From the Principal

Welcome Year 7 2016
We are very much looking forward to welcoming our 2016 Year 7 students and their families to Orientation Day on October 18. We have a great program organised which includes time for our new students to meet their 'big sisters' – students in Years 10-12 who have special responsibility for looking after our newcomers.

Enrolment
We have strong enrolments for 2016 with just a few places available in Years 7-12. Enrolment inquiries should be made directly to the College on Ph 32662100 or email harmanc@mmc.qld.edu.au or mmc@mmc.qld.edu.au


Conferences can have many effects on their participants. They can stimulate, challenge, inform and inspire. When I gathered with 1200 other educational leaders at the ACEL (Australian Council of Educational Leaders) Conference in Sydney over the holidays the overwhelming response I had was of reassurance.

The conference was entitled "Courage and Commitment to Lead" and was designed to allow delegates to listen to some of the most respected educational theorists, as well as leaders in other fields, in order to commit to a preferred future. Interestingly, the themes that emerged centred on compassion, empathy, quality teaching and valuing individual passion, themes that clearly resonate with the MMC approach to education.

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The Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, and Victoria Cross recipient, Mark Donaldson, opened the conference and each highlighted the human side of leadership. Sir Peter focused on the need for humility and compassion to be part of any good leader's repertoire. Mark Donaldson also underscored compassion as the driving force behind his approach to leadership. There must be a desire to improve the lives of others rather than a search for personal glory. That's what led him to risk his life to rescue an Afghani interpreter.

Stars of the conference were Professors Alma Harris and Yong Zhao, who challenged delegates to ensure we focus on so much more than literacy and numeracy. They each warned of narrowing the curriculum to the detriment of creativity. Yong Zhao pointed out that some school systems appeared to resemble sausage factories which is fine if all we want is sausages but he reminded us that this would mean we would miss out on bacon!
Other speakers, including Jenny Shipley, Robert Marzano, Andy Hargreaves and Michael Fullan, emphasised the need for quality teaching with a commitment to continual learning. Teachers must be open to reviewing their practice and pursuing excellence in the classroom. We can all recall the impact that the excellent teachers had on our learning and our lives. A student panel gave the perspective of the current recipients of education. They spoke passionately about teachers, broadening the curriculum to allow deep engagement and of the importance of co-curricular learning.

As I said, the major response I had was of reassurance that MMC is on the right track. Our 2015 theme of Courage and Compassion echoes the themes of the conference. Indeed Compassion was not part of the stated conference theme but was quickly adopted by conference delegates as a necessary addition. Students at Mary MacKillop College are encouraged to pursue their passions in order to create a more just and peaceful society. Teachers at MMC use the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers as the basis of goal setting, review and professional learning and support one another in their commitment to best practice. There is certainly courage and compassion present at MMC as together we educate our young women to be confident creators of a world made new.

Learning Discipline for Term 4
Term 4 requires a special learning discipline for student and families. The imminent arrival of the summer holiday period can be a temptation for some to lose focus on the all important learning that Term 4 requires. Students need to maintain their focus on learning. A loss of focus can result in a dramatic decrease in expected learning outcomes. Students in all year levels have a special opportunity to improve by maintaining their focus on learning. This is the time for learning achievement to consolidate and peak. Families can assist by maintaining routines, ensuring positive talk about learning and by co-setting boundaries and expectations around learning and behaviour.

Semi Formal
The Year 11 semi-formal last Saturday night was a great success and a special opportunity for our students to step out in style. Special thanks must be extended to Ms Madonna Riggall and Ms Narelle Dobson for their work in bringing the night to fruition. Thanks also to those staff who assisted on the evening: Mr Wayne Chapman, Mrs Cath Rodden, Ms Carly Richardson, Mrs Pauline Daniell, Mrs Stacey Hertrick, Mrs Kelli Cooper, Ms Tania Meredith, Ms Lucia Varela, Mrs Jessica Gillespie, Ms Mary Hilton, Mrs Aime Culpepper, Mrs Cheryl Bowring, Mrs Kaye Jeffery, Mrs Margaret Roff and Mrs Donna Griffiths.

Prayer Vigil
Last Monday evening, the Sisters of St Joseph hosted a prayer vigil ‘For those who have come across the seas’. The Final Blessing is well worth contemplating:

May God bless us with a discontent - at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that we will live deeply within our hearts.
May God bless us with anger - at injustice, oppression, abuse and exploitation of people so that we will work for justice, equality and peace.
May God bless us with tears - to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we will reach out to comfort them, changing their path to one of joy.
May God bless us with the foolishness - to think we can make a difference, so that we will do the things that others tell us cannot be done.

Christine Clarke
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Welcoming our 2016 Year 7 students

As part of our program for the successful transition of primary school girls to Mary MacKillop College we have developed a Peer Mentor Big Sister role for present students who wish to mentor and support new students. We have been overwhelmed by the level of interest from present students wishing to apply for these positions. Successful applicants will be trained through the remainder of the year and at the beginning of the year in the skills of a mentor to ensure they are adequately prepared for their new role.

They will greet new students and their families on Orientation Day (Sunday 18 October) and on Transition Day (Friday 23 October). The names of the Peer Mentors are listed by House later in this newsletter.

