

ISSUE 10 | WEEK 10, TERM 2 2017

# COLLEGE M **rs**

## Out and about

**CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION**

**SELECTING NEW STUDENT LEADERS**

**WALKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL**



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## COLLEGE

### 2 Term 2 happenings

A message from our College Principal, **Steve Todd**.

### 3 The gifts we give our students

A message from our Primary Principal, **Sue Dietrich**.

### 4 Reflecting on the first semester

A message from our Secondary Principal, **Deb Ferguson**.

## MISSION

### 5 National Walk Safely to School Day

**Debra Ferguson** tells us about the support for this event.

### 7 Senior Student Leadership

**John McNamara** talks about the selection of our newest Senior Student Leaders.

### 8 The Sacrament of Confirmation

**Kerry Power** shares this special time.

### 8 Never Miss a Chance to Dance

**Kylie Huggins** shares the Footsteps dance experience in Primary.

### 9 Lots happening in Primary sport

**Kellie Denneman** shares the primary sport results.

### 10 Giving opportunities to represent

**Duncan Black**

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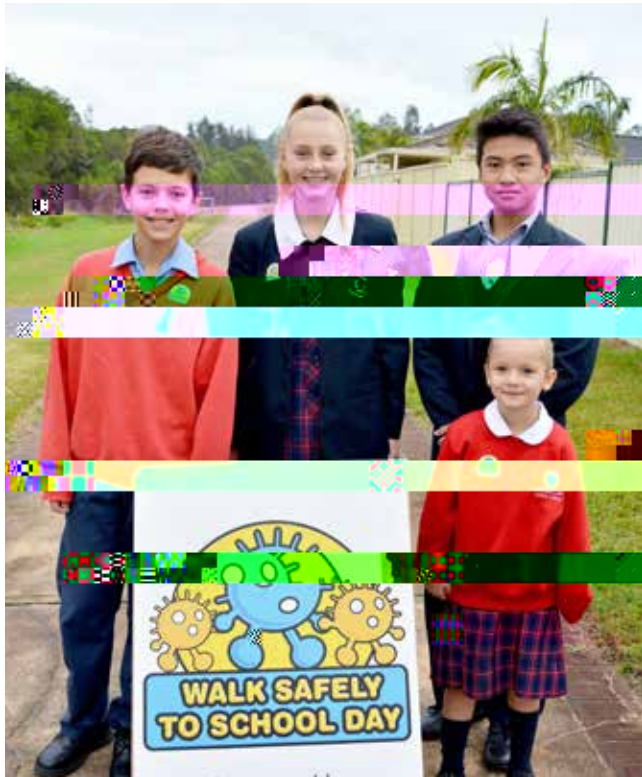
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NOW IN ITS 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day







# Senior Student Leadership

John McNamara *talks about the selection of our newest Senior Student Leaders.*

**EACH AND EVERY** year our Year 12 Leaders make a significant contribution to the College. From taking charge of Port Folio's, to encouraging student parliament members, our Year 12 Leaders play an integral role in supporting the operation of the College in many ways. Mackillop always retires the current Year 12 Leaders at the end of Term 2, so they can begin to focus fully on their pending HSC Trials and final HSC Examinations. To make this possible, our Year 11 students need to begin a process of Leadership Nomination and Meritorious Selection. I am delighted to inform the College Community that 30 inspirational Year 11 students put themselves forward this year and had their nomination endorsed by a fellow student and staff member. They each prepared an extensive nomination form, outlining their personal strengths and their visions for the College into the future. These nomination forms were published collectively in a single document so our staff

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**FOR THE PAST** 10 weeks, every Thursday, the COLA area has come alive with the

# Lots happening in Primary sport

## BROKEN BAY CROSS COUNTRY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ZOE** Henderson, Connor Hibbard, Keely Swaysland, Elise Arthur (absent in photo), Zack Goddard, Brandon Whitmore, Josh Hyland & Emma Jones who represented the school and the Central Coast Cluster at the Broken Bay Cross Country at Fagan Park, Galston on Tuesday 23 May.

5 of our runners placed within the top 25 athletes in the Diocese for their age group which is a wonderful effort:

- Emma Jones - 14th place
- Keely Swaysland - 16th place
- Joshua Hyland - 21st place
- Connor Hibbard 24th place
- Brandon Whitmore - 25th place

## PAUL KELLY CUP AFL

On Thursday, 25 May the Primary students from Years 5 and 6 participated in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup competition at Gosford. Our school was proudly represented by a boys and girls team, along with 22 other schools who competed on the day. Both teams competed hard, winning a few games and having a lot of fun. Thank you to Mr Sadler who was the head coach of the girls' team.

