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**AS TERM 3** progresses, we have seen and been part of some key events that continue to shape our year. Students from Primary and Secondary have been very busy with a variety of programs and events.

Among the events this term has been the Yr 8 and Yr 10 students participating in a very well attended subject market. Yr 10 students also attended an information meeting with their parents followed by an interview with school leaders before completing an online selection process for assisting with the determining of senior subjects for 2017. A word of thanks to process.

Year 3 students have commenced their 1st Eucharist

Day on Sunday 11 September. With the Rio Olympics being held this term, our Primary students have also held their own Olympics competition on Thursday 18 August. Participation and colour was the order of the day.



# Celebrating our MacKillop Culture

*A message from our Primary Principal, Sue Dietrich.*

## TERM 3 BEGAN

engage in professional discussions and activities which centres on our work developing our understanding of how children learn. As a College community we have been using the book "Creating Cultures of Thinking" as the starting point for our conversations. The book is written by leading Harvard University researcher Ron Ritchhart, and he builds the case for "enculturation" as the key to deep learning and the development of the habits of mind and dispositions needed in a changing world. He challenges teachers by stating "Let's build dynamic learning communities that engage students, promote deep understanding, and sustain a lifetime of inquiry. Culture matters not only to realize curricular goals, but also as a shaper of students' development as powerful thinkers and learners." Our discussions throughout this year are enabling our teachers from Kindergarten through to Year 12 to share their work to embed an understanding of how we support the learning of our students. This work is exciting and invigorating and will be continued through the remainder of the year and in to the future.

At the beginning of term the children were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and have activities with our Japanese Sister School. With our Year 3 and 4 children experiencing the Japanese lessons this year with Mrs Beech and Mr Kilham, it was wonderful to see them enjoy their time with Nihon Daiichi Junior High School Junior High School students and teachers. Our 10th Anniversary recognition of the Sister

School relationship was a wonderful time for all involved and our Kindergarten children were so vibrant and engaging of everyone in their performance of the song "Red, Black and Yellow" at the farewell Community Time assembly.

again proved to be a wonderful reflection of our College

Sr Marea spoke to us all about her life as a Sister of St Joseph following in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop and what that means to her. It was inspiring to hear Sr Marea's reflections, enabling us to try to understand the commitment to children by Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph throughout the decades of Australian history. The House Challenge was an exhilarating afternoon of song in our House Teams and again the children and staff were so supportive of the day.

The Olympics Day held on 18 August was a great community day full of fun, positive spirit and engagement by all students and staff. The centre point of the day focussed on the three

with the four Paralympic values – Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality. The values underpin the Olympic Games as a set of universal principles, but they can be applied to education and our lives, as well as to sport itself; and the goal of the day was to engage the children in a variety of modified Olympics events as each class represented a country. Our thanks go to Mrs Denneman supported by all class teachers for her efforts in putting the day together.

# Term 3 hosts many important events

*A message from our Secondary Principal, Debra Ferguson.*

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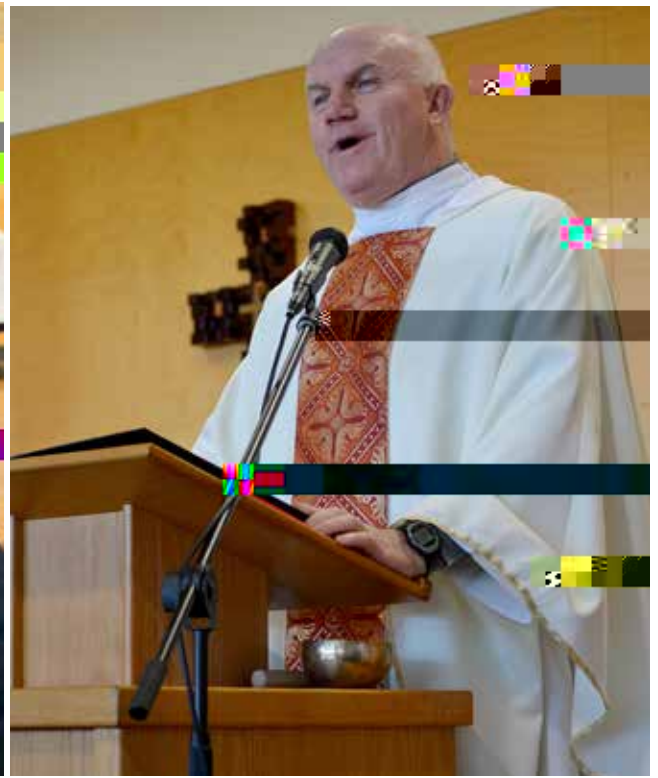
Catholic school at Warnervale. Mr Aitken did not know a great deal about the Central Coast but he knew it was an area that excelled in many areas and especially in sport. He also understood that to excel at sport you needed to have all the moral fortitude and dedication to not only excel at a sport but to also excel as a person. He was adamant that the teacher that would be employed as the PDHPE teacher needed to be both an excellent teacher in their subject area but also someone who would inspire their students to demonstrate great sportsmanship as well as positivity, reliability and persistence.

