every activity and interaction they had with us as cabin leaders, from waking up in the morning right through to prayers before bed.

Camp Toukley made me realise that young adults are not told they are beautiful or are loved by our families or by ourselves. This is the concept I learnt at the camp and I will further explore this in our school for my max potential community project with the young girls. Everything I learnt in the camp did not stop when I left the premises. It is an ongoing lesson that I would love the school and community to be a part of either here on our grounds or there at the camp. The difference the camp has on both kids and leaders is truly life changing.

A new look for the Library!

Alyssa Chilvers talks about the Library refurbishment.

WE ARE EXCITED to announce that Stage One of the Library refurbishment has been realised with the arrival of an assortment of new furniture including double-sided modular lounges, single couches, ottomans and study tables. All furniture has been purchased with flexibility and functionality in mind with most pieces fitted with casters, handles or stacking abilities. This will allow classes from all grades and subjects to use the library for a wide variety of activities as well as being inviting for students to use at break times for study, reading and games. We have also created a number of collaborative booth areas to experiment with other areas in the library. We look forward to being able to share more updates of our new Library in the near future.



English students learn debating skills

Anne Lovett congratulates our debaters for their engagement and success.

DURING THIS TERM, our College was joined by St Peter's, St Joseph's, St Edward's, Green Point Christian, Central Coast Grammar and St Brigid's in the Josie Mitchell debating competition. Rounds were held after school on Thursday each week.

The opportunity to represent the College is a privilege that MacKillop students look forward to each year and one that our current and previous College Captains speak about with confidence and pride.

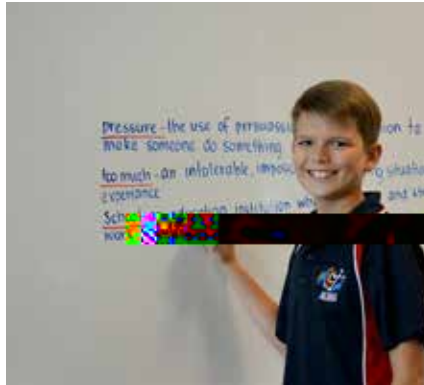
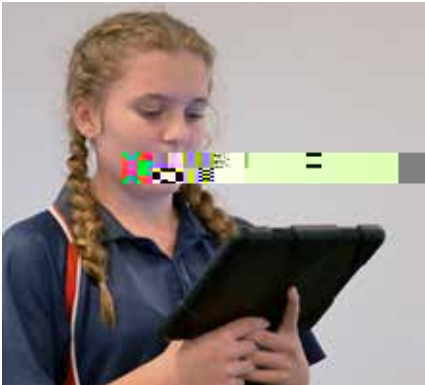
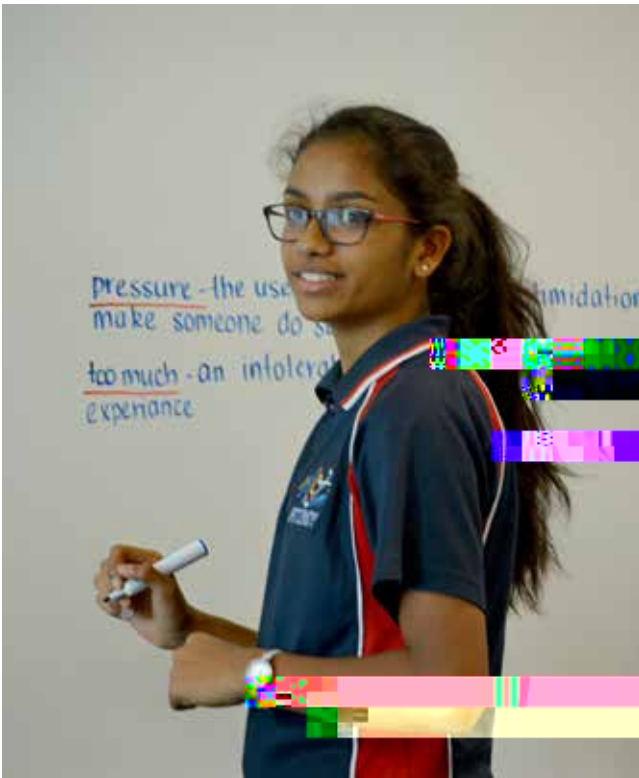
As the competition continues to grow, we welcome all students who wish to participate in a team competition and build their critical thinking skills. Students are taught the skill of rebuttal, which is a key component of a successful debate. Careful listening, sharing of ideas with team members and quick thinking are some areas that are refined throughout the competition with the input and support of teachers.