Say NO to traditional stereotypes

A recent recruitment advertisement for an American company featuring a young female software engineer has given rise to a new social media campaign, #ILookLikeAnEngineer, after she faced an unexpected backlash from people who assumed she was a model, "too pretty" to be a real engineer and only there to attract males to engineering. Isis Anchalee Wenger (@IsisAnchalee) wrote a post in response to the negative reaction she received and launched the hashtag #ILookLikeAnEngineer on Twitter to challenge stereotypes about who engineers are and what they look like (https://www.agsa.org.au/page/News/iLookLikeAnEngineer_and_don_t_need_everything_coloured_pink/).

Stereotypes are not restricted to engineers. Stereotypes are in all careers and aspects of our life. Traditional gender roles maintain the expectation that women are required to cook, clean and maintain the household. Men have been taught through social roles, modelling and the media to be tough, not to cry, not to be verbal, not to discuss their emotions, that they are the power holders and decision makers and that they are entitled to the attention and services of women. Such a concept of male entitlement created by gender roles is associated with domestic violence.

Frighteningly some young people, particularly young men, support gender stereotypes and hold concerning attitudes supporting violence. Nearly one-third (27.8%) of males agree that "Girls like guys who are in charge of the relationship"; 18.8% agreed that "Men are supposed to be the head of the household and take control of the relationship"; and 14.6% agreed that "Men are usually better at more things than women". In addition, males were more likely to believe that "It's not always wrong to hit someone, sometimes they provoke it" (21.6%) and that "It may not be right, but threatening to hit someone gets you what you want" (14.2%) (Youth Action and the White Ribbon Foundation, 2014).

As parents, we have a significant role in nurturing our children’s interests, values and ultimately, career decisions. Often, we unintentionally introduce gender stereotypes through our interactions with our children or introduce gender stereotype thinking into the home. As parents it is our responsibility to counter these gender stereotypes and prejudice in all its forms and to take a stand against domestic violence. Raise awareness to the negative stereotypes which exist in society and especially in relationships. Join campaigns such as #ILookLikeAnEngineer and The Week of Action (http://nnedv.org/getinvolved/dvam/4540-week-of-action-2015.html) which denounce stereotypes and domestic violence. Empower your children by making sure they understand that prejudice and discrimination are wrong and take appropriate action.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Final House Assembly - Year 12 Parents Welcome

Our seniors will be farewelled by their House sisters on Friday 30 October at 1.45pm. All Year 12 parents are invited to this farewell. Houses will gather in their House areas: Fitzroy – top of Fitzroy building; McCormack – Sisters of St Joseph Cultural Centre (Hall) and Penola – top of Penola building.

If you would like to attend please RSVP through www.trybooking.com/JIJJ by Friday 23rd October. All parents are required to sign in at reception prior to entering the College grounds.

Final College Assembly - Year 12 Parents Welcome

All Year 12 students and their parents will receive a formal invitation to the Senior Graduation which will be held on the evening of Thursday 19 November. The invitation outlines the details and RSVP requirements. On the morning of 19th Nov the seniors will be farewelled by the College community. Year 12 parents are most welcome to join the community for this final assembly which will be held in Sisters of St Joseph Cultural Centre (Hall).

If you would like to attend please RSVP through www.trybooking.com/JIJN by Friday 12th November. All parents are required to sign in at reception prior to entering the College grounds.

Year 11 Semi-Formal

Last Saturday staff and students attended the Semi-Formal at The Pavilion at Albion. The girls and their guests were treated to a varied menu of hot and cold savoury finger foods, mocktail drinks and amazing desserts. We were very pleased to be able to spend this special evening with the girls.

Narelle Dobson
Deputy Principal - Director of Students
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

Beginning Well

It is most important that our young women commence the term with productive study habits. Parents should see students using their home study time effectively. Students who are undertaking appropriate homework would be allocating time on study as follows:

- Year 7: 1 hour per school evening
- Year 8 and 9: 1 to 1 and ½ hours
- Year 10: 2 hours
- Years 11 and 12: 2 to 3 hours

A student’s home study could include:

- Completing set home work
- Completing assignment tasks
- Reading
- Undertaking practice questions
- Revising by making study notes from the work covered in class
- Writing down questions to ask her teachers in the following lessons.

In particular, at this stage of the term students should:

1. Access the Assessment Schedule which is available at the Academic Excellence page of the college website
2. Plan a schedule of study leading into exams that occur at the end of the term. They need to do some extra study each week on each subject area
3. Plan to allocate time for each assignment so as to complete it as fully as possible prior to submitting a draft to their teacher for feedback. Assignments completed on the night before the due date rarely represent a student’s best work

Night of Excellence

The College Awards Evening celebrates excellence within our community. This year it takes place on Wednesday October 28 at 6:30pm in the College hall. Students who are prize winners will receive a letter home during the next week indicating that they will be receiving an award on the evening.

New Devices for Students in 2016

Students in Years 10 to 12 (2016) will be provided with a new device to replace our current Dell Netbooks and student BYO Devices. Students will be receiving a Surface 3 tablet to support and extend their learning. Our current Year 7 and 8 students will continue with their new (2015) laptops next year.