Mr Aitken had taught a young, talented footballer when he was teaching in Sydney and he was absolutely delighted when he, Mr Stephen Burns, applied for the job at Warnervale. Steve Burns was everything that Mr Aitken was looking for and over the last 14 years he has proven this over and over again. Steve

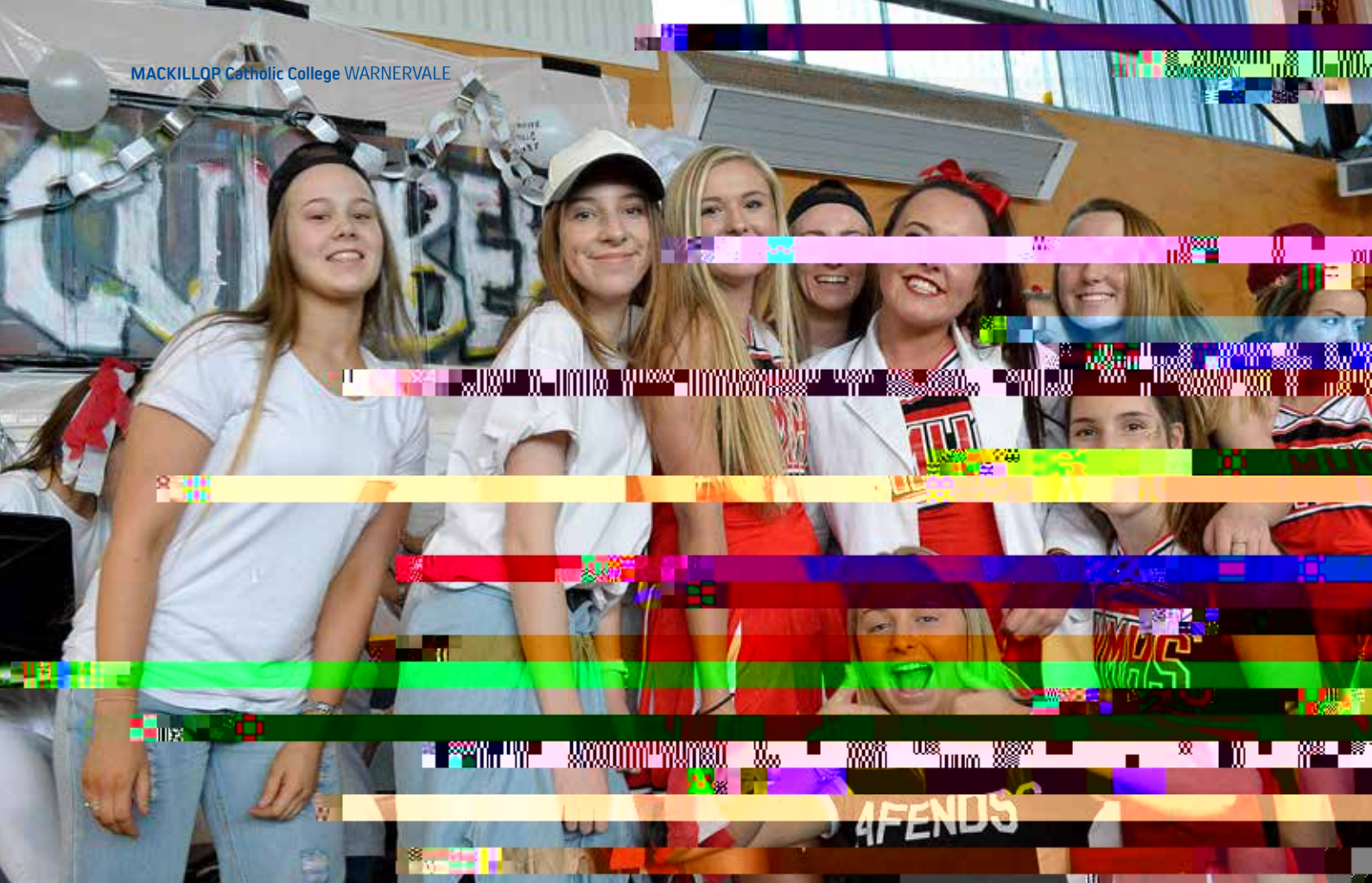
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Day celebration of our Patron Saint, St. Mary of the Cross