The College was represented by the following year groups: Year 7 – Charlie Baresic, Aleeta Joseph, Luka Piltz and Alana Smith, and Year 9 – Jack Baresic, Sarah Baresic, Annika Boyd and Baillie Stewart.

In victory and defeat, our students are gracious and generous with their time and effort. Congratulations and thanks also to the teachers who supported this competition; Miss Calleja, Mrs Scoines and Mr Webster in Year 7, Miss Moulton, Mrs Tenev and Mrs Yates in Year 9, and Mrs Camilleri who assisted the competition as an adjudicator.

This year our debating competitors showcased a range of engaging topics including "That technology is a vital tool for learning for children". Our Year 7 team argued an affirmative case for this topic and won against a very capable Central Coast Grammar School on June 9. It was a highlight for the College in this year's competition.





Artist of the Month

Jillian Young showcases Year 9 Visual Arts students.

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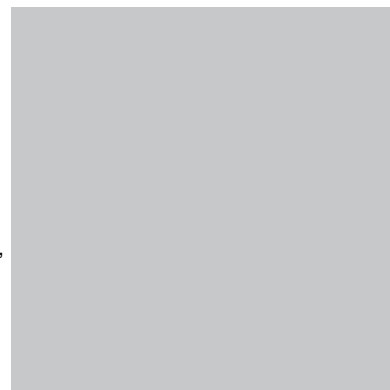


HSC Sharing Day for Year 12

Sharon Baird talks about a valuable experience for the Drama students.

ON THE 22ND June, Year 12 Drama visited St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah to participate in a HSC Sharing Day. This day involved students from a variety of local schools performing their HSC Group Performances and receiving feedback from the Drama teachers of each of these schools.

This is a valuable experience for all students concerned as it mimics the HSC Practical examination where students are examined on their performance skills and ensemble work by markers whom they have never met. MacKillop students performed four group performances; 'The Morgue', 'Dreams', 'Snow White and the Seven Causes' and, 'The Fault, Dear Brutus'. The students should be very proud of their efforts as they received great feedback and advice on how to move forward in these major works.



Video Game Challenge for students

Jackie Crowe talks about students developing coding skills.



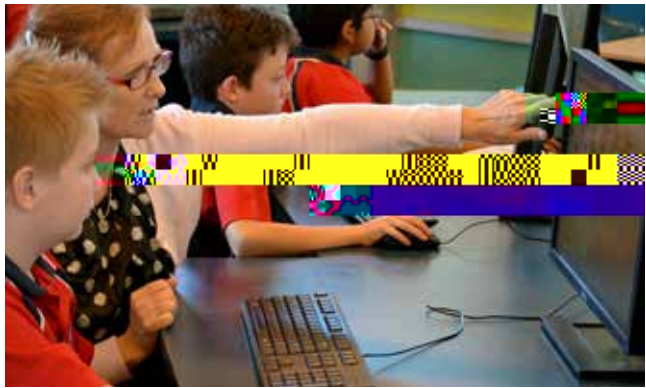
OUR MCC STEM Video Game Challenge team have been meeting regularly in the Library this term to develop and build their own video games using SCRATCH, a free, easy-to-use online coding platform. SCRATCH takes complex coding and breaks it into colour-coded bits that the students then drag and drop to create their own interactive games.