This is a reminder that from 2016 students will not be allowed to bring their own device.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

Teacher Professional Learning
Significant staff professional development has been occurring throughout 2015 and continued at the beginning of this term.

Two important initiatives have included an eLearning Strategy and Implementation team to further explore and develop staff capacities in the convergence of technology with learning and a team exploring Visible Learning research for implementation in our community.

I thank Ms Carly Richardson, Ms Lucia Varela, Ms Nidean Dickson, Ms Bernadine Anning, Mrs Karyn Chapman and Mr Bill Webb for their work in exploring eLearning in our College. This work has extended from the college Information Technology Committee which consists of Mrs Christine Clarke, Mr Bill Webb, Mr John Branjerdporn and me.

I also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Christine Clarke, Mrs Cheryl Bowring, Ms Sally Carr and Mr David Crewe for their work in beginning to investigate Visible Learning including research into the most highly effective practice for improving student learning.

Wayne Chapman
Deputy Principal - Director of Studies
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

Storytelling

Storytelling is fundamental to understanding ourselves. Through story, we find out about our history, who we are, where we belong, our values. This ancient art form is essentially about education, the first port of call to learning. Telling stories is also a way for people to find connection, to belong to a group.

Over the holidays, four of our students, Rosalba Rigamoto, Bethani Tukana, Carmeline Chibaloza and Atarrah West, had the exciting opportunity to participate in storytelling workshops at ACU over two days. They heard many amazing stories from young people who have faced challenges as a result of difficulties in their country of their origin. The outcome of this experience is for the students to develop and present their own story of hope and resilience. The students have been allocated mentors, who will work with them once a week for six weeks to help them shape their story. These stories will be presented in late November at ACU. We look forward to the unfolding of their stories that will reveal something of each storyteller; stories which will teach us.

Students in our religion classes investigate the significance of story. Stories are vital to our human existence and to our spirituality.

Storytelling is an ancient and deeply embedded human impulse; we learn, we communicate, we connect across generations through stories. We use them to explore the minutiae of human life, taking delight in the smallest things. And we tell grander tales of origins and endings. History is littered with stories about the creation of the universe; they seem as old as humanity itself. Multifarious gods, cosmic eggs, worlds emerging from chaos or order, from the waters or the sky or nothing at all – there exist as many creation myths as there are cultures. The impulse to understand the origin of the universe is clearly a powerful unifying idea, although the very existence of many different mythologies continues to be a source of division. It is an unfortunate testament to the emotional power of creation narratives that so much energy is spent arguing about old ones rather than using the increasingly detailed observational evidence available to twenty-first-century citizens to construct new ones. We live in a very privileged and exciting time in this sense, because observational evidence for creation stories was scant even a single lifetime ago….(p.49).

A twentieth century Belgian mathematician and priest named Georges Lemaitre said: “There were two ways of arriving at the truth; I decided to follow them both (2014, 50).” Lemaitre planted his flag firmly in the no-man’s-land between religion and science – a strip of intellectual land occupied, whether we like it or not, by cosmology. A student of Harlow Shapely, this deeply religious man never saw a conflict between these two very different modes of human thought…. I am willing to recognise that romance, or wonder, or whatever the term is for that deep feeling of awe when contemplating the universe in all its immensity, is a central component of both religious and scientific experience, and perhaps there is room for both in providing the inspiration for the exploration of nature…. (p.53).

…by the virtuous combination of observation and thought [and storytelling], we have been able to discover our place (p.56).

Captain’s Corner

As The Year Rolls By

The year is drawing to a close, but Mary MacKillop College never fails to keep us all occupied. This term is jam packed. The College community will experience something new in each week of the last term of 2015!

Term four’s focus is on Human Trafficking. The Student Leadership Team believes that it is of the upmost importance that the young women of this College are educated about this serious issue and are aware of how close it can be to their lives.

This is an overview of the term and many of its exciting events!

Week One: Term 4 commences and Year 11s dip their toes into the exciting formal life, during their Semi Formal

Week Two: 2015’s last Community Council meeting and Year 7 Orientation Day

Week Three: Year 7 Transition Day, where our new arrivals will experience a whole day as a Mary MacKillop student

Week Four: Night of Excellence and the final House Assembly where the House Captains will farewell the houses they have led this year

Week Five: Senior Joy Day and the final College Assembly where College, Cultural, Justice and Sport captains will farewell the College community

Week Six: Year 12 Assessment Block

Week Seven: Senior Outing, Year 12 Graduation and Year 12 Final day

Week Eight: Year 7-11 Assessment Block and the Final School Day of 2015!

It has been an amazing year full of wonderful and exciting developments. We are proud to have been College Captains in its midst, but we are not finished yet! Term 4 will be like no other term this year and the Student Leadership Team is equipped and ready to tackle all of its challenges alongside the incredible community of Mary MacKillop College.

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles
College Captains
From the Business Manager

Student ID Card Payment System

Earlier this year, in Term 2, a student swipocard system was introduced in our Tuckshop, whereby students can add value to their student ID cards and use the credits to purchase items from the tuckshop.

The time has now arrived where parents can also logon and add Tuckshop credits on behalf of the student(s). This system:

- enables parents to monitor what the student has been buying
- eliminates the practice of handling cash before consuming food
- cuts down waiting time in the queue

What to do: Please keep an eye out and check your email in the next couple of days.

