Welcome to Tinkertime!

This year see’s the introduction of a new program at Mount Annan Christian College known as Tinkertime. This program seeks to inspire and engage our Primary students in making moments as they learn about a range of technologies available today. From 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, computer programming, electronics and audio visual skills with a little bit of food to keep our Tinker Bots discovering and exploring the world of tomorrow.

Tinkertime encourages students to further develop an appreciation of the world around them and how they can operate within it to make genuine change and a real difference. We are very excited to share this new initiative with you, as it becomes a part of every Primary students weekly experience here at MACC.

THE LAUNCH:
Tinkertime will officially begin Day 1, Term 2, 2016 with an all in Maker Moment for Primary students to enjoy!

DATE: Tuesday 26th April
TIME: Learning Session 3 – 6 (10:50am – 2:30pm)
LOCATION: Primary School playground
Afternoon tea provided: Parents and students are invited to stay, observe and tour the final display.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?
Well I’m pleased you asked ;-) Children are required to bring in a photograph of the front of their house. This will be used on the day and will assist them to complete the Tinkertime Challenge. Photographs are due in to classroom teachers by Thursday 7th April

You can also help by sending in any spare cardboard, cereal boxes, egg cartons, paddle pop sticks or sticky tape to assist us with our project.

WHY NOT LEND A HELPING HAND!
If you are able and willing to come and support our students on the day with this Maker Challenge then we would be more than grateful for your support. Please fill out the parent helper slip at the bottom so we know you’re in!

Come and share afternoon tea with us at the end of the day Tuesday 26th to view the newly develop installation.

WHAT’S NEXT?
After our initial launch event with our students we will be sending home a Tinkertime take-home challenge. Don’t fret this will be well scaffolded and again is intended to provide an opportunity for our whole Primary School community to engage in a common maker moment.
We hope this initiative inspires your children to make a real difference, to be creative, innovative, visionary and entrepreneurial as they work together on a variety of challenges with a wide range of technologies.

Looking forward to learning with them!

Regards,

Mr. Daniel Weeks  Mrs. Kate Todd  Mrs. Debbie Pope
Director of Innovation  Primary Team Leader  Head of Primary

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Parent Helper Expression of Interest
Please return by Wednesday 6th April 2016

We are very excited to have our Parents on board and helping out with this project. If you can spare some time between 11am and 2.55pm on Tuesday 26th April please return the slip below. As we need maximum space in the classroom for our building projects, we may need to spread helpers throughout all of Primary School. We will do our best to keep you in your child’s classroom but that may not always be possible. We are aiming for 2/3 Parent Helpers per classroom. We will inform parents who have expressed interest by Friday 1st April with further information.

☐ Yes, I am interested in helping with the Maker Activity in Primary Classrooms on Tuesday 26th April.

Parent Name: ____________________________  My child is in class: ____________

My best contact number is: ____________________________