



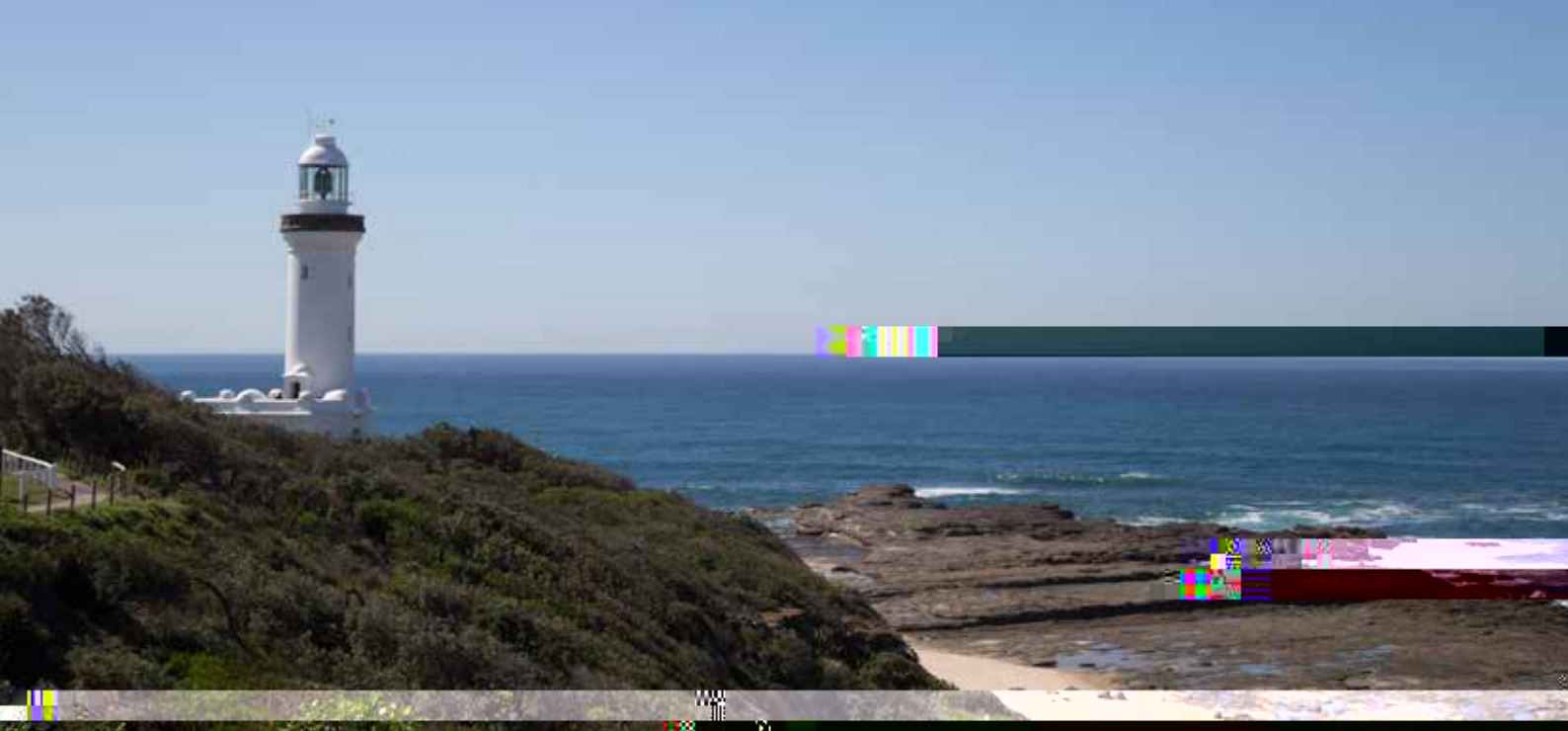
# Celebrating the blessing



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COLLEGE





# College Principal's report

*Our College Principal, Steve Todd, acknowledges some wonderful recent events.*

**IT IS IMPORTANT** for us as a school community to recognize some outstanding achievements, as well as to acknowledge

experiences that constantly take place across our K-12 College community. With events covering the end of Term 1, then over

exciting programs and experiences.