An auto generated email will be sent to you with the logon details.

Remember to check your junk mail box if you cannot locate the welcome email

Enter the email and password provided into the Email/Password section (as seen below)

Once logged on, please remember to change your password by clicking on 'Change Your Settings' and then opening the 'Website Password' tab.
From the Business Manager

Parents can also access the system via the MMC Parent Portal, by clicking on the Top Up Tuckshop Account tile.

If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to email me at branjej@mmc.qld.edu.au

John Branjerdporn
Business Manager
In this week’s edition, we highlight the wonderful young women of F6 with their House Group Teacher Mrs Kellie Cooper. I know you will enjoy reading about the achievements and interests of each of these girls.

Peer Mentors

I would like to congratulate the following girls who will be Peer Mentors ~ Big Sisters ~ to our Yr 7 girls in 2016. They have attended two afternoons of training and their first event will be welcoming the Yr 7s at Sunday’s Orientation Day.

Peer Mentors:

F1 Karla Frangiosa
F2 Maggie Ekert and Hannah Milton
F3 Ruvimbo Mautsa, Megan Charlouis and Xanthe Brown
F4 Katie Fennelly
F5 Lenora Myers
F6 Bridget Moore, Claudia Dohnt and Kristina Ingeri
F7 Kathryn Kamuti, Abigail Bannan and Joy Yang

I wish them well in this initiative and I know the Yr 7s will benefit greatly from having a ‘big sister’ to help them settle and feel at home.

The year is quickly coming to an end and there are several events especially designed to acknowledge and thank our Yr 12 young women as they bid farewell to MMC and begin the next exciting stage of life.

One such event is our Final House Assembly on October 30th. This is the last time that the Yr 12s will be with their Fitzroy friends and we farewell them as members of Fitzroy ~ the Pride of MMC.

Parents / family members are more than welcome to attend this celebration. It will be held on the top floor of Fitzroy, which is accessible by lift, and will begin at 1.50pm. If you would like to come, please RSVP through www.trybooking.com/JIJJ by Friday 23rd October so that there will be ample seating put out?

Winnie the Pooh has many words of wisdom and these words are an example. Indeed we are blessed that we have a joyous group of Yr 12s to farewell. It is a mutual feeling I’m sure.

Blessings for the week

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader – Fitzroy House
From F6 House Group

As a new teacher to Mary MacKillop College, I feel blessed to be given F6 as my House Group. The Year 12 students, Shreya Devi, Maree Matejic, Cassie Paulke and Ciara Taylor are wonderful role models and I thank them for their support this year. Cassie is the College Justice Captain and has initiated the KWISS program and promoted awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves. Shreya, Maree and Ciara have like Cassie, worked hard all year on their academic studies but have also found time to support Fitzroy and help out in House Group.

The Year 11 students, Ebonie Grinlaubs, Bridget Moore and Abi Rowlands are working on developing their leadership skills and are actively involved in various sports, debating, music programs and other extra-curricular activities respectively. Congratulations to Ebonie, 2016 Fitzroy House captain.

The Year 10 girls comprise Claudia Dohnt, a school representative in many sports; Kristina Ingeri who is committed to her St Johns First Aid duties; Mesika Rajendran who is determined to improve her academic results and Caitlin Smith, a star soccer player.

The five Year 9 girls in F6 are Sarah Bradbury, Jymekah Spence, Penny Kent, Doris Tufuga, and Millie Rowan. Sarah, Penny and Millie are quiet achievers, focussing their time and energy on their academic studies. Doris and Jymekah are fine athletes and have represented MMC at various sports.

Bailey Maujean and Rahni O’Dea are the two Year 8 girls in F6. Congratulations to Rahni on achieving her black belt in Taekwondo and Bailey thrives on building solid relationships with all her House Group friends.

The four year 7 girls are Natalia Calabaro, Charisma de St Laurent, Kildare Packwood, and Georgia Walker. Each girl has found her niche at MMC and participated in various extra-curricular activities including touch, soccer, netball and KWISS.

Ms Kellie Cooper
House Group Teacher F6
Congratulations

Congratulations to Brooke Watego who won two Silver medals at the Queensland State Titles for Karate during the holidays (20th September 2015) at Upper Mt Gravatt. Brooke, placed 2nd for Kata and 2nd for Kumite and she also qualified for the Australian Nationals to be held in Melbourne in November. She competed against an athlete who was ranked 2 belts higher than her and was beaten by no more than 1 point. Brooke said "overall, it was a good day to compete for something I really love and am passionate about".

Final House Assembly

Our Final House assembly will take place on Friday 30th at 1.45 pm sharp in the Hall. This is a special assembly where we acknowledge the efforts of our house Captains and also share special memories of the year and the seniors who will be leaving the College. We will also be awarding a very special prize to a senior student who embodies all of our House values and has been an exemplary role model to the community. This award is called the Women of Justice. Families are welcome to attend this important event and are asked to book their free tickets via www.trybooking.com/JIJJ by Friday 23rd October.