# A special community day

Deb Ferguson *shares the spirit of House challenge.*

**THE FEAST OF** Mary MacKillop was on 8 August and on this

Mass we had a very special community day. We all stopped

how lucky we are to be in a Catholic community that bears her name, especially this year that celebrates the 150 year anniversary since the Sisters of St Joseph were founded.

Year 12 was not able to participate in this day due to the CSSA trial exams. The day was declared a Study Day for them so that the College could be filled with noise and celebration.

Thus we had our third House Challenge in the afternoon of the 8th that was based on each House, K – 11, preparing three musical items that included a Primary small group entry, a Secondary small group entry and then a whole House performance.

We need to commend our new Parliament who admirably organised all of this during the end of Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3. They used lunch times and assembly

movement, organising costumes and creating special effects.

We held this Challenge in the afternoon and there was a huge display of competitive spirit and fun. The afternoon started with the six Houses arriving at the Hall, with the Primary, in particular, in full voice supporting their Houses. Loud music and dancing with six giant beach balls in the six

House colours helped put everyone in the mood for a fun afternoon.

Our three Primary MC's, Mrs Angela Dunn, Mrs Nicole Wittman and Mr Tim Snelling were hilarious and kept the afternoon rolling. Our four guest judges: Mr Chris King (actor and Performing and Creative Arts Director for the Central Coast Council), Ms Jessica Vickers (singer/actor just returned

were very impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the crowd that just continued to grow as the afternoon progressed.

As the judges considered their verdict there was more dancing and giant beach balls with everyone truly enjoying a community afternoon.

The Primary small group was won by Gesu, the Secondary

House performance was won by Kinumber. After adding all the points together, the overall winner was Penola.

We thank all the House Leaders, Parliament, House Patrons and Staff for making this a wonderful afternoon worthy of such



**OUR COLLEGE LEADERS** have now been announced and were commissioned at our College Assembly in Week 2 of this term where 12 students to then relinquish their positions and concentrate solely on their Year 12 HSC Trials, major works and the Term 4 HSC exams.

This Parliament has already started to work very hard with their leadership and they are to be commended for their role in the House Challenge in Week 4 where each House was vying for points and the overall MacKillop House Challenge Shield. This has been a large undertaking for a new Parliament and the House Leaders but we are very proud and impressed with their enthusiasm and skills.

They were also present at Mary MacKillop Parish Mass on 6 August and have commenced leading the College Assemblies. We are all looking forward to working with this talented group who have all volunteered to assist MCC in becoming the best school it can be by working with the teachers and their peers as both an advisory group and as leaders of events.

The elected members of the 2016/17 Parliament are as follows and we congratulate them all.

