




Mary MacKillop
Foundation

Supporting small life changing projects 

August 2011 Newsletter



Green & Gold Day

Aussies making a difference

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Join the Foundation on Green & Gold Day in supporting Aussies who make a difference, and celebrating the Australian spirit!

Wear Green and Gold to work, school and in the community.

For more information go to http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/green_and_gold_day

Register now

Register your community group, school or workplace as a fundraiser for 'Green & Gold Day' online.



{ GREEN & GOLD DAY }

Aussies Making a Difference

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Become an Ambassador today

As part of our national activities, the Foundation is looking for Ambassadors to create further awareness and promote Green & Gold Day in your community, school or workplace.

Across Australia The Mary MacKillop Foundation funds small community-based projects that assist those who are less fortunate, or in need of a helping hand, including those affected by natural disasters such as the Queensland floods.

NATIONAL ZUMBA FESTIVAL

To celebrate Green & Gold Day the Mary MacKillop Foundation will be hosting a NATIONAL ZUMBA FESTIVAL on Friday 14th October, to beat the World Record for the most participants of Zumba across Australia in their Lunch Break, whilst raising funds for the Foundation.

The Zumba Festival will be open to all and will occur at the following venues:

Adelaide – Rundle Mall
Brisbane – Australian Catholic University
Melbourne – Federation Square
Perth – Notre Dame University
Sydney – The Domain

Cost \$10 per person for an hour of fun - all funds will go to the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

Be part of the Zumba Festival:

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT OUR GREEN & GOLD DAY WEBSITE

Spread the Word!!!

Travelling Sisters Roadshow Gains Support

Everywhere the Travelling Sisters Roadshow goes, the Mary MacKillop Foundation receives recognition, gratitude and praise, from schools through to government members and the media.

"I would like to place on record the outstanding

commitment and inspirational dedication the Mary MacKillop Foundation has to the community, and congratulate the Foundation for its valuable efforts."

- The Hon. Carmel Zollo at the Legislative Council, Parliament of South Australia, 8/6/11.

See what others are saying:

<http://www.facebook.com/MaryMacKillopFoundation>

The Travelling Sisters Roadshow is half way through the Australian tour, and has covered more than 14,000 km and met with more than

14,000 children from Melbourne to Perth.

The Roadshow is now travelling through NSW before heading to Queensland in September for a tour, ending in Brisbane on 28th October.

Governor-General welcomes Travelling Sisters Roadshow

The Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, personally welcomed Sr Julianne Murphy and the Mary MacKillop Foundation's Travelling Sisters Roadshow – Australian Disaster Recovery to Government House to discuss the work of the Foundation including small life changing projects, disaster recovery projects and Indigenous scholarship recipients.



Postcards from the heart

Having heard the personal stories of people from the Mary MacKillop Foundation Projects and Scholarship recipients, children across Australia are writing messages of support and thanks on reply paid postcards, to those in need, and to those who are meeting the needs of others, with 100s of postcards arriving at the Foundation daily.

"Dear asylum seekers - I hope this message will lift your hopes and your story will be shared throughout Australia"

"Dear Tanya - I hope you are doing well at university to be a good doctor to help your community"

"Dear Natalie - I wish you the best of luck in your studies, You deserve it, never give up"



Adelaide Fundraising Breakfast



On Friday 27th May, more than 250 guests gathered at the Adelaide Hilton to celebrate Mary MacKillop Foundation's 2011 Fundraising Breakfast, with MC Peter Goers, presenter on 891 ABC Adelaide.

Guest speaker His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of SA, applauded the Foundation for its dedication to supporting small life changing projects throughout Australia.

The guests also heard from Melanie Tate from Edmund Rice Camps SA who made a very moving speech about the camps they offer to disadvantaged children and families, made possible through funding from the Foundation.

The event included an explosive performance by ex high school seniors INCA Group from the Mary MacKillop College, who captivated the audience with their songs.

Perth Fundraising Gala Dinner

The Foundation Fundraising Gala Dinner took place on Saturday 9th July at the picturesque Royal Perth Yacht Club for a Christmas in July celebration. The ever charismatic Master Of Ceremonies Laurie O'Meara, led the 150 guests through the evening proceedings.

We were privileged to have the highly successful and inspirational Dr Fiona Wood as guest speaker. Dr Wood endorsed the work of The Foundation, and recognised the influence and impact that small contributions can make to those in need, who cannot access funding elsewhere. The guests also heard from project recipient Sr Leonie Mayne, who spoke about the opportunities the Foundation had given her over the past six years, by funding small projects to assist rural and isolated communities in WA.

A highlight of the night included featured performance by Impact Dance Factory.

Warm thanks to our Event Partners Notre Dame University and Catholic Education Office WA for their ongoing support.



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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarships



Jonathan Newchurch understands the importance of determination and perseverance. Jonathan has worked hard to successfully complete 5th Year Medicine and will soon graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Adelaide.

Jonathan believes his degree will enable him to directly manage the health of Indigenous people in his community in a more holistic and cultural manner. "As an active member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, I will be able to contribute towards the implementation and policy for Indigenous health on a Federal and State basis. I will be

advocating and seeking change to increase access and service provisions for Indigenous people."

Fr Mark Nugent of the Victorian Passionist Community has known Jonathan and his family since 1989 and follows his academic career with great interest. "Jonathan has battled through with meager resources to achieve his goals. His mother made great sacrifices for his education. He would do St Mary MacKillop proud"

We congratulate Jonathan for his achievements and wish him every success for the future.

Project News

In 2011 the Mary MacKillop Foundation is providing financial support for small life changing projects to support communities suffering from Disasters across Australia.

If St Mary MacKillop were alive today, we know she would be helping rebuild communities and the victims of these disasters.

Healing through Wheeling

Earlier this year, the isolated community of Warmun in the Kimberley, WA was unexpectedly flooded. Emergency accommodation was unable to sustain the number of people needing shelter and the majority of the community was evacuated to nearby Kununurra while others went to outstations.

The social dislocation caused by the flood has had a negative influence on the traumatized community resulting in a lack of initiative and motivation, and inability to sustain meaningful activities. The flood disaster was compounded by other tragic incidents such that Warmun, like most of the Kimberley communities, is living with trauma due to the tragic experiences that are a constant in their lives.

To provide the disaster victims with much needed transport



the Mary MacKillop Foundation has funded the purchase of a second hand 12 seater bus. The project is an initiative of the Sisters of St Joseph, Kununurra as a way of the community connecting to country, and to programs that offer mutual support and opportunities for healing.

Donate Online

Just like our newsletter, the MacKillop Foundation donation form can also be accessed Online. The Foundation recognise the benefit of the digital world and therefore we ask all our generous supporters to use the online donation form if they can. www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

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- I would like to make a **regular** donation of: \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, Other \$ _____ every week/month
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Address: _____ Suburb: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Email: _____

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 Make a Bequest (Information Booklet will be sent)



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