

# REC MISSION

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Gospel for this coming Sunday speaks about the wonders of Jesus' ministry in healing those who suffered from various illnesses and ailments. What we can discover at the heart of Jesus' actions is his total dependency on God. For it was through his loving relationship with his Father, expressed through prayer that Jesus was able to undertake such great works. As we begin this new year I encourage you to foster a prayerful disposition towards all that you do and say. Take a moment of each day, to place in God's care, all your needs and that of our world. You may be surprised at what may eventuate from your quiet moments of stillness within the presence of a gracious and loving God. The Gospel also highlights Jesus' ministry of going out to those who were most in need, abandoned or marginalised. As a community of faith we are called to continue this work of service, justice and compassion. During the last few weeks of Term Four, many members of our community were tirelessly involved in the collection of non-perishable food items and gifts, the collation, packing and the delivery of hampers for the Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal, the 2BS/Bathurst Lions Club Christmas Miracle Appeal and the Chemo boxes for Daffodil Cottage. The recipients of these special gifts were most grateful for the generosity of spirit, mindfulness and care that our community extended to them in moments of personal struggle and hardship.



We also acknowledge the experience of our MacKillop College contingent who went to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival during December. This event herald the beginning of the Year of Youth for 2018. What an incredible time for all involved! Some of the photos that are included highlight the joy, camaraderie, prayerfulness and celebration of the time away in Sydney. In this Year of Youth we may take the time to pray for all our young people. The Australian Catholic Bishops' prayer for our youth is also included with this newsletter.



As we go forward into this new school year, let us continue to remember that our gestures of kindness, even small ones, can be uplifting for those on the receiving end. These acts of kindness are signs of Christ's love and light to the world.

## Opening College Mass

You are cordially invited to the Opening Mass for MacKillop College which is to be held on Friday 9 February at 10 am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John. We look forward to having you celebrate with us on this occasion.

## For the sick or bereaved

As a community of faith, MacKillop College remembers the families and friends who may be struggling due to illness or bereavement by praying for them each day. You are invited to let Miss Fry know if you or your family wish to be placed on our College prayer list, so that as a community we can be mindful of your intentions during these difficult times.

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