



Mackay Christian College Newsletter

2026 Term 2-1

'Christian Education on Purpose'

News from the Principal

Dr Lesley Tunnah

Binbi gurri – G'day from Yuwibara Country

Here we are in Week 7 of Term 2 already, and it seems so many activities and events have been squeezed into our MCC calendar, in addition to our regular educational programs.

The whole College commemorated ANZAC Day with a special service in Power House. Our special guests were Defence Force Padre Jim Brown and Army Cadet Officer Alan McCauley. Then on ANZAC Day, staff and students of MCC marched to show our appreciation for all those who fought or assisted in wars against removing the freedoms we enjoy in Australia. The Parent Association once again handed out free bottles of water. We especially thank Mr Matt and Mrs Tara Drysdale for initiating this great service.





The Y8 Media Arts students with support from Mrs Lisa Delanty, set up a gallery of their photographs in the KP Library. Students are invited to join a photographic 'walk' with Mrs Delanty and Mrs Atherstone every fortnight – their skills are progressing very well.



Recently, we celebrated the College and what it offers to students by holding our 2nd annual **Discovery Day**. This day is all about putting the many facets of Mackay Christian College on display. On Kings Park, as I walked from room to room, I was so proud of all the activities and student work shown. These varied from performances by the Drama students, Chapel Band and Creative Academy, the cattle, chickens, mini-horses and greenhouse in the Agriculture Centre, Home Economics garments and cooking, Science displays in the lab, English and Humanities projects and explorer activities, dress up photo booth in the Media Arts room, the wonderful reef clay sculptures in the Art Gallery, the exciting F1 in Schools races in the TTC, singing along in the music room and all the variety of activities provided by the Health & Physical Education staff. And the wonderful Israeli desert tent set up complete with figs and dates for a snack! The STEM students assisted visitors to program robots while the Student Council cooked and served a delicious sausage sizzle. I hope you collected your mini-gifts along the way. My favourite? The tiny little cow from the Ag Centre! I also appreciated the House Family areas with their mascots.

DISCOVERY DAY GALLERY





And this was only half of my journey of discovery! I then visited every room on the Providence Primary Campus and enjoyed visiting each classroom teacher. The displays of student

projects was wonderful, reflecting the imagination and hard work of our staff that encourages students to engage in learning about our amazing world.

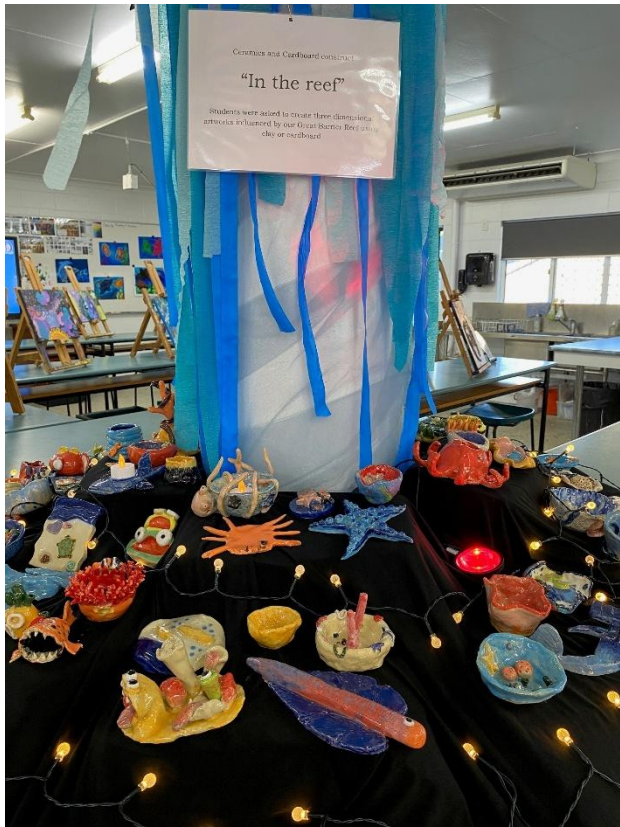
The Parent Association worked very hard all afternoon to provide hot chips and snacks and sold out just as I arrived. Well done!!

The afternoon was capped off with a stunning laser light show on the Eric Liddell Oval. It was so precious seeing our young ones running and dancing with such joy.

THANK YOU very much to all the staff and students who gave their time to set up all the great displays. I especially thank Mrs Tish Scholtz, and the Maintenance Team of Tania, Jarrod, Darryl, Marcus, Zac, Dan, Jakki and Wayne who organised so much behind the scenes. Huge blessings to you all.

Here are a few more memories of the day. I will post all my photos to the MCC facebook page later this week.