Among these wonderful opportunities have been the Year 10 students' trip to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold

tour of New Zealand taking place over the holidays, a very meaningful celebration of the ANZAC spirit at our ANZAC Day ceremony, a fabulous Year 7 Camp at Tea Gardens, wonderful excursions for Year 5 and 6 students to Bathurst and Canberra, all providing some amazing experiences for our students. We add in a great celebration of Mother's Day,

Secondary High Commendation Assembly all happening in the

together to provide these amazing opportunities for the

which will hopefully help shape their future directions and aspirations.

Our everyday commitment to learning has focused on settled ways for ensuring that our students are well connected to the learning programs across Primary and Secondary. Our

teachers of Years 11 and 12 have completed the mid-year reports which will be made available to parents. Our Primary

week at the end of Term 1 and our Secondary Parent/Teacher

process has been opened for parents to book interview times across the day, afternoon and into the evening.

The recent news of our Primary Principal, Sue Dietrich, taking up an exciting opportunity in the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese gives us some mixed feelings. We are so happy to know that Sue will be a Principals' Coach for the Newcastle Diocesan Catholic School Principals for the remainder of the year and also sad that she will be away from us for the rest

Principals' Mentor.

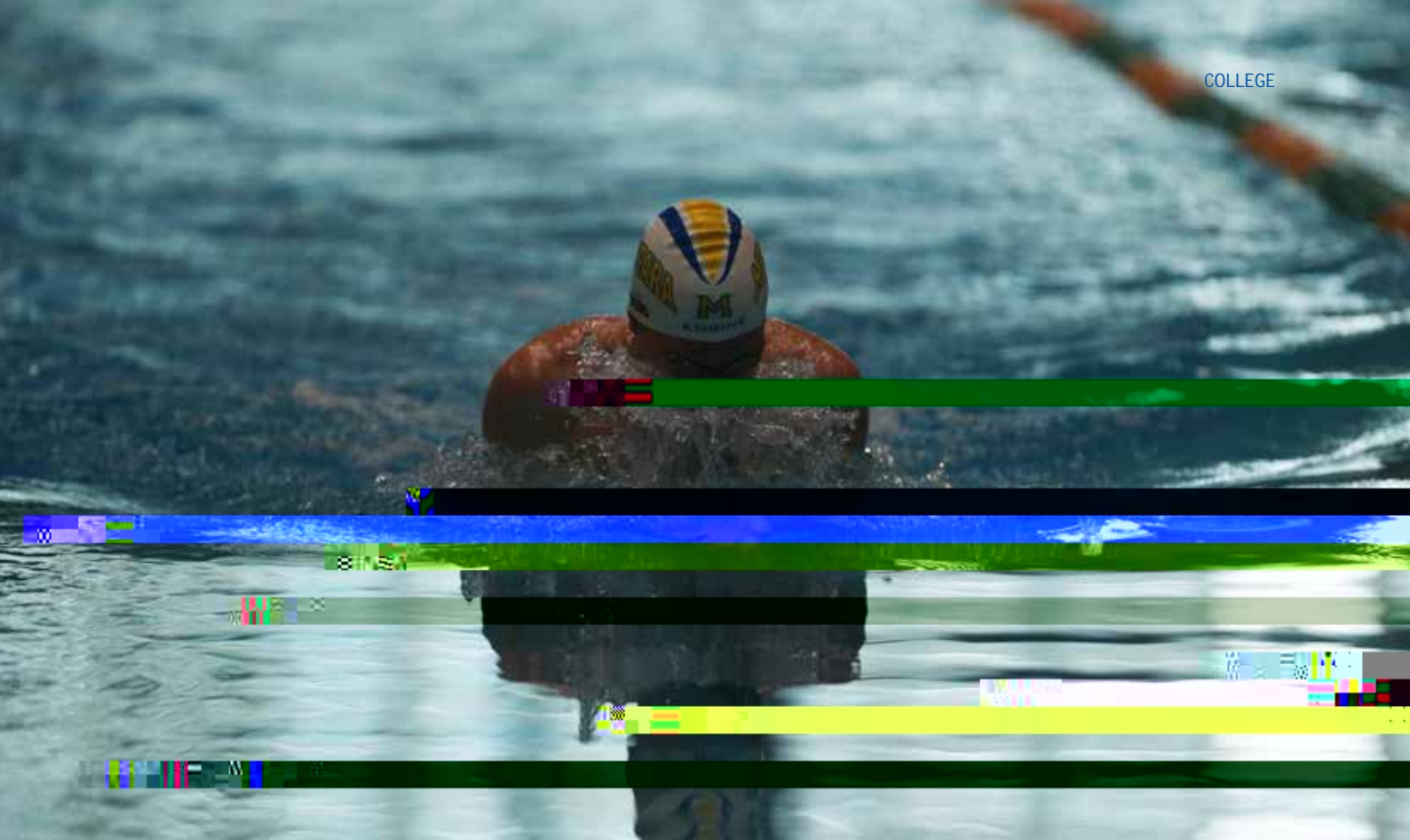
Acting Primary Principal role and Kerry Power stepping up to Acting Primary Assistant Principal. The announcement for the

and New Zealand. The Conference moves around Australia and this year our colleagues in Adelaide will be hosting the

School.

Best wishes for one and all for the remainder of Term 2.





**YOU CAN ALWAYS** tell when an election is approaching as

have been numerous headlines and articles about education in NSW and across Australia. Although a great deal of this is very vague there have been some interesting statements.

One point refers to Australia's ranking as compared to other countries for reading, writing and numeracy. This data can be interpreted and argued in so many ways but one fact appears to be true: that Australian students are cruising with their learning. The idea is that many of our children are doing enough to get by but not striving for their personal best or reaching their full potential.

At our High Commendation Assembly last week, Mrs McGuinness spoke to the students about why education is so important and encouraged all our students to strive to improve their lives by making their learning a priority.



# Mother's day mass & morning tea

*An opportunity to thank God for the gift of our mother, Kerry Power.*

SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN

*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.*

courage to spread the Good News to all and practice their faith without fear.

Cross MacKillop Church on Saturday 12 May. Each ceremony presented approximately 40 children over two services with Bishop Peter Comensoli attending and presiding. The day



# Lest we forget

*The commemoration of the ANZAC tradition, Monica Boyd.*

**FOR THE LAST** few years we have rightly focused on the Great War. 2018 brings us to the conclusion of the century commemorations of the First World War, this was the central theme of our service this year. During Term 1, the students had been involved in the constructing of an art installation

London in 2014. We allocated each year group one letter in the phrase 'Lest we forget' with our seniors sharing 'T'. The aim was to create a hanging display of red ribbons that will come together to form the phrase. Lest we forget. This memorial will be proudly displayed in the College until Remembrance Day in November.

We asked each student to bring in a piece of red ribbon to contribute to the display and during the service representatives from each year group contributed the last ribbon for their respective year group. Some students contributed more than one, to represent their family members

We were again blessed with the company of members of the Toukley RSL Sub-branch. As part of our commemorations RSL members were appointed as patrons for each of the four teams that were selected to represent MacKillop on the ANZAC tour of New Zealand. During the service each team member as presented with a representative medal and the player and

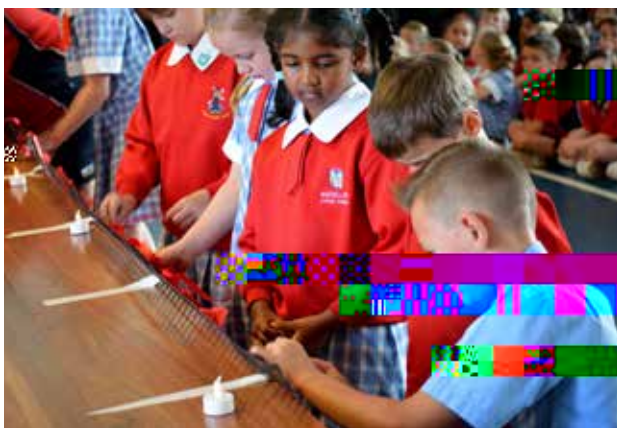
ambassador of the series were also presented with medals and awards from the team patrons:

- Team Wooldridge: Player of the series presented by Mr Arch Wooldridge
- Team Wilson: Player of the series presented by Mr Bob Wilson
- Team Meier: Player of the series presented by Mr George Meier
- Team Porter: Player of the series presented by Mr Milton Porter

fallen' project in which a number of our students, both primary and secondary, eagerly volunteered to participate in for ANZAC Day. This project encourages young people to help remember those that are no longer with us. Our students visited Palmdale

across Australia and requests completed in Thailand, Turkey and France .

come together during this service. The reverence and respect the students displayed was a living reminder that those who have served Australia have not been forgotten.



**80 GOLD, 59 Silver and 59 Bronze medals:** One of Australia's best ever commonwealth games success', and we were part of this historical event. Last month, 50 Year 10 PASS

the Commonwealth Games. To make this trip possible, we camped in tents, we utilized the free public transport and we cooked the majority of our meals. For a week, we were one big family having the time of our lives. We lived by the beach, went to four Commonwealth Games events, challenged ourselves

opportunities over the weekend.

Being immersed amongst the many cultures of the world, our students were able to interact and witness the many talents of the athletes including those with disabilities. At the athletics, we were privileged to witness the inspiring athletes who were blind running the 100m sprint. Our students were

truly inspirational they are to be able to compete in that event. At the Men's Hockey, our favourite match was the thriller of

Rugby 7's and our students started the Mexican wave and

sing for, we sing for Yellow'. During the Marathon, we were positioned in the heart of Surfers Paradise on Cavill Ave and cheered on the athletes as they ran through. We saw the

race. The events were so much fun and we learnt so much about the various sports.

We had the opportunity to 'Learn to Surf'. For a group of students who are generally talented in various sports, this proved to be challenging across the board. We persevered and

surf a few waves, although our ego's many have taken a tumble during this lesson. This was a great experience for the entire group.

This trip would not have been so successful without the support of many people. Firstly to the students: the behaviour, enthusiasm and energy they brought to the trip was amazing. They respected one another and formed closer bonds with each other throughout the broan was a great exovl8D0003his







# NZ sport and cultural tour

*A unique experience for our netball and rugby league students, Duncan Black.*

**ON SATURDAY 20**

experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to New Zealand on a sport and cultural tour. The tour went for six days and everyone enjoyed every minute of it spending time with their friends and immersing themselves in the culture of New Zealand and sport.

There were three Netballs teams and one Rugby League team. Each team was given a mascot and team patron from

One of the many highlights of the tour was playing three host schools in Netball and Rugby League from Hamilton, Rotorua and Auckland. The girls won 5 out of 9 games in

League. This was a great experience for our students to play

style than our students. Before each game the tour members were greeted by their host with tradition Maori welcome and Haka. After the games the students had time to spend with

their host over a meal and discuss their culture.