Peer Mentors

McCormack house is very proud to announce the peer mentors for 2015-2016

- M1: Adele Isaacs and Roxanne Cardona
- M2: Tahlia Pratt and Rebecca Micallef
- M3: Shalini Lata
- M4: Eliza Landles and Carly Francis
- M5: Mikayla Patterson, Grace Tedim and Annie Thewlis
- M6: Isabella Sheehan, Bhadra Rajendren and Cassandra Martinz
- M7: Rosalba Rigamoto

The girls have attended two training sessions and will continue to undertake training during 2016. They will act as big sister support and role models to the new students in their House and will look for opportunities to share activities and experiences assisting the girls to feel connected to their school. They are an enthusiastic group of girls and we feel very privileged to have such a diverse group spanning various year levels.

Aime Culpeper
Pastoral Leader – McCormack House
Penola News

Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back to term 4. Term 4 is always a busy term and represents a period of transition and change for many students. Amidst this business, students are reminded of their responsibilities to meet College expectations including:

- Uniform
- Punctuality to school and classes
- Behaviour and conduct

To ensure that each student finishes 2015 well, we are seeking the support of parents/caregivers to ensure that the ladies of Penola are giving of their best across this term.

Peer Mentors

We congratulate the Penola ladies who have successfully completed the induction program and begin their work as peer mentors this week welcoming our Year 7 students for 2016. These students are:

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Congratulations and Best wishes

Rosie Mamet (P6) and Mia Nolan (P4) competed in the Pony Club Association Queensland state Championships held in Roma. Rosie placed 7th overall on the formal gymkhana and 19th in the sporting gymkhana in the 13 years age group and Mia placed 7th overall in the 14 years age group. These are amazing results and both the girls rode exceptionally well. Over the 4 days of competition, there were over 200 horse and riders competing.

We wish Sarah Lockhart (P4) all the best for next week as she represent Met North at the QLD state cricket titles and we extend our best wishes to Jessica Rotondo (P1) and Paris Stephens (P6) who are competing at the state ice skating championships over the coming week.

Do you know a Penola student who is excelling in the chosen pursuit? Please feel free to email me on richarc@mmc.qld.edu.au so we can acknowledge their achievements.

Ms Carly Richardson
Pastoral Leader - Penola House

From the Heads of House cont.
Welcome Back
Welcome back to a jam packed term for the Music Department! There are some huge events coming up including the Arts Showcase, Music Soiree, Night of Excellence and performances at Orientation Day.

Housekeeping
A reminder to all parents and families that private lessons and ensemble rehearsals have recommenced for the term. All that all students should arrive to these lessons and rehearsal promptly and make ensemble rehearsals a priority.

Date Claimers

Orientation Day
VOCAL ATTACK
Sunday 18th October
Arrive 1.15pm, Finish 3.00pm

Night of Excellence
Concert Band, Vocal Attack, 7/8 Choir, Rock Band, Selected Soloists
Rehearsals - Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th
Performance – Wednesday 28th from 6pm

Music Soiree
Private Instrumental Students
Tuesday November 3rd

Arts Showcase
All Music Ensembles
Thursday November 5th

Bree Cohen
Music Coordinator
From the Certificate II in Active Volunteering Students

The Spirit of service is alive and well at Mary Mackillop College in Nundah. During the month of October, Senior students undertaking a Certificate II in Active Volunteering through Volunteering Queensland, donated $2500 to Connected Inc, a local charity and disaster recovery centre located in Virginia Brisbane.

The president of the Board for Connected Inc, Mrs Gwen Braga, who received the Order of Australia Medal in 2014 for Community Service, accepted the donation. At a special assembly she shared with the students of Mary Mackillop College her personal story of devastating loss during the 2011 floods and how she came to volunteer with Connected.

Celine Dettmann a senior student at the College and the team leader for multiple fundraising projects said, “We chose Connected Inc because this charity embodies the Mary Mackillop spirit to never see a need without doing something about it”. She said she particularly enjoyed giving something back to her local community.

Our school has developed a community partnership with Connected Inc over a number of years because they are a worthy, not for profit organisation that has helped almost 30,000 Australians and assisted disaster recovery efforts in Fiji and Vanuatu. It is important for our young women to be involved in service, learning and volunteering as it helps them to learn self-awareness, build confidence, develop leadership skills and appreciate how blessed they are.

Connected Inc accepts a variety of donations and are always looking for Volunteers to assist them. If you would like to get involved, you can visit their website www.connected.org.au

Aime Culpeper
Program Coordinator
From the Drama Department

MAKE ‘EM LAUGH

Stand-up Comedy is a very difficult genre to write and an even more difficult genre to perform! So much depends not only on the choice of material (the satire, the fluency, the linking), but also on the conventions of presenting Stand-Up (breaking the ‘4th wall’, direct audience address, comic timing/tempo, mimicking, gesturing, multiple role-playing etcetera).

On Wednesday October 7th, the Year 11 Drama and Drama Studies classes held an evening christened ‘MAKE EM LAUGH’, where they had the opportunity to perform their original Stand-Up comedy monologues which they had devised for an assessment task during Term 3. The challenge for the girls was to bring their monologues to life and perform before an audience of parents, teachers and friends. This was not an assessment task for the girls, but simply an opportunity for them to experience Solo work before an audience and to understand and experience the benefits that come with facing your fears and rising to meet a challenge!