News from the Board Chair

Mr Ben Patterson

The MCC Board is overseeing and developing additional buildings and student services. Two developments seen on Providence are the new OSHCare building near Power House and the new undercover sports area past Green Village. Both buildings will be significant additions to our Primary Campus. We have also approved a new primary playground and a play fort development.



The College Team is also starting to review its Masterplan. A survey was recently sent to all families and staff for your thoughts about future services at the College. There is still time to complete this survey.



The robotic line marker that operates from satellite GPS signals has been busy marking out the Primary oval and the Secondary Eric Liddell Oval just in time for the Athletics Carnivals.

And the timber cross, a symbol of our foundational Christian values, has now been erected in the Providence round-about.

News from the Head of Primary

Mrs Michelle Brownsey



We are enjoying very exciting times on Providence with construction in full swing for our new OSHC building and new covered sports court. Landscaping plans are well underway for the upcoming holidays, ready for our much-loved Ninja playground to return. Our lovely new timber cross has been erected at the entrance to the Campus and our school flags will soon return in a safer location for student helpers to access. Our main oval is looking fabulous, thanks to our Maintenance team. It is ready and waiting for all our Athletics Events towards the end of the term.

Prep Applications for 2027 are rolling in. We are again enjoying significant interest from external families, possibly some of the 1200 who visited MCC Powerhouse to see the Wiggles recently. Existing families with Prep 2027 aged children are encouraged to finalise their applications now to ensure consideration within our Round 1 Enrolment Process.

Our Primary Students are in for a treat, with Dan Warlow performing for us again in Week 7. Dan Warlow is a leading Australian Christian Kids' Music Artist and entertainer. His shows encourage students in their faith and seek to help them understand God's love for them and His plan for their lives.

If you haven't already, please consider ordering some Krispy Kremes to support our Parent Association and Year 6 Initiatives. Our Year 6 Cohort are excited to be gifted with custom made camp hats and would like to bless all of Primary with a House Family Fun Day later in the year. Here is the shop link for easy access - <https://2026-yr6-krispy-kreme-drive.square.site/>

I pray you have a joy filled rest of the term.

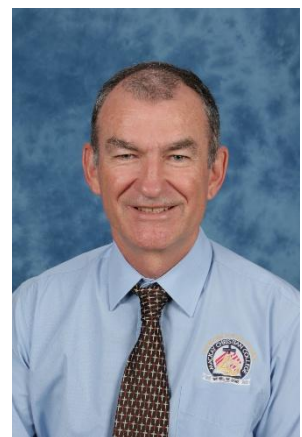
See you around Campus.
Mrs Michelle Brownsey
Head of Primary



News from the Head of Academics

Mr Doug Graham

At the end of Term 2, we will be launching the Kings Park Campus Virtual Expo. Students and parents will be able to view photo galleries, videos and subject selection books as part of the process of choosing elective subjects for Year 8 2027, Year 10 2027 (Humanities electives only) and Year 11 2027. Teachers will run subject information sessions with students in classes in Week 9 or 10 this term.



In Week 8, on Thursday 11 June our Year 10 students will have a Careers Day at the College. More information will be coming out closer to the time, but we are planning on having guest speakers from various industries and universities and a careers expo. This will be an opportunity for our Year 10 students to explore and investigate different career pathways.

QCAA will publish IA1 confirmation decisions for most of the Year 12 General Syllabus subjects in week 6 of this term. Confirmation decisions will be communicated to students over the next week by subject teachers.

Year 11 students will be completing Unit 1 over the next two weeks. Unit 1 Reports will be published in week 9 of this term. Subject changes for Unit 2 should occur over the next two weeks where possible. If students are considering a change of subject, they should book a meeting with Mrs Belinda Nielmann, the Vocational and Learning Pathways Coordinator.

Our focus Bible verse for weeks 6-10 is below. Students are encouraged to memorise and reflect on this, considering how it applies to their own lives.

Eph 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago".

I pray that all our students have much success in their learning journey this term.

God bless, Mr Doug Graham

News from the Secondary Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Ms Ulla Hansson



The Importance of Belonging

One of the greatest predictors of a young person's success at school is not simply academic ability, sporting talent, or natural confidence, it is their sense of belonging.

When students feel that they are known, valued, and connected, they are more likely to engage in their learning, build positive relationships, and navigate challenges with resilience. A strong sense of belonging helps students feel safe to ask questions, make mistakes, and continue growing.

At King's Park Secondary Campus, we believe that every student should know that they matter. Belonging is created through everyday moments: a teacher who takes time to check in, a friend who offers encouragement, a coach who believes in a student's potential, or a staff member who notices when someone is having a challenging day. These seemingly small interactions can have a lasting impact.