The team of 20 students from Years 5-8 and teachers, Mr Hepworth, Mr Clair, Mr Lovasz, Mr Kowalski and Mrs Crowe, came to the first STEM session in Week 1 Term 2 with a wide variety of experiences using code - some with no experience at all! After weeks of teacher and peer led sessions, hands-on experience, as well as lots of experimenting, they are now planning and creating individual and group projects which will be entered into the 2016 National STEM Video Game Challenge.

The students have been very supportive of each other throughout this process offering ideas, 'how to' help and positive feedback. Our Year 8 students Thomas Drake, David Newberry, Anthony Arbolino and Cooper Byrne have stood out as mentors to the younger, less experienced, team members.

I've enjoyed having the experience of coding first hand and being able to share my knowledge with the younger children, I also liked being able to hear everyone else's ideas and see what other people's capabilities were and how we could work together to improve at coding.

Thomas Drake (Year 8)



Excursion to ArtExpress

Jillian Young talks about the Year 12 art excursion.

YEAR 12 RECENTLY had an excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW to view the exhibition ArtExpress. ArtExpress is an exhibition of the top HSC practical works from the previous year.

We enjoyed looking at these works and discussing ideas that Year 12 could use in their own artmaking for their HSC. Whilst at the gallery, we also viewed the 2016 Biennale. Our guides were very interested in making Year 12 participate and experience the works on display. This was fun and challenging at times. I would like to thank Mr Rickards and Year 12 for their participation on the day.

The DMD students shine

Fiona Milkins showcases the Drama, Music and Dance students.

WEEK 9 OF this term was DMD week. DMD is a showcase of the amazing talents in Dance, Music and Drama. During the week many talented singers and instrumentalists performed in the Science area and the cafe, entertaining our students during their lunchtimes.

The highlight of the week was the performances at assembly and the two evening concerts. At the evening concerts we were treated to Year 12 Dance Core Composition performances, Major Study Dance Films, Short plays by Year 11 Drama, Elective students' music solos and Year 12 Drama monologues and group performances. Well done to all the students who boldly took the stage, many for the first time, you were very entertaining.

We would like to thank Mrs Baird, Miss Williamson, Mr LeBreton, Mr Wallis and Mrs Caruana for their continued contribution to the Performing Arts. A special thank you also, to Nicholas Cronin and the Year 11 Entertainment students who were invaluable with setting up our performances.



'GATHER & YARN'

On Friday the 24th of June MacKillop Catholic College invited Indigenous Parents and Carers from the Broken Bay Diocese to 'Gather & Yarn', an Indigenous Parent Engagement Day, hosted by Dave Ella and the AEW team. Catholic School 2 JFH VWD • JDYH D GHSHU XQGHUVWD Q
best engage with their child to support them on their school journey. The day was an opportunity for families to come together to celebrate the spiritual, academic and cultural gains that our students have made within our Diocese.

We had the pleasure of Gavi Duncan conducting the Smoking Ceremony and playing the didgeridoo whilst the Bara Barang dancers performed traditional stories through dance.

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chance to gather and yarn.

BOORI MONTY PRYOR

Boori Monty Pryor was our Indigenous visiting author at MacKillop Catholic College in June. Boori's performances gave students from Kindergarten to Year 6 the chance to actively participate in dancing, didgeridoo, Dreamtime stories and personal stories from Boori's life growing up as an Aboriginal person with eleven brothers and sisters.

Boori Monty Pryor is a multi-talented performer who has
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RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

MACKILLOP HAD 2 teams represent the school at the Central Coast Combined Independent Schools Primary Country Rugby League Carnival. It was held at Sohier Park, Ourimbah on Thursday 26th May. This tournament is organised by Country Rugby League and played in regional areas throughout the state.