These Year 11 students were initially (and understandably) very nervous! However, the bar was raised, the gauntlet was thrown down, and the students took up the challenge to become Stand-Up comedians for the evening!

What a wonderfully entertaining, hilarious occasion “MAKE EM LAUGH” was! BRAVO, girls! You were simply fabulous!

Mary Fletcher
Drama Teacher
From the Japanese Department

Tea Ceremony & iMovie

Ms Tashiro, a valued friend of our MMC community, delighted our Year 7 students on her recent visit from Japan with traditional tea ceremony and origami demonstrations. Year 7s also finalised their Japanese Speaking Tasks using iMovie with various authentic costumes. They enjoyed interacting with a range of language learning apps on newly purchase iPads as a focal part of their course work this term.

Leighton Gilmour
Japanese Teacher
From the Ignite Catholic Youth Conference

Students from Mary MacKillop College attended the Ignite Catholic Youth Conference during the September holidays. Here are some of their stories.

If there is one thing I learnt at Ignite Catholic Youth conference, it is that no matter what you do, no matter where you are, Jesus will always love you and the Holy Spirit will always be there for you.

The four days I spent at the Ignite Conference are four days that I will never forget. I walked into the conference, unsure of what exactly to expect. After registration we made our way downstairs to where all the main activities would be happening, I was absolutely astounded by the amount of young people who were walking around. The fact that all of these young people had come together for one reason, to praise and find Jesus, is amazing.

The energy in the air was ecstatic and became even more so, when half an hour later, we strolled into the main auditorium where the Night Rallies were taking place. On the stage, the band ‘Emmanuel Worship’ was playing and there were over a hundred teenagers just like us, dancing up front. Their happiness and praise of Jesus became almost contagious and before I knew it, I was up there with the crowd, dancing and singing along to the music.

Each night as I went the Rallies, I felt my faith and love for God become more and more awakened. After the opening music from Emmanuel Worship, every night, a guest speaker would come up onto the stage and tell us about their stories and experience with the Holy Spirit, Jesus and their faith.

One speech that particularly inspired me was the speech made by Father Bony Abraham who is a priest for Missionaries of God’s Love. The moment he walked out onto the stage, the crowd went wild. It was as if he was a pop star. He had such an effervescent personality. The whole time he was preaching to us, he was bouncing around and singing and making jokes that had the whole crowd roaring with laughter. You could tell that the idea of the Holy Spirit truly excited him and that I felt as if that excitement had been passed onto me. He inspired me so much that I decided to take part in the Prayer Teams later that night, extremely eager to experience the Holy Spirit for myself. That decision to take part in the Prayer Teams is one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life for I did experience the Holy Spirit and it was awesomely overwhelming.

The Ignite Conference was such an amazing time for me and there is no way I could put into words everything I learnt and all the fun I had. I will definitely be attending again next year.

Ashlyn Hill Y10 P6
From the The Ignite Catholic Youth Conference cont.

Put simply, The Ignite Youth Conference was spectacular! Not only were the speakers and workshops inspiring, but the whole conference itself was focussed towards the Youth, and therefore a load of fun. At night and in the morning rallies were held, featuring epic music by Emmanuel Worship, dancing, as well as a speaker. Lunchtimes were just as good. Outside the conference hall resided the mighty ping-pong table. Here a large portion of my time was spent, attempting to conquer all those that stood in my way! I met new people and made good friends. My days were filled with workshops held both by the NET (National Evangelisation Team) Ministries team and other speakers, such as Father Bony, one of the most down to earth and hilarious priests you’ll ever meet.

As said by Steve Allgeyer, Life Teen’s V.P. of Mission and Ministry,

_Like Jesus, we should be dangerous! The Church should be dangerous! In our world today we’ve lost that danger. So many times with our faith we try to just be really nice and not offend. We have a God, the one, not only did he loved, but he loved in such a way that it scared people._

_In this way, Jesus - The One- is dangerous, because he couldn’t be controlled by the authorities of the time and couldn’t be pinned down._

That is exactly what the Young Church of today is encouraged to become. That’s what Ignite aimed to spark within each young person attending the conference. Pat Keady, the director of Ignite, told each of us;

_We don’t need accepters of the status quo, we need agitators of change! Now is not the time to calm down, now is the time to get excited!_  

Now is the time to change the world!

Isabelle Sheehan Y10 M6
The theme of this conference was, “One.” The meaning and symbolism of this theme was outlined and explained by the many wonderful speakers throughout the duration of this conference. There were many different interpretations of this theme, all of which linked together and essentially came to the same conclusion.

We have one shot, one chance, Ignite was an opportunity for us to allow ourselves to open our hearts to God. We were asked if we were going to grab it or just let it slip. Another aspect of the theme was one way, one truth, one life. John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”. We were told that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, the only way to reach the Father is through him. Jesus is the One.

We also learned what kind of a person Jesus was. One speaker told us that Jesus, in his time, tested the status quo and was an unpredictable person. He was a threat to those in power at the time. He was, in a word, “dangerous”. Yes, we were made aware of what a dangerous man our leader is, no one—not even those who followed him—knew what he was going to do next. We were advised that he was not a ‘oh lets be friends and make up’ kind of guy; he was dangerous, unpredictable and unyielding. The speaker proclaimed, “I don’t know about you guys but I want someone like that on my side”.