As a College community, we are continually working to create an environment where students feel welcomed, supported, and connected. While every student's journey is unique, we know that strong relationships provide a foundation for both wellbeing and learning.

The Bible reminds us that we were created for community. Romans 12:5, "So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." While we each bring different gifts, strengths, and experiences, we are stronger when we walk alongside one another.

As we move through the second half of Term 2, I encourage all members of our community, students, families, and staff, to look for opportunities to strengthen connection. A kind word, a welcoming smile, or an invitation to include someone can make a significant difference in helping others feel that they belong.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to support the wellbeing, growth and development of every student at Mackay Christian College King's Park Secondary Campus.

In His Service,

Ulla Hansson
Pastoral Care Coordinator



News from the ICT Manager
Mr Brett Hobbs



Keeping you connected

Recently, there has been media coverage regarding a security breach involving the Canvas learning platform. While Mackay Christian College has not been affected, events like this provide a valuable opportunity for our community to stay informed and strengthen our cyber awareness.

Cyber incidents often don't begin with sophisticated hacking. They frequently start with something much simpler: phishing emails or malicious links. Once an account or email address is compromised, it is often used to send convincing phishing messages to others, allowing the attack to spread quickly.

What is Phishing?

Phishing (a play on the word "fishing") is when attackers try to trick people into revealing personal information (such as passwords) or clicking harmful links by pretending to be a trusted organisation. Attackers throw the "fishing line" out hoping for you to bite. These messages can be very convincing and may appear to come from schools, banks, or online services.

Common warning signs of Phishing

Please encourage your student (and be mindful yourself) to look out for:

- Unexpected emails or messages asking you to log in or verify details
- Urgent language (e.g. "Your account will be locked today!")
- Links that don't match the sender (hover over links before clicking)
- Requests for passwords or personal information
- Attachments you were not expecting

If something feels "off," it's always best to pause and double-check. If you or your student are unsure, please have them talk to the ICT department before taking any action.

What About Ransomware?

Ransomware is a type of attack where files are locked or systems are disrupted until a payment is made. These attacks can begin from:

- Opening a malicious email attachment
- Clicking a fake link
- Downloading unsafe software

The good news is that following the CLEAR technology guidelines can greatly reduce the risk. We encourage families to talk with their student about being cautious online and reinforcing these habits.

We encourage families to follow these practical steps by remembering CLEAR:

C – Care for your computer

Keep devices updated with the latest security patches and treat your device carefully.

L – Leave a positive digital footprint

Think before you click, post, or share online.

E – Enjoy the e-adventure with excellence

Use the internet responsibly for learning, communication, and creativity.

A – Always avoid danger

Do not click on suspicious links or attachments and avoid anything that feels unsafe.

R – Reliable resources rule

Use trusted websites and sources and be cautious of unexpected emails or messages.

While Mackay Christian College was not impacted by the recent Canvas incident, we take cybersecurity very seriously. We have safeguards in place to protect student and staff data, and we continually review and improve our security practices. However, cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. Awareness at home plays a vital role in keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your support in keeping our students cyber safe.

God bless,
Brett Hobbs



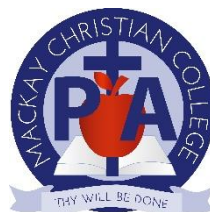
CLEAR TECHNOLOGY
@ MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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News from the MCC Parent Association

Mr Ryan Morse – Vice-President



Welcome to Term 2!

The PA has loved supporting the College with various functions and events so far in 2026. Since we wrote last and with your support we have been able to assist the very successful ANZAC Day March and ever popular Mother's Day stalls. Thank you for all the Parent volunteers who continue to give their time.

We have also held our first PA Meeting for the Term (on the 13th May) as we continue to plan for Discovery Day and other remaining events for 2026.

Want to join us online at our next PA Meeting? **10th June 2026 at 6-7pm**. You can join in person at King's Campus Library or online via Teams.

Your 2026 PA Executive Team

- **President – Vacant (could this be you?)**
- Ryan Morse – Vice President
- Christa Buckler – Treasurer
- Beck Noack – Secretary
- Kristy Mansfield – Event Coordinator



Coming Up in Term 2

Year 6 Krispy Kreme fundraiser:

In conjunction with the PA, please help support Yr 6 as they fundraise towards the cost of 'Red Hats' to be worn by all students on Magnetic Island Camp. These are a special blessing gift to our Year 6 students as they complete their Primary schooling together. (<https://2026-yr6-krispy-kreme-drive.square.site/>).

Next PA Meeting: Wednesday 10th June, 6pm — in the Library and online via Teams

Please watch for an email to parents with the Teams meeting link.