The 2 teams we entered were Open Division (Year 5 & 6) and the Under 10 Division (Year 3 & 4). It was a very wet and cold day so the quality of rugby league on display was impressive to see. Both teams won and lost games but unfortunately did not

Even though we did not make it through to the next stage each and every boy and girl had a great day and played every game with a positive attitude win, lose or draw. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day and congratulations

SOCCER RESULTS

On Thursday 23rd of June, students from Years 5 and 6 attended the annual Soccer Gala Day. The event was held across 2 venues, with some teams playing at EDSACC and the others playing at Pat Morley Oval.

Report from EDSACC

We had four teams represent MacKillop at the soccer gala day at EDSACC Bateau Bay; Division 1 Boys, Division 2 Boys, Division 3A Boys and Division 1 Girls. Over the course of the day each team competed in 6 or 7 games. There was plenty of quality soccer played and some great goals scored. The teamwork and sportsmanship was pleasing to see from all

teams involved on the day. Each team won some games and

Each team played well and the Division 1 Boys did extremely well. Teachers from St Mary's for organising the day as well as the students from St Peter's who refereed the games. The boys and girls were really appreciative of the secondary students who volunteered their time to coach our teams. They were extremely well organised and great with the primary students; it made the day that much more enjoyable for everyone.

Report from Pat Morely

Watching a number of teams participate in the Soccer Gala day at Pat Morley Oval.

Each of the teams played well on the day, with a mixture of wins, draws and losses. Particularly pleasing was the second place wins from Warnervale 6 boys and Warnervale 7 girls teams.

The teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship and fairness throughout the day, representing themselves and the school well. The teams were ably managed and coached by secondary students Ben London, Joshua Pratt, Lucy Pratt, Hannah Pratt and Jade Kroemer.

Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supported the teams on the day; our referees from St Edwards

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Thanks to our Student Leaders

Deb Ferguson recognises our wonderful leaders.

TERM 2 IS our leadership nomination time where we prepare to pass over leadership at the beginning of Term 3. To allow our Yr 12 leaders to concentrate on the HSC in Term 3, we run our College Parliament from Term 3 one year to the end of Term 2 the next year. It is now time to thank our Leaders from 2015/2016 for all their hard work over the past 12 months and we applaud their dedication and success. Following are the present leaders for 2015/2016.

College Captains: Renae Kellie & Kyle Beaver

College Leaders:

Mission – Jasmine Toomey and Adam Buchmasser

Culture – Kayla Christensen and Eleanor Hannan

Wellbeing – Charlee Baus and Deahn Wanstall

HOUSE LEADERS

House	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Fitzroy	Nathan Barnett and Tyler Wood	Nathan Doyle	Alex Coutts	Kyran Hancock	Aaron McDonald
Penola	Jasmin Contantinidis and Ben Marks	Adrian Anthes	Nicholas Hervas and Jordan Tindle	Annika Boyd	Megan Trigg
Gesu	Brigitte Graham-Hayes and Isabella Sant	Lachlan Drake	Chloe Parker	Sophie Coyte	Riley Sternbeck
Alma	Beth Le Gay Brereton and Kate McManus	Samantha Vella	Maddison Potter-Evans	Lucy Pratt	Brock Ray
Temuka	Tyrone Chow and Hannah McNamara	William O'Keefe	India Kay	Joshua Kind	Emma Rogers
Kincumber	Paris Cooper, Bronte Denniss and Finlay Pyle	Caitlyn Martland	Alex Toomey	Jasmine Woodleigh	Ryley Small

The 2016/2017 Leaders will be formally announced and Commissioned on Wednesday, July 27th at 9am during our Academic Assembly. All parents are welcome to attend this commissioning and share a morning tea with us afterwards. At this day we will also announce the new College Captains as well as the new Portfolio Leaders.



FROM THE BEGINNING of next term, our Year 11 students take over the leadership of the College, as the Year 12's step down in order to prepare for their HSC trials and exams.

Twenty five excellent Year 11 candidates applied for the seventeen positions on



STUDENTS FROM OUR school have recently undertaken an education tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage



