

## Heart, Mind and Spirit

Dear MacKillop families and friends of our College

The young Mary MacKillop began her journey as an educator, in what was to become her life's mission, when she undertook the role of governess for her cousins on their farm at Penola, South Australia.

As well as providing classes for seven of her eight cousins there, Mary saw that the other children living nearby, daughters and sons of the house and farm workers, had no access to schooling. Classes immediately expanded to include everyone.

From this impromptu beginning and in partnership with local priest, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Mary co-founded the *Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart* who have been educating Aussie kids -and children elsewhere- ever since!

I wonder if Mary imagined the great enterprise that was to be born when she gathered together that first group of students. We certainly do know by everything she did from those humble beginnings that she had an unshakable trust in God's providence. As St Paul said when writing to the Christians of Rome; *"We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him."*



By the manner in which she lived her life, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop points us towards Jesus Christ as the true giver of life, the font of real love and the authentic source of our hope. This faith carried Mary through the best of times and the worst of times. As she exhorted in her writings; *See the hand of God in all that happens!* (1871).

As we start this enterprise at our own *MacKillop Catholic College*, we can only begin to imagine the good that will emerge in the months and years ahead. And not only in the direct experience of the young people whose education and wellbeing will be central to our efforts, but in the life, love and hope these young people will share with others as they move into adulthood and beyond. And all of this will be God's work among us.

What a privilege we share as members of this new community!



Luke Reed : College Principal

### Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples and ongoing custodians of this land, the *Gimuy Walubara Yidinji* people. We commit ourselves to actively working together for reconciliation and justice.

## Open Day – Sunday 8th November

We are hosting an **Open Day** at the College site, on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. The College Administration facility will be complete and operating by then, and the classroom, sports and recreational facilities will be well advanced.

The Open Day will run from **10:00am to 1:00pm**, with a number of activities repeated every hour. Visitors and MacKillop families are welcome to come at a time that suits and stay as long as they want. Open Day features will include:

- Tours** We have negotiated with Phil Osborne, our construction contractor to have parts of the works under construction available for a *walk-through look and see*. This will allow us to glimpse the wonderful facilities that will soon be serving our kids and their education.
- Design Vision** Mark Buttrose, the leader of our architecture and design team, will offer a short presentation on the integrated vision of learning, community and wellbeing that has inspired the College's design.
- Catholic Schooling** Bill Dixon, Executive Director of Cairns *Catholic Education Services*, will speak with us of the important role that the development of our College plays in the Diocese's commitment to the provision of quality Catholic education in this burgeoning growth region.
- Introducing our Teachers** I am delighted that our 2016 teaching staff will be coming along too. This will be great

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opportunity for us to informally greet them and welcome them aboard. I know they are looking forward to meeting our students and families.

- BBQ and Kids' Activities** We will have a range of activities for the kids as throughout the Open Day. As well, we will be offering a complimentary BBQ Sausage Sizzle.

**Can you help?** If you can volunteer for a time to assist with the BBQ, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tina or Rike at our Office 4045 5262.

*"Our good God sees the heart"*

St Mary MacKillop (1871)



## Heart, Mind and Spirit – News from MacKillop Catholic College

### Introducing Mrs Lyndal Rick – Assistant Principal-Religious Education (APRE)

I am delighted that Lyndal Rick has joined the MacKillop team in the role of APRE. Lyndal is an accomplished educator and brings a great depth of experience to the shaping of the College in this foundation phase.

Lyndal will officially begin with us mid-October. She will play a significant role in developing our Catholic identity and mission and will lead our College Teaching and Learning team.

This is Lyndal's short bio appearing on our College website.



**Lyndal Rick** is Assistant Principal - Religious Education (APRE) at *MacKillop Catholic College*. In addition Lyndal leads the development of the College's curriculum.

Over a period of 18 years at *St Michael's School*, Gordonvale, Lyndal has held the roles of APRE, Curriculum Support Teacher & Learning Support Teacher. In addition, she has worked as a classroom teacher in other Catholic schools across the Diocese.

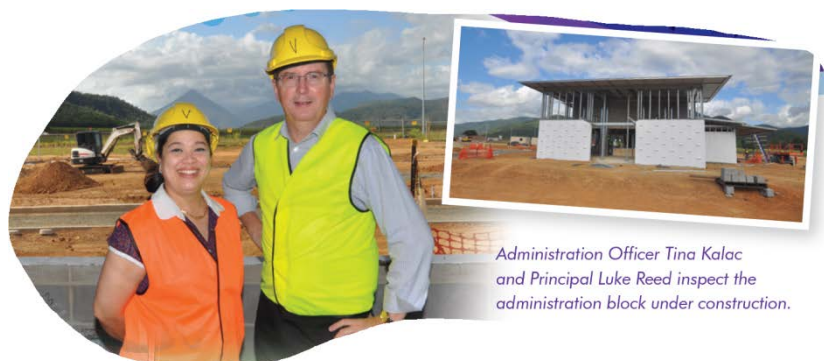
Lyndal is committed to working with teams to provide learning environments that promote well-being and equip students with the capacity to engage in life-long learning in a supportive, Catholic context.

Lyndal and her husband Gavin have three children. She is currently completing a Masters of Education.

### Progressing towards completion – news from the school construction site

Keys for the entire construction will be handed over to the College on **completion: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

The Administration building is substantially underway. Each day brings it closer to hand-over, scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> October. We will work from this facility subject to the external sewer pump station having been commissioned at that point. Recently Tina Kalac and I had the opportunity to inspect the pleasing progress at the site.



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Steel work for the covered sports court and tuckshop is being erected at the moment and additional steel work for the classroom block will soon follow.

**Open Day** will be an ideal opportunity to get a firsthand view of construction progress.

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## School Uniforms

College Uniforms are currently in production. They will be available for purchase through the College Office towards the end of Term 4. We will let you know when they are available. Uniform samples will be on display at the College Open Day.

The *MacKillop Catholic College* uniform consists of:

- College broad brim bucket hat – Navy with purple Trim – embroidered mini logo
- College Polo Shirt – unisex – Purple/Navy/Yellow panels and piping – embroidered College logo
- Short or Short – Navy with embroidered mini logo
- College backpack – Navy with white printed College logo (15 Yr warranty)

This is the 5 day-per-week uniform. It will be worn for all school activities.



Uniform Prices (inc GST)	
\$ 28.50	Polo Shirt
\$ 21.50	Short
\$ 21.50	Skort
\$ 13.50	Hat
\$ 55.00	College Junior Back Pack (15 Year Warranty)

**Additional items**, not available through the College

- Socks: Navy Blue short crew style (i.e. folded above the ankle)
- Shoes: Black school/sport shoe; lace-up or velcro



**Planning Ahead – looking to the possible commencement of Year 7 in 2018**



**Luke Reed** (second from right) *MacKillop Catholic College* Principal, discusses Secondary School expansion plans with **Dr Lee-Ann Perry** (right), Executive Director of *Queensland Catholic Education Commission*, **Bill Dixon** (left) Executive Director of *Cairns Catholic Education Services* and **Warren Kelly** (second from left - obscured) project Construction Manager of *Osbourne Construction Solutions*.

We are in the process of planning for the expansion of the College to have facilities ready for Year 5 and Year 6 in 2018 and 2019. Design and planning will occur in 2016 with construction in 2017.

We have already received a great deal of feedback from families requesting Secondary options be available as soon as possible. In response, we are exploring the possible early expansion into Secondary School in 2018 and 2019.

Students who are currently (2015) in Year 4 and Year 3 would be ready to begin Secondary School (Year 7) in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

MacKillop's case for the early commencement of Secondary School would be strengthened by expressions of interest from local families keen to have a secondary school option at MacKillop from 2018.

We would appreciate it if interested families would provide us details of children they would strongly consider enrolling at *MacKillop* if the Secondary School option was available.

An on-line confidential form is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/bWcjpgWidL> . A separate on-line form for each individual child is required.

Completing the on-line form is for planning purposes only and does not commit families to enrolling their children at MacKillop Catholic College. All information provided is handled confidentially in accord with the Privacy Policy of Cairns Catholic Education Services. The Privacy Policy can be accessed at <http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Privacy.pdf>



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Saint MARY MACKILLOP  
*Mary MacKillop*



### A Woman With A Heart For Mission

From the Pen of Mary:

*Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard. 1900*

#### **Scripture:**

The spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. Luke 4:18

#### **Reflection:**

Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. Her love for poor children knew no bounds. She established a Catholic school system for children who were isolated and in poor circumstances. She had a practical love for those who were poor and destitute setting up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for those who were most vulnerable in the society of her time.

#### **Story from the Life of Mary MacKillop:**

Mary MacKillop had driven some miles in a snow storm, but her first wish was to visit the school. There was a poor little bare-footed and ragged boy standing in the class. Mary went straight to him, and putting her arms around him kissed him saying. 'Ah Sister these are the children I love.'

#### **Pause for Reflection:**

In what way is God calling me to bring good news to those who are poor?

