Dreaming the Future of MMC

What should MMC be like in 10 years time? 5 years time? Next year? What are our greatest hopes for the graduates of MMC? What learning spaces are needed at MMC? How do we best tell the MMC story to the world? How should MMC be positioned in the marketplace? What networks and relationships should MMC be proactive in developing? You are invited to dream and vision the future for Mary MacKillop College. Come along to the next Community meeting on Wednesday 5th August at 6pm. The meeting will take the form of a focus group discussion on the strategic direction of MMC. We need you to join in. More details will be available in News and Views in July.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Academic reports will shortly arrive at your place. The report includes vitally important information about the learning achievements and progress of your daughter. It is worth reading reflectively and carefully. It is worth reading together with your daughter. Celebrate the successes. Name the areas for improvement. Set new goals. Have high expectations. There is always room for improvement. Come along with your daughter to Parent-Teacher interviews on 21 July. Your interest in your daughter’s learning is essential to her learning success.

Welcome Year 7 Students of 2016

Preparations are well and truly underway to welcome our new students for 2016. Many visited us on Open Day and at one of our recent Enrolment Information evenings. During Term 3 new families will be invited to a Welcome Interview at the College. We are keen to ensure that our new families feel at home in our community. Later in the year we will catch up again at the Orientation Day on October 18 and at the Transition Day on October 23.

New 1 to 1 Devices in 2016

Technology that enhances learning is core to the Mary MacKillop curriculum. 2016 will see the roll out of state of the art computers for staff and for students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12. Students currently in Years 7 and 8 (Years 8 and 9 in 2016) were issued with new tablet devices in 2015 and will use these in 2016. The new roll out heralds a new chapter in learning at MMC. Teaching is increasingly incorporating technology that promotes critical and creative thinking. Wireless connectivity in all learning spaces is being enhanced. A MacKillop education is at the forefront of the best in technological connectivity.

Movement of the Heart

Our wonderful eCCCos choir recently sang their part in a Brisbane prayer service in support of, and solidarity with, refugees and asylum seekers. Our girls were absolutely amazing ambassadors for Mary MacKillop College. We were delighted to receive this message from Senator Claire Moore who attended the service:

I would like to congratulate Mary Mackillop College on the exemplary conduct and enthusiasm of the choir at the World Refugee Day Prayer Service the other evening. It was great to see the choir at the event and to hear them sing. They are remarkable young people and a credit to the school. I really loved the uniform and the indigenous scarves are fantastic. Thank you. Claire

Mary MacKillop College Website

It won’t be long now until we launch the all new MMC website. Keep an eye on the internet over the next few weeks for the launch. Our new website features new photography, a whole new structure and up to the minute information that highlights life and learning at MMC. Later in the year we will be adding an all new Parent Portal and College App. Keep your eye on upcoming editions of News and Views for the latest information about these developments.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people. We pay our respects to them. May we walk gently on this land.
Julia has been Shortlisted
We welcomed the news last week that Year 12 student, Julia Lindblom, has been shortlisted for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship offered by the Australian National University. Julia has already passed through the first stages of the selection process and will spend three days in Canberra at the end of the holidays where she will front an interview panel including researchers and academics of world renown. Julia is up for the challenge. She is a remarkable young woman – a scholar, a scientist, a dancer, a learner, an emerging leader and thinker.

MMC Team off to the Nationals
Congratulations to Ms Aime Culpeper and her amazing sports aerobics team which, last weekend at the FISAF States and Schools Fitness Challenge, secured a place in the national championships to be held on the Gold Coast in August. The MMC Girls are impressive competitors. They understand the importance of teamwork, discipline, focus and determination. They are fit and they have fun! And we are very proud of them.

Einbunpin Festival Sunday 26 July Invitation
Mary MacKillop College will have a tent at the 2015 Einbunpin Festival at Sandgate. We will be distributing information about our College; sharing our story; encouraging families to consider MMC for their girls; and distributing enrolment information. We would love you to come along and help out on the day. An hour or two of your time would be a great way to contribute to the College community. To offer your assistance simply go to http://www.trybooking.com* to reserve your time slot. More information is available from Mrs Kelli Crawford (Principal’s PA/Registrar) at mmc@mmc.qld.edu.au or 3266 2100.

Athletics Carnival
We had a great athletics carnival last Friday under clear blue skies and in fine spirit. Thanks to Mr Matthew Messer (Sports Coordinator) and all the staff and parents who helped out or joined us on the day. There were some fabulous and awe-inspiring athletic feats to be witnessed on the day. There was also a high level of participation across a wide range of events by many of our students.

Festival of Catholic Education
Catholic Education Week occurs 26 July to 1 August. This is a special time to celebrate the invaluable place of Catholic education in the life and culture of Australia. A number of our students will be featured on 28 and 29 July in the St Stephen’s Cathedral precinct. Keep your eye out for more information early in the new term.

Year 12 Formal
Preparations are well and truly underway for the Year 12 formal on 11 July. This is a much anticipated celebration marking a most important time in the lives of our senior students. Thanks to our parents and families for your love and support. We are looking forward to a great night befitting the maturity, spirit and dignity of our young women of Year 12, 2015.

Parent Social Night – Date claimer August 7th
Current and prospective parents will shortly receive an invitation to a social get together. Entertainment will feature MMC music tutor and renowned song writer and performer, Laine Loxlea-Dannan. More details will be available in the July edition of News and Views. We would love to have you join us.

Blessing
It’s holiday time. A chance to slow a little and bring to mind and heart life’s abundant blessings. In the works of Mary MacKillop, “God is so very good to us all”. (1872)

Christine Clarke
Principal

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Step 1: Go to www.trybooking.com
Step 2: Select ‘Buy Tickets’
Step 3: In the search field type ‘mmc’ and ‘26 July 2015’
Step 4: Select ‘MMC – Einbunpin Festival’
Step 5: Follow prompts on screen and input information required