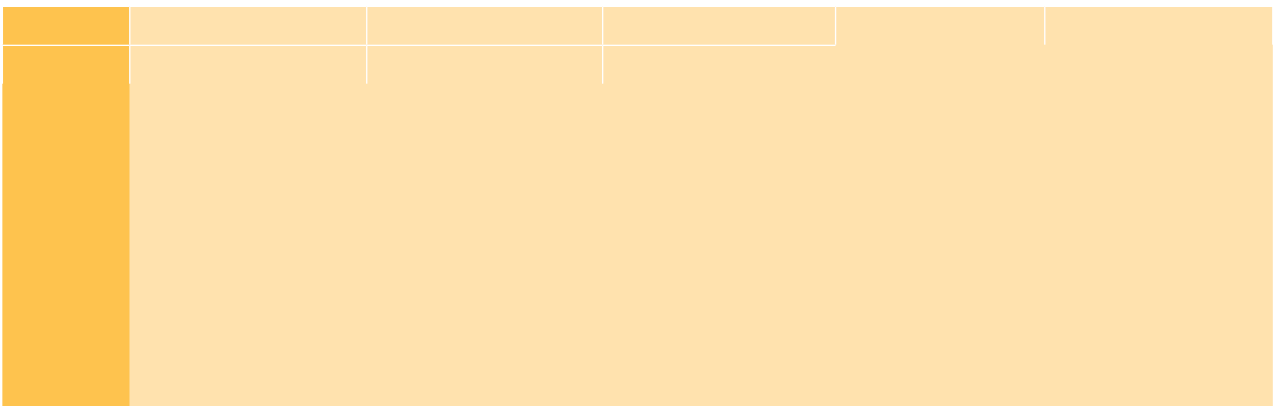
**CP** William O'Keefe (Temuka) & Samantha Vella (Alma)

**CE**

Culture – Lachlan Drake (Gesu) & Caitlyn Martland (Kincumber)

Wellbeing – Alexander Clark (Alma) & Zoe Holgate (Kincumber)

**HB LEADERS**

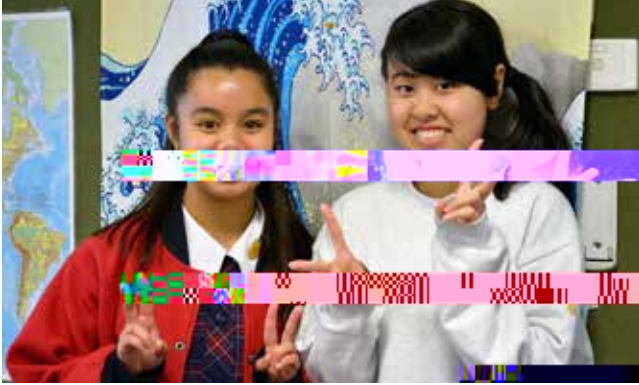


# Our 10th sister school visit

Helen Beech *celebrates the visit from our Japanese sister school.*

**WE ARE VERY** fortunate at MacKillop Catholic College to have an amazing sister school relationship with Nihon Daiichi Junior High School in Tokyo. This year was a special year as we celebrate our 10th Sister School visit from Nihon Daiichi Junior High School. We were visited by Mr Kumagai, School Principal, Ms Megu Kasuya, English Language teacher, Mr Seiya Kasajima, Mathemi, I.195 sE406d 25 studentsol.TheyWe weya





# HSC Trials and Academic Excellence

Alan Evanson reports on our HSC trial examinations and our Academic Assembly.

## HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

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Examinations. These examinations commenced on Monday 1

prepare the students for their upcoming HSC examinations the College organised for Mrs Annette Garvey, our HSC

examinations. This allowed the student to see exactly how the HSC would be organised and run. I would like to thank Mrs Garvey for the professional way in which these examinations were run. I would also like to congratulate the Year 12 students in the way that they approached these examinations. It is important that once they receive their examination papers

tune their preparation for the upcoming HSC examinations.

