MACKILLOP CLUB UPDATE
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Is stealing a joke really stealing? Should chimpanzees have the same rights as humans? Is competitive sport truly ‘fair’? Why do humans eat some animals but not others?

These are just some of the questions that the MacKillop Club has been pondering, analysing and discussing as part of our philosophical learning approach. These questions have no easy answer and are great conversation generators.

There are countless benefits of studying philosophy. These include, but are not limited to:

- developing logical and analytical thinking skills
- broadening of one’s own perspective on life
- development of problem-solving skills
- development of the ability to make judgements based on ethics and morality
- increased awareness and understanding of the point of view of others

The students are to be commended on the maturity and enthusiasm with which they approach our philosophical discussions.

Novel Study- ‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio

This semester, our MacKillop Club students will be studying the novel ‘Wonder’. This novel raises a number of interesting philosophical questions and has been embraced by the students so far. Read on for a brief summary of the novel.

My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

WONDER is a funny, frank, astonishingly moving debut to read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.

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