

FROM THE REC

As the spring blossoms begin to burst into colour all around it is a good time to make some fresh goals for this season of new beginnings. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Things I want to accomplish ...
Results I intend to achieve ...
Subjects I want to study ...
Friends I want to catch up with ...
Movies I want to see ...

This week, focus on the reality that you are not alone in anything! Make this your mantra: '**Jesus is right here, right now. I am not alone**'. Say it to yourself, write it down, email it, Facebook it, Tweet it, text it, call someone on the phone, or even better, tell someone face-to-face! Count the number of times you see an act of kindness. Look closer. You can see the face of Christ in those who offer kindness to others.

One man who epitomised the face of Christ was the beloved Fr Doug Akehurst. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the Stannies community, but also by all those who knew him. The MKC community send our prayers, love and strength to our brother school at this challenging time.

We also offer our prayers to the Yr 11 students as they sit their Final Preliminary Exams and prepare to begin their HSC course. At the same time we are mindful of our current Yr 12 class as they complete their courses and move towards the end of their time here at MacKillop. Graduation Mass will be held at 10am, Thursday the 17th of September at the Cathedral of St Michael and St John. We invite you all to join us for this celebration and to take a Prayer Partner Card to provide support for students during their exams.

Many Blessings, Tina Watson

Undertaking Exams

*Loving God
be with me now,*

as I prepare for and undertake my exams.

*Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have
given me and for the opportunity of education.*

*Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me
to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.*

*Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam
- and always.*

*In Jesus' name
Amen*