Parents Association Mission Statement:

To serve the Mackay Christian College community with faith, love and unity, supporting students, staff and families as we partner together in the College vision of "Becoming All God Wants Us to Be."

The names of the Discovery Day Mega-Raffle winners is listed below. Congratulations to all our very blessed winners and a huge **THANK YOU** to all our very generous donors.

1. Great Barrier Reef Adventure for 2 adults and 2 children thanks to **Cruise Whitsundays**, valued at \$927
Winner: JOSHUA EVANS
2. **Officeworks** gift voucher thanks to **Nigel Dalton MP**, valued at \$300
Winner: FAYE WILSON
3. Gift voucher for a **Prologic Signature Customised Facial** and basket of goodies thanks to **Devine Skin and Wellness** (an MCC family)
Winner: JESSICA EVANS
4. \$150 voucher to Let the Children Play, thanks to **Seaforth Civil** (a MCC family)
Winner: KEREN OOSTERBROEK
5. A golden ticket of one night accommodation and \$200 to spend in the restaurant thanks to **The Resort and Nautica Restaurant** at Dolphin Heads
Winner: JILL DUNBAVAN
6. **Mackay Golf Club** 2 x 18 holes of golf
Winner: KEREN OOSTERBROEK
7. **Jim's Dog Wash Rural View** – gift basket
Winner: JILL DUNBAVAN
8. \$250 voucher from Bodee Beauty and Day Spa thanks to **Caneland Central**
Winner: PAMELA BRANDENBURG
9. Gift voucher to the value of \$50 thanks to **Porters Life and Leisure**
Winner: KYLIE WILSON
10. **CMK Contractors** generously donated \$300 in cash (a MCC family)
Winner: CHRISTA BUCKLER
11. \$250 voucher from Bodee Beauty and Day Spa thanks to **Caneland Central**
Winner: RALDA SMITH
12. **Carlovers** 1 x 3 month Top Wash membership
Winner: SUZANNE FULLER
13. \$150 voucher to YAW Bakehouse thanks to **Seaforth Civil** (a MCC family)
Winner: SHALLON ATZENI
14. Gift voucher to the value of \$100 thanks to **Caneland Central**
Winner: TRACY MOOHIN
15. **Mackay Airport parking** up to the value of \$250 (a MCC family)
Winner: STACEY BAULCH
16. \$150 voucher to Beauty Worx Skin Studio, thanks to **Seaforth Civil** (a MCC family)
Winner: TRAVIS THORN
17. Gift voucher to the value of \$100 thanks to **Caneland Central**
Winner: TRAVIS THORN
18. Family Tour Pass to **Sarina Sugar Shed**, valued at \$79
Winner: CINDY BAGLEY
19. **Carlovers** 3 x Top Wash and Hand Prep gift cards
Winner: RAY RUFFELL
20. **Harper Bee** basket of goodies to the value of \$100
Winner: SYAH CATLIN
21. **Harrup Park** \$50 gift card
Winner: JULIE JOHNSON

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!**

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Thank You

for supporting the *Parent Association Raffle*

Your generosity helps us support our students, staff and school community.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



Your support makes a difference – thank you for being part of our community 

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PARENT ASSOCIATION





Mackay Christian College
'Faith Lift for Faith Centre'
Faith Centre Fund Appeal 2026



Renovations and upgrades continue in Faith Centre. We have experienced some delays with the engineering company who must first declare the building stable before repairs to the support beams can begin in earnest.

We are missing this valuable space used for our student Assemblies, Chapels and as a Performance Space for showcasing College activities.

Please pray for this restoration to be completed in a timely manner. Thank you to our staff who are being extremely flexible as they continue College programs without access to this great venue.

If you would like to contribute to the **Faith Centre Fund**, you may donate via the following direct deposit details:

Bank: ANZ
BSB: 014 023
ACCT: 838 333 773
Name: MCC Building Fund
Reference: FCF your name

Donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible.
Thank you for blessing the College with your gift.



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

C **Christlikeness means I choose to**

- be confident in Father God's love for me
- follow the example of Jesus, serving others with care and kindness
- speak the truth at all times

L **Learning means I choose to**

- have a positive, persistent attitude to my studies
- complete learning activities to the best of my ability
- explore and discover God's created world with wonder and joy

E **Excellence means I choose to**

- be well organised and prepared to achieve my personal best
- honour God with my words and actions
- represent the College with high standards of behaviour and dress

A **Attitude means I choose to**

- develop greater resilience, allowing mistakes to teach me wisdom
- act safely, apologise if I hurt others, and forgive others
- honour those in authority by obeying their instructions

R **Respect means I choose to**

- get along with others, accepting them as unique and of great value
- carefully consider my words before speaking out loud
- care for resources and equipment, both mine and others'



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