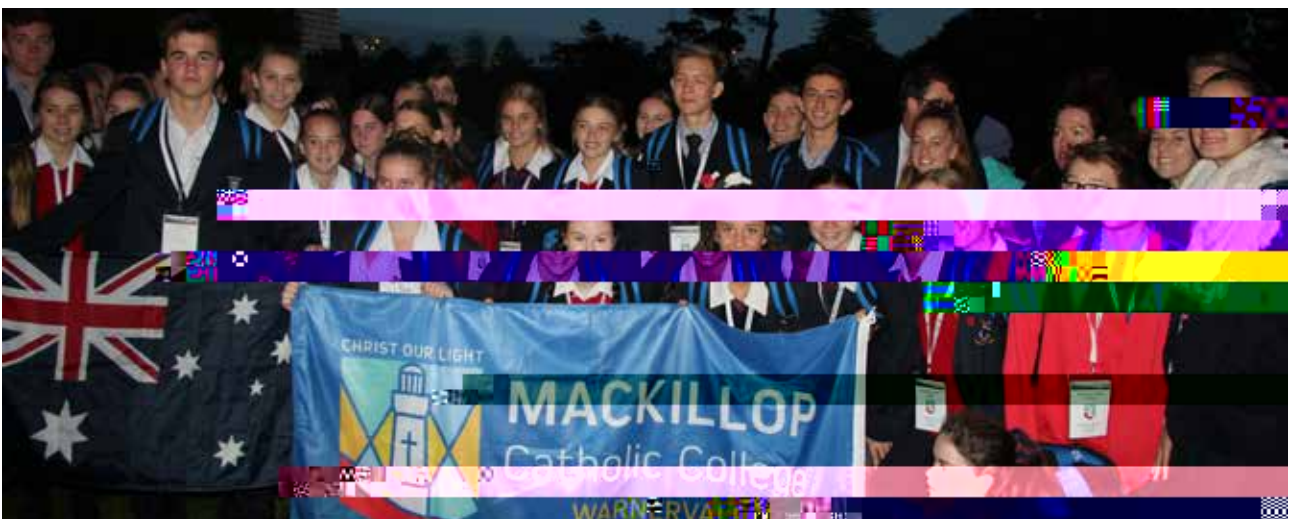
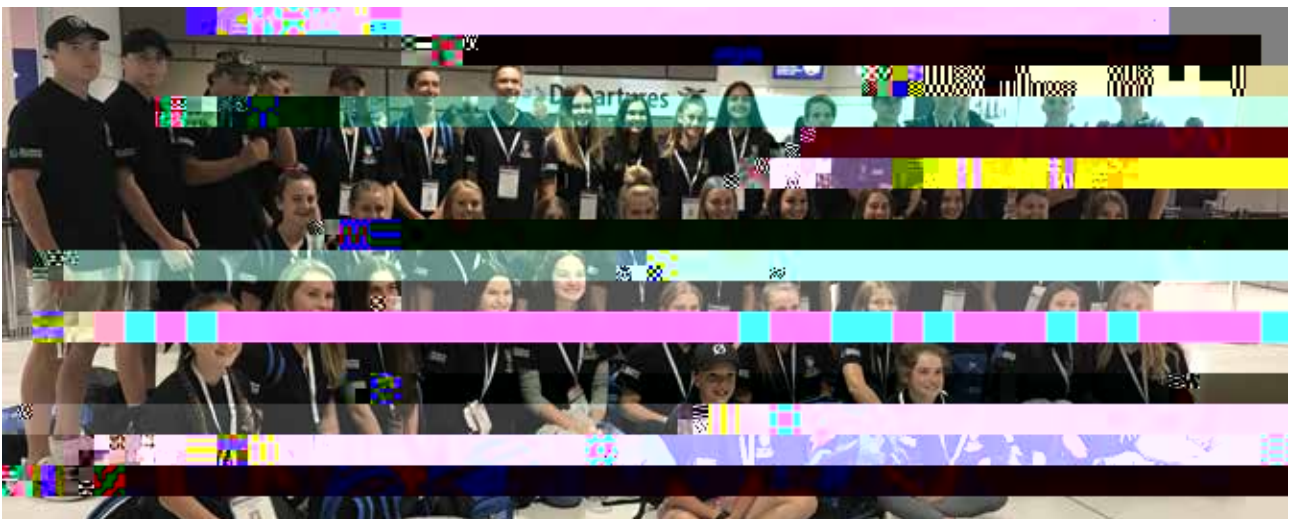
Another highlight for the tour members was the ANZAC

But that was soon forgotten when we arrived at the Dawn Service at the Auckland Memorial Museum, the students

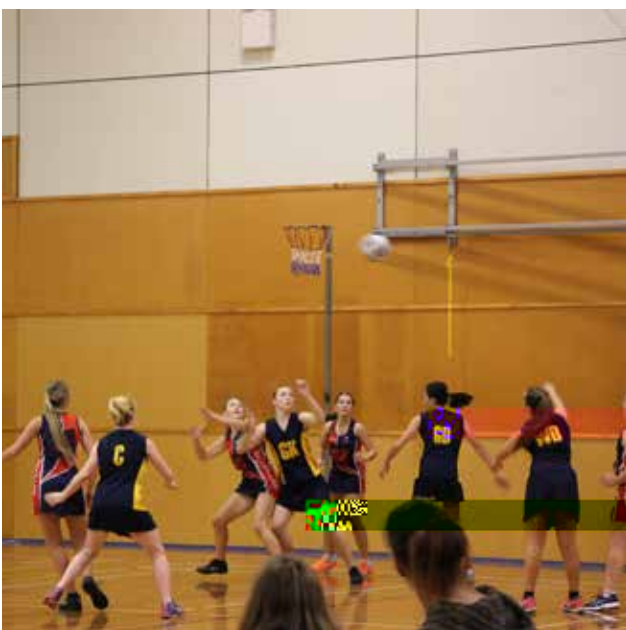
Service was amazing, we saw the sunrise while we stood with a couple of thousand people to pay respect to the soldiers that were lost in war.

of the village, while being told stories and history of Maori way of life. The members of the family that own the village cooked a traditional meal from a hangi. We also experienced traditional dances, the haka and glow worms.

McGuinness, Mrs Werchon, Mr Wallis, amd Mrs Black who gave up their time during the holiday period to make the tour amazing.







