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12 September 2018

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Year 9 MKC and Year 10 SSC Peer Ministry Training Day at Perthville
- 19 'Only an Orphan Girl' Evening Performance
- 20 'Only an Orphan Girl' Evening Performance
- 21 'Only an Orphan Girl' Evening Performance; CCC Athletics - Homebush
- 22 'Only an Orphan Girl' Evening Performance
- 27 Year 7 and 8 Catherine McAuley Play at MKC; Year 12 Graduation Mass; last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 15 Staff Development Day
- 16 All students return for Term 4
- 18 HSC Exams commence with English
- 19 HSC Exam: English
- 22 HSC Exams: Legal Studies and Visual Arts; CCC Junior Basketball Championships
- 23 HSC Exams: Ancient History and Agriculture; CCC Junior Basketball Championships
- 24 HSC Exams: Biology and Tourism (VET); iRISE Leadership Day
- 25 HSC Exams: Mathematics General and Mathematics
- 26 HSC Exams: Senior Science, History Extension and Business Services (VET)
- 29 HSC Exams: Modern History; Year 7 2019 Orientation Day; Year 7 2019 Parent Meeting at 7pm
- 30 HSC Exams: PDHPE and Mathematics Extension 1; Senior Retreat; League Tag Gala Day
- 31 HSC Exams: English Extension 1; Senior Retreat

TERM DATES 2018

Term 3: Tuesday 24 July 2018 to Thursday 27 September 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October 2018 to Wednesday 19 December 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A short message came across my path this week and it challenged me. The story goes like this. You are holding a cup of coffee when someone bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did coffee spill on the ground? Was it because someone bumped you? Or was it because your cup was filled with coffee? If your cup was empty, nothing would have spilled; if there was water in your cup, you would have spilled water. When life gives us a bump or rattles us (which will happen at times), our reaction comes from what is already inside of us. It's easy to fake it, until we get rattled. We have to ask ourselves "What is in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over? Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions, or, forgiveness, tolerance, understanding and humility. Jesus teaches us to fill our cup with the traits that will help create and maintain positive relationships and make the world a better place.

Last Wednesday, Ms Fry and I travelled to St Raphael's School in Cowra for the launch of World Mission month with a group of Year 9 girls, as well as a group of Year 9 boys from St Stanislaus' College. The theme of this year's World Mission Month is 'Healing a Nation Through Education' with the focus on Myanmar. Many schools from around the Diocese came together in a display of our solidarity towards the



focus action to support the many young people in this troubled nation.

A big thank you to Mr Paul Hughes for his tireless work in preparing and supporting the huge contingent of MacKillop performers at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. Congratulations to all our performers who have entertained the crowds over the past two weeks.

The annual Tournament of Minds (TOM) State tournament took place at the University of NSW last Sunday with the three MacKillop teams up against the winning schools from all the various regions throughout NSW. All the teams performed admirably thanks to the tireless work of Mrs Welch and the Year 11 mentors in preparing the teams. Congratulations to all involved.



ACKNOWLEDGING COUNTRY We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of our lands, Australia. We acknowledge the Wiradjuri Nation as the traditional custodians of these lands we now call Bathurst, and we pay our respects to their Elders.

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This Thursday 13th September is the annual RUOK? Day. We are combining this event with our Rural Aid Fundraiser, where students can wear casual clothes and are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support our farming communities. There will be a 'MacKillop's Got Talent' Concert held during the day. Thank you to the Year 12 Senior Council for supporting this initiative.

Steve Muller



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

HSC Practical Examinations

Next week HSC Markers will be visiting the College to assess the HSC Major Works for Music and Design and Technology. We wish the students well as they fulfill another stage of their HSC completion.

2019 Leaders

Congratulations to all the House Captains' nominees who delivered speeches last Friday. The online voting process has certainly simplified the collation of votes and I thank all the students who made their selections. School Leaders will be announced on Tuesday 25 September at the Sports and Cultural Assembly that commences at 1pm in the College Hall.

Subject Selection

Year 10 have now completed the interview process regarding their Senior Subject Selection. We expect subject lines to be available early in Term 4.

Year 8 students will have their elective talks today, Wednesday. They will receive the online selection information along with a handbook outlining each of the subject options available. If students or parents have any questions please contact either myself or the appropriate teacher for more details.

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Gina Whelan