What I took from this Ignite Youth Conference, from this experience, was that Jesus, was an agitator. He was someone who saw the corruption and evil within the world he lived in and knew that it was wrong, and like Mary MacKillop, did something about it. Jesus not only brought justice to people, but brought love as well. I witnessed such love at Ignite Youth Conference. Peace.

Ruby Watson Y10 M5
1. **CERTIFICATE III IN MEDIA (CUF30107) - High School Program**

Are you looking to start your future in the creative industry? QSFT’s Certification III in Media - High School Program provides senior high school students the opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification that provides the fundamental skills necessary to work in the film and television industry.

This program aims to bring out the creative abilities in you that are desired in the new digital media platforms as well as in the conventional web applications that are required to engage customers in the competitive online world.

**Program Summary**
- 12 Months Foundation Course
- Designed for Year 11 & 12 Students
- One Class per Week
- Add 7 QCE Points on Completion
- Kick Start Your Film Career

**Learning Outcome**
- Short Film Development
- Production Management
- Camera Assistant
- Lighting Assistant
- Editing Assistant
- Production Assistant

Round 1 Offer Closes on 30th of October, 2015
Course Commencement Date: 10th February, 2016
Spaces are limited, to find out more about the Certificate III in Media - High School Program; Email us at marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au or Call (07) 3392 7788

2. **Narbil Training & Consulting Services** is a family owned and operated business based in Queensland (RTO Provider Number 31890).

As the school year rapidly draws to a close which sees school leavers seeking employment opportunities, they are currently offering a generous school student discount on their White Card courses of $39. This is a heavily reduced price which will assist these students in their employment endeavours.

The company offers the following online training courses:
- SITHFAB201 - Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol
- SITHGAM201 - Provide Responsible Gambling Services
- SITXFSA101 – Use Hygienic Practices for food safety
- SITXFSA201- Participate in safe food handling practices

Their online courses can be accessed 24/7, by visiting the web site; [www.narbiltraining.edu.au](http://www.narbiltraining.edu.au)
3. **Job Vacancy**
   Part-time work (weekends and school holidays) is available at Jusu (juice and sushi bar) at DFO. If you are interested please see Mrs McPherson in the Careers Office. You will need a cover letter. The owners are parents of a past student of the college.

4. **Considering University of the Sunshine Coast for next year?**
   Then here’s a date for your diary - Date: 9th December
   Time: 1–5pm
   Location: University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs campus
   At Meet USC you can:
   - Chat with program advisers about your preferred degree
   - Attend a ‘Planning Your Career’ session with one of our Career Counsellors
   - Take a campus tour with a student ambassador
   - Talk to staff in Student Central about how to apply, fees, and scholarships
   - Learn about accommodation and tour complexes near our campus
   - Attend our special presentation ‘What to Expect Next’
   It’s the ideal way to get prepared so you’ll be ready to hit the ground running next year.

5. **Academy of Design** Open Days are on Friday and Saturday 30/31 October 2015.
   43 Queen Street Mall
   Brisbane 4000
   07 55925326

6. **Interested in a career in hairdressing?** A local salon is looking for a current Year 12 student interested in applying for a Full Time first year Apprenticeship as well as a Year 10 student interested in a school-based apprenticeship. Please make an appointment with the Careers Office if you would like more details.

   The University of Queensland will offer students a number of innovative new study options in 2016.
   - **Bachelor of Mathematics**
     The program is designed specifically for high achieving mathematics and science students who are interested in a challenging program that will extend them and provide them with the foundation for a career using mathematics.
   - **New Programs in Agriculture and Animals**
     These four programs at the UQ Gatton campus will provide pathways into global agricultural and animal science careers in industry and research. These programs will replace the current Bachelor of Applied Science.
     - Bachelor or Equine Science
     - Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture
     - Bachelor of Veterinary Technology
     - Bachelor of Wildlife Science
   Go to [www.science.uq.edu.au](http://www.science.uq.edu.au) for more details.
7. **Stefan Hair Fashions** has between 60 and 70 new apprenticeships on offer for Year 12 students interested in studying a Certificate 3 in Hairdressing. Please call Stefan Head Office on 07 3840 0000 to make an appointment for an interview. Anticipated start will be December 2015/January 2016.

8. **Australian Defence Force Academy Future Leaders Networking Evening**  
If you are currently in Year 11 and have an interest in ADFA, please join ADFA staff on Tuesday 24 November at Victoria Park Golf Complex from 6.30pm – 8.30pm for an evening of canapes and networking.  

This evening will provide an opportunity for you and your parents to interact with ADFA graduates and discover how you can become a world class leader through the Australian Defence Force Academy. Please RSVP by Friday 13 November 2015 to CPTQLD2dfr.com.au. When sending through your RSVP please provide names of attendees and any special dietary requirements.