**Academic Assembly** - On Wednesday 27 July we held our

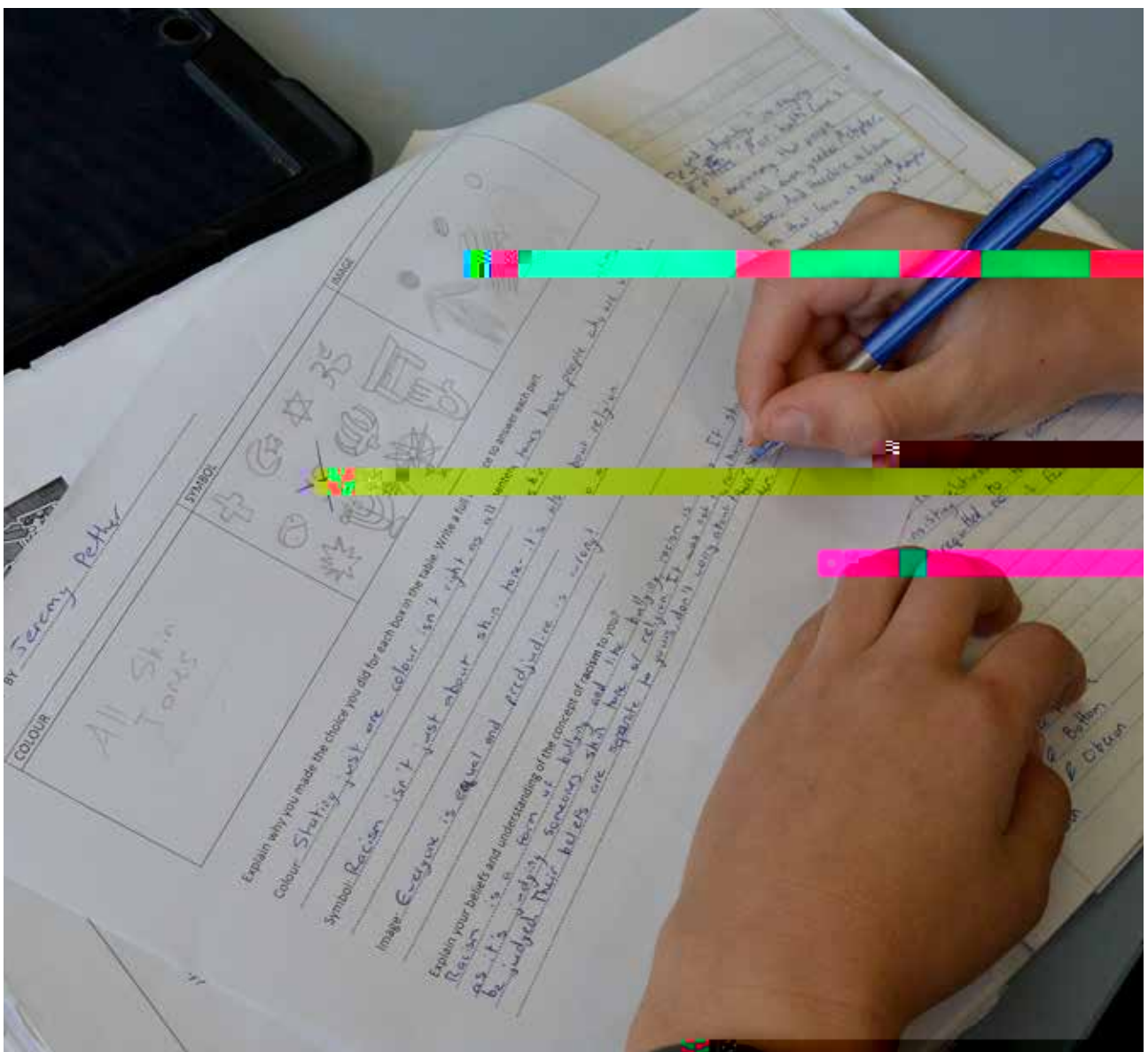
Academic Assembly where students were awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in each course. These awards are calculated based on the student's results in each of the formal assessment tasks for each course throughout Semester 1.

At these awards we had over two hundred and seventy students who received an award across all courses with forty three students who received an Academic Excellence award for achieving 1st, 2nd or 3rd in three or more courses. I would like to congratulate all of these students who received an award and to thank the many parents and guardians who were present to see their child receive an award. The Academic Excellence award winners and their parents and guardians were then invited to join us for a morning tea. Thank you to

quality lessons to all of our students enabling them to shine and show their true ability.



EARLY IN TERM 4 this year, students in Years 7 and 8 will





**THERE IS A** lot of Mathematics and Numeracy that can be derived from all physical experiences in life, 'swings and roundabouts' are no exception. This year's Numeracy results demonstrate features of the idiom 'swings and roundabouts' as some areas of concern from last year have seen improvement,



**THE BOARD OF** Studies recently released information regarding changes to the requirements for the Higher School

# Multi purpose courts for the Oval

Steve Burns *tells us about our new courts for sports.*

**EARLIER THIS TERM**

purpose courts was completed. This is a massive facility

a number of sporting and recreational activities including basketball, netball, tennis and volleyball.