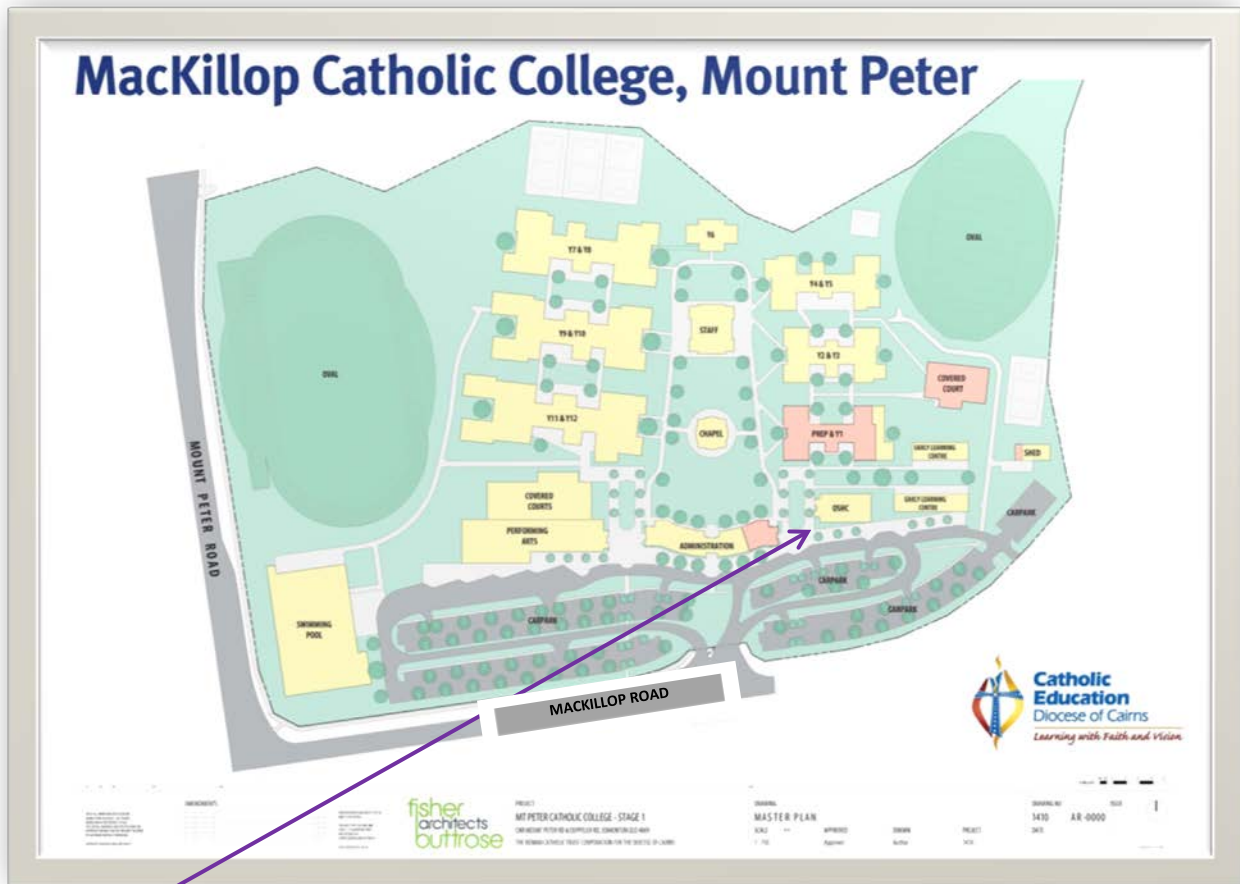
#### **Prayer:**

God of love your heart reaches out to those who are poor in our world. Open our eyes and ears to hear the cries of your people bound down by the injustices of this world. May we like Mary MacKillop respond in word and action to the struggling peoples of our world. St Mary of the Cross, serving the neglected ones, pray for us.

#### **Action:**

Today reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who is in need.

Source: <http://www.marymackillop.org.au/prayer/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=184>



The *Outside School Hours Care* facility is also currently under construction. Initially, an *After School Care* service will be offered. This will be expanded over time to include *Before School Care* and *Vacation Care* services. These services are provided in conjunction with the College by *Catholic Early Learning and Care*. Information about the services provided by CELC can be accessed at <http://ccelc.catholic.org.au/>.

In the interim, local Child Care centres will extend their Before School Care and drop-off service to include *MacKillop Catholic College* families.

Cairns Regional Council has recently changed the name of our frontage road to **MACKILLOP ROAD**. Our street address will officially be **1 MacKillop Road, Mount Peter**. Thanks CRC!  
(in the meantime Google, Navman, Tom Tom and other services still have us as 'Springs Rd')



During her mid-August visit, **Dr Lee-Ann Perry**, QCEC Executive Director, expresses her delight that *MacKillop Catholic College* will soon be serving local families.





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