9. **The Institute of Modern Languages** runs a Summer High School Program for students in Years 11 and 12. If you are interested in learning about these language learning enrichment programs, please collect a brochure from the Careers Office. The due date for enrolment is Monday 7 December 2015.  

www.iml.uq.edu.au
Read, Watch, Play theme for October: ‘Darkread’, Mental Health Week

Welcome back to Term 4. This term promises to be another great term in the library with girls busy working on subject assignments and Reading Circle in English. We recently celebrated Mental Health Week Qld in the Maryvale library with a display of ‘Issues in Society’ books about teen health, managing depression and anxiety. To learn more, visit the website at [http://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/home](http://www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au/home). The Read, Watch, Play theme for October is ‘Darkread’. To find out more about this theme and for some reading suggestions, go to the website at [https://readwatchplay.wordpress.com/monthly-themes/october-2015/](https://readwatchplay.wordpress.com/monthly-themes/october-2015/).

Some new ‘Darkreads’ we have in the library:
‘Through the Woods’ by Emily Carroll
‘Demon Road’ by Derek Landy
‘Day Boy’ by Trent Jamieson
‘Vampire Diaries – The salvation - unmasked’ by L.J. Smith
‘Silver shadows’ by Richelle Mead

Halloween

October 31st is Halloween. The name ‘Hallowe’en’ was given to a festival to pray for the souls of the dead, celebrated by the early Roman Catholic Church. It means ‘All Hallows’ Eve’ – the day before All Saints Day. There are plenty of scary, spooky reads available to you in the library. Why not check out or library book display for some title ideas? The library committee will be organising a competition for Halloween so watch the daily notices for further details!
From The Resource Centre cont.

“Inside a Dog” Inky Awards and Queensland Literary Awards Winners 2015


The Queensland Literary Awards for 2015 Winners have been announced and the winner of the Griffith University Young Adult Book Award goes to “The Pause” by John Larkin!

New Resources and Updated Research and Resource Centre Information page on Moodle

We have some new non-fiction titles including autobiographies on display in Area 3 of the library, some of which may be useful for assignments and new fiction, including graphic novels, picture book and senior fiction titles in the Reading Room so why not borrow some today! Genre stickers (eg supernatural stories, fantasy) on the spine of new fiction books makes selection easier!

Don't forget to check out the Reading and Resource Centre Information Page on Moodle for information about upcoming events and competitions in the library as well as links to book review sites and research guides for subject assignments. Links have recently been added to Clickview videos relevant to junior humanities such as Ancient Greece and Medieval Japan!

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Library Reminders for Term 4

As we approach the end of the year, please don’t forget the basic rules of the library – no food or drink is to be brought into the library, including at morning tea or lunch and no bags are to be left in the library entranceway. All year 7-10 Reading Circle books will be due back on 20 November. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Brisbane City Council Library Membership

Also, it’s not too late to become a member of your local Brisbane City Council library with your parents’ permission (http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/joining-the-library/index.htm) and register for an E-Services card on the State Library of Queensland website (http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/ecard) if you are in year 11 or 12, so you can access a greater variety of online databases for free to help with researching for subject assignments. The school subscribes to a number of online databases which you can access via the UQ Cyberschool library site www.library.uq.edu.au/schools as well as a number of other useful links under the Students – Search section.

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

Madonna Riggall
Library Aide/Book Hire Convenor
From Joeys

Tuckshop Roster
Monday 19th Oct - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 20th Oct - Penelope McCarthy
Wednesday 21st Oct - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 22nd Oct - Veronique Taylor
Friday 23rd Oct - Help Needed Please!

Monday 26th Oct - Irene Lata and Joanne Clements
Tuesday 27th Oct - Help Needed Please!
Wednesday 28th Oct - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 29th Oct - Help Needed Please!
Friday 30th Oct - Help Needed Please!

From The Office

Go Cards
Could parents please write their daughter’s names on their Go Cards in permanent pen. We often have Go Cards come into lost property and there is no way to identify who they belong to otherwise.

Students Travelling by Train
A reminder to all students to NOT wear your hat while standing on Toombul station. Quite often hats are blown off and fall onto the tracks. Our local stationmaster then has to have the trains stopped while he retrieves the hat, which of course causes disruption along the line.

Leah Licence
Student Reception
Community Noticeboard

Rove McManus Sir Richard Branson Bill Gates David Beckham Dick Smith Bear Grylls

Boys and Girls are invited to visit and participate in our

Invitation to Try Scouting

Be Prepared... for new adventure!

Joey Scouts (6 to 8 years old)
When: Wednesday 6pm to 7pm
Cub Scouts (8 to 11 years old)
When: Wednesday 7pm to 8:30pm
Scouts (11 to 15 years old)
When: Thursday 7pm to 9pm
Venturer Scouts (15 to 18 years old)
When: Wednesday 7pm to 9:30pm

At Wavell Heights Scout Den
MURRAY DUUS PARK, on EDINBURGH CASTLE ROAD,
WAVELL HEIGHTS (behind the Bowls Club and Community Centre).
Access via Fourteenth Avenue

Contact: Josh on 0435 205 035
Email: WavellHeightsScouts@gmail.com

Of the 12 men that have walked on the moon... 11 were Scouts.

Harrison Ford Ian Skippen Celine Dion Barack Obama Michael Jordan David Attenborough

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE

Semester 2, 2015

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.