**DR KARL KRUSZELNICKI**

engineer, physicist and mathematician. He consistently appears on the list of the Top 15 Most Trusted Australians, and has been named one of Australia's National Living Treasures.

To celebrate the return of Science Alliance to MacKillop, the group travelled to Sydney in Week 2 to see Dr Karl present

air-conditioning is sexist, how you can kill a spinning hard drive

**THIS TERM, AS** we wish Mrs Crowe a lovely break while on long service leave, we warmly welcome Mrs Radford as part of our library team. What a wonderful time the students have had as they join her with library lessons, bringing with her much energy and excitement for the children to enjoy and it has been a pleasure to see her bringing her skills to the school. Mrs Radford has been a wonderful addition to the library team and we are looking forward to seeing her again. She has been a great help to the school and we are looking forward to seeing her again. She has been a great help to the school and we are looking forward to seeing her again. She has been a great help to the school and we are looking forward to seeing her again.

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# Artists of excellence

*Australian Landscape, Jillian Young.*

YEAR 11 CAPTURE the light on the landscape.





# Primary sport report

*Great results for our students, Kellie Denneman.*

**LAST TERM, OUR** Open boys Rugby League team made the trek to Woy Woy for the Central Coast Knockout. The boys started strong against Wyong Christian Community College, trading tries in the opening half and showing some excellent skills from our halves combination. We had the speed, but sadly, the size of our opponents wore the boys down and we were edged out 14-10. After a large break, we were back on

both teams committing an alarming amount of errors saw us

of the day had taken its toll on the team and they played their

their class and sportsmanship throughout every game in tough conditions. A huge thank you to all the parents that came to cheer the boys on and assist, as well as to Mr Young, for driving the bus.

wonderful community day at Mingara for the annual Primary Athletics Carnival. Lots of smiling faces and fun was on display. This was matched with some outstanding individual performances as well with 22 records in total set:

STUDENT	RECORDS
Ava Carlson	6
Keira Carlson	5
Hallen Bruen	3
Ella Flaus & Markus Wolscher	2
Langi Brown, Beau Hanson, Annabelle Ross and Fynn Sadler	1

We congratulate each of the Age Champions listed below who received their trophies at the Principals Awards last term:

	GIRLS	BOYS
7/8 yrs	Halle Bruen	Ryan Hain & Taj Hilder
9 yrs	Keira Carlson	Toby Clark & Bowen Carruthers
10 yrs	Ava Carlson	Fynn Sadler
11 yrs	Maya Rennie	Kai Rennie
12/13 yrs	Ella Flaus	Thomas Vrljic

The overall points tally for Athletics House Champions was extremely close but we congratulate Fitzroy on taking out the honours this year

Gesu	220
Kincumber	189
Alma	162



We thank our Year 10 PASS students and Mrs Black for their expertise and assistance with our carnival. Similarly, our parent network worked tirelessly both on the BBQ and in event volunteer roles to make the day the success that it was. We

send home permission notes until the end of this Term.

80 children proudly represented MacKillop at the CCC Cross Country at Mt Penang towards the end of Term 1. The team

7th overall on the points tally from the 11 Primary Catholic Schools. We congratulate the following students who have

Cross Country at Galston on Tuesday 29 May:

Brooklyn Yahnel (2nd), Keira Carlson (9th), Toby Clark (11th), Patrick Kyle (12th), Ava Carlson (4th), Ruby Black (20th), Beau Hanson (12th), Maya Rennie (15th), Dominic Enraght-Moony

(20th)

Congratulations to Dylan Wightman (5B) who represented himself and MacKillop so proudly at the NSWPSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Thursday 12 April. Dylan swam in

Tamworth in Week 1 this term across Rugby League, Boys

was selected in the Polding Boys Soccer team for the second year to compete in the NSWPSA Carnival in Week 5 this term.

Tyler Blackhall and Anabelle Ross head to Polding Touch Trials in Parkes in Week 5 also so we wish them the very best of luck as they represent Broken Bay.

Cameron Baxter was also successful in being selected in the Broken Bay Boys Softball team in Week 2 this term. We congratulate him and wish him luck at the Polding Trial in Newcastle in Week 8 this term.



WHAT A START







**YEAR 6 TRAVELLED** to the nation's capital for an educational tour. Students were given the opportunity to participate



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PROTECTED? (continued)

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• other special services and programs.

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