This facility caters for the activity needs of our students allowing them the opportunity to move, learn and participate. The courts have already been used extensively during PDHPE practical lessons. The courts allow the teachers to deliver

contemporary curriculum content that encourages active participation.

The courts have also already been used for both netball and basketball College team trials and training. During lunch and recess breaks many students are enjoying playing social games with their friends.

courts all are excellent sporting and recreation facilities.



# Year 11 Visual Arts Excursion

Jillian Young *talks about the trip to the Museum of Contemporary Art.*

'NEW ROMANCE' AND 'Telling Tales' are current exhibitions showing at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney. Year 11 Visual Arts students had the opportunity to experience viewing artworks in the gallery setting and participating in guided workshops with museum educators. The practical experience of interacting and engaging with contemporary works in order

to gain deep understandings of subject matter and material practice was invaluable for all who attended.

On the day, students were given tools to use in examination situations to build on their own visual literacy skills. Both students and staff enjoyed the day and I would like to thank Mrs Belinda Wells for her support.



# Artist of the Month

Jillian Young showcases Year 11 Self Portraits.



CCC ATHLETICS

**IN LESS THAN** ideal weather conditions we had a large number of children represent the College in Combined Central

Consistent performances across the board resulted in MacKillop finishing in 5th place on the combined points tally



# Mackillop Olympic Day

Kellie Denneman *showcases the Primary students at the Olympics*

OUR PRIMARY SUPERSTARS of the future share their Olympic talents and have an awesome MacKillop Olympic Day celebration with their teachers.



# Secondary sporting success

Duncan Blacks *provides an overview of secondary sports.*

**FIRST OF ALL** I would like to thank Miss Sarah Moulton for

Term 3, while I was away at World Youth Day (Krakow).

BBSSSA Sport

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The 13 and 15 Boys and Girls teams travelled to Sydney on Thursday 11 & 12 August to play in the Soccer Gala Day and

washed out.

All teams played extremely well with our under 13 year old boys winning on the day seeing them crowned as the BBSSSA Champions.

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Our netballers have had a great year. Towards the end of last term the girls played in all year divisions and the results are as follows

Year 11/12 – Runners Up

Year 7/8 – Runners Up

Year 7 – Champions of Broken Bay

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Well done to all the students that attended the day. There were some outstanding results from various individual players.

at the NSW CCC athletics tournament.

Kaleb Daley – Shot and Discus Throws

Jarryd Walter – 110 Hurdles, Javelin and Discus Throws

The following students are BBSSSA athletics age Champions

NSW CCC

Congratulations to all our Netball players. All played extremely well in the Championships in Penrith.

The Year 7/8 netball team won the Championship by 2 points and now are the NSW CCC Champions.

11/12 teams playing well all day winning and losing by a point or two in their games.

Special Mentions

The following

in Victoria

Cricket team

and NSW ALL SCHOOLS MERIT team.





**THE YEAR 9** students were eager to attend their second high school camp at the Outdoor Education NSW site at Mangrove Mountain. The students gathered on the morning

occasional bursts of rain in the morning, the high energy levels and excitement could not be dampened.

Over the course of three days, the students participated in the following activities: abseiling, rock climbing, giant swing, pioneering, fencing, challenge ropes, bushwalking and the

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**AN INTEGRAL PART** of the process of selecting the College leaders each year is an overnight camp, held this year at Point Wollstonecroft at the end of June.

At the camp, the seventeen Year 11 students who had

deciding which roles would be taken on by particular students.

The candidates were led through a series of activities over the two days, which culminated in the seventeen casting their votes for the two School Captains, and indicating preferences

for Portfolio Leaders.

While the importance of the task at hand was taken very seriously by all candidates, there was still time for some fun:

a meaningful liturgy come to mind.

McNamara, Liz Kovacic and Lia Camilleri, to attend with su63 51cic00356004Ba