## CATHOLIC & INDEPENDENT CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

The Catholic Schools Rugby League Knockout was held on Friday 22 June at Berkeley Vale Oval. This tournament is organised by Country Rugby League and played in regional areas throughout NSW. MacKillop entered an under 10's and opens team to compete against a number of Central Coast schools. Each team played 4 games each.

The under 10's team played exceptionally well and were undefeated for the day. They played some great football and had a great time. As under 10's is a non-competitive competition there were no finals. Well done boys!

The opens team did well to field a team due to Year 6 being away at Canberra. The boys that played faced some tough competition but put in a great effort. It was very pleasing to see how hard they tried and never gave up. Awesome effort!

A huge thank you to Duncan Black (who coached the under 10's) and to Mr Scott (who coached the opens).

Overall, the day was a huge success with every team playing with fantastic sportsmanship and generally just having a great deal of fun. Everyone involved represented our school in a way that we should all be very proud.

## CCC SOCCER GALA DAY

On Thursday, 22 June 45 boys and girls from Year 5 represented the College at the CCC Soccer Gala Day. We had 5 teams across a number of divisions displaying wonderful soccer skills and an even greater sense of pride for MacKillop. We had some tough fought games across the day, but the boys and girls never gave up and represented the College with strength, determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The day could not have been successful without the wonderful parent helpers who coached, managed and cheered on our teams - thank you! It was a wonderful result for our College, with our Division 2 Girls team finishing the day undefeated and the Division 1 Boys team finishing runners up by 1 point. All other teams had some wonderful wins and were also very graceful in defeat. Congratulations to all our amazing soccer superstars on such a wonderful day!

**THIS TERM HAS** showcased many talented individuals and team sports for MacKillop Catholic College.

A number of students have been selected or have been nominated to represent the College in various sports. This



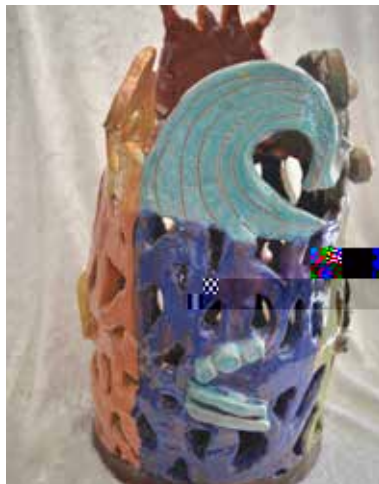




# Year 10 Visual arts

Jillian Young showcases our talented students.

CERAMIC VESSELS BASED on fire, air, wind and water.



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## Year 1 is learning about life!

Christine Owen *summarises the term.*



**YEAR 1 HAS** had an enjoyable start to the year with excursions, visiting speakers, grandparents' day, church celebrations and much, much more!

We started the year in Term 1 together exploring the weird and wonderful world of insects with walks around the school and experiments in class. The students discovered a range of interesting facts about the features of insects, their lifecycles, habitats, movement patterns and diets; all of which they were able to write about in detailed information reports.

Then in Term 2 we have explored the past and discovered how things have changed throughout time. We celebrated this discovery by inviting Grandparents to school to talk about when they were young and how things have changed in their lifetime. This was an eventful day and very well attended by all Grandparents.

In Term 2 we also went on an excursion to Tocal Homestead where we experienced life from the past. We washed clothes using a washing board, played old fashioned games such as knuckles and also saw a blacksmith moulding metal. This was a fabulous day even though it was a little wet underfoot as a consequence of the recent rain.



# Retreat to Collaroy

## Maisie Tenev

**IN WEEK EIGHT**, Year 10 students were provided with the opportunity to leave their everyday life behind and experience their first Retreat at Collaroy in Sydney. The students boarded the buses early Thursday morning for a full day of activities and sessions together as a group and returned Friday afternoon, exhausted but in high spirits.

The theme of the Retreat was 'Positive Relationships' and there were a range of sessions that challenged students to reflect on the importance of having positive relationships with themselves, with others and with God. Over the course of the two days the students had time to spend with their friends playing soccer, basketball and participate in a range of outdoor activities. The outdoor activities included the drop pole, the giant swing and the flying fox.

We were fortunate enough to have some reflective time in the evening through a liturgy and the prayer stations that followed. Thank you to Mrs Price, Miss Kovacic and Mr Wallis and the students who assisted with the evening. The readings, the music and the way in which the students participated, meant that students were able to engage in the prayer stations in a meaningful way.

A heartfelt thanks must be made to the staff that left their own families and loved ones at home so that the Year 10 students were able to enjoy their first Retreat. Mrs Price, Miss Kovacic, Miss Williamson, Mrs Crowe, Mr Wallis, Mr Hughes, Mr Gasparotto and Mr Heffernan, thank you for your time and effort. We are so blessed to work in such a supportive community.





