From the Principal

Student Leadership Team for 2016

The College community congratulates the following students who have been elected to leadership positions for 2016.

College Captains: Georgina Brough and Nadia Cash

Fitzroy House Captains: Ebonie Grinlaubs and Kathryn Kamuti
McCormack House Captains: Lily Dahms and Zhane Fisher
Penola House Captains: Georgia Crompton and Darcy Meares
Justice Captain: Rosalba Rigomoto
Culture Captain: Bethani Tukana
Sport Captain: Nyalela OBonno

MMC Vital to Nundah

The students and staff of Mary MacKillop College added colour and spirit to last weekend’s fabulous Nundah festival. We love being part of the Nundah neighbourhood and are committed to furthering our proactive contribution to the community. If you were among the throngs in Sandgate Road you could hardly have missed the young women of Mary MacKillop College. They were there volunteering their support for Connected Inc. They were there with Aunty Maud performing fully costumed Indigenous dance. They were there looking smart and disciplined as they performed their sports aerobics and cheer routines. They were there entertaining the crowds with their rock music. They were there painting the faces of little ones and sharing the story of the College with prospective families.

Thanks to each and every one of our staff (Mr Paul Brown, Ms Narelle Dobson, Mrs Carolyn Harman, Ms Glenda Bassa, Mr Wayne Chapman, Ms Aime Culpeper, Ms Carly Richardson, Ms Bernadine Anning, Mrs Trish Dolphin, Ms Michelle Fountain, Ms Madonna Matthews, Mrs Cath Rodden, Ms Cheryl Bowring, Mrs Karyn Chapman, Ms Bree Cohen, Ms Georgie McKenzie) and students who stepped out, heads held high, helping to strengthen the local community.
Mary MacKillop College is thrilled to be involved in local preparations for some very special 2016 Josephite celebrations. Recently we were invited by Sr Lyn Stabler to join her and Sr Michele Shipperley, Sr Stella Noskoff, Sr Denise Brosnan and Sr Margaret McKenna to brainstorm ideas. Specifically, Mary MacKillop College will be involved in the music and opening of the 9:30am Mass at Corpus Christi Church on 19 March 2016. This Mass will celebrate 150 years since the establishment of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Our students will also present a dramatic tableau of aspects of the Queensland Josephite story as part of the celebrations on 1 May 2016 marking 100 years since the return of the Sisters to Queensland. Our bond with the sisters is imbedded deeply in the heart of this College. To them we are truly grateful.

Thanks to Mrs Cath Rodden (APRE – Mission), Ms Mary Fletcher, Ms Bree Cohen and Ms Mary Hilton for their various roles in the preparations for 2016.

What’s been feeding your intellect over the last few weeks? What are you curious about? What are you exploring? Are you deep into a great work of fiction? Have you read any poetry lately? A new online journal? A scientific report? A different perspective on an issue you haven’t thought particularly deeply about before? A biography? A contemporary theological treatise? A children’s story? Popular teen fiction? When your kids see you with your feet up do they sometimes have to try all sorts of antics to get your attention because you are utterly lost in your latest reading interest? Reading makes such a difference to our learning and to our understanding of life. The example we set as readers makes such a difference to our kids. It might be a bit tricky at times to persuade them to read. The indirect approach can be really powerful. Have a variety of reading matter around the house and update it regularly. Subscribe to some interesting and less mainstream online journals. Get into the habit of giving a book for birthdays and Christmas. It does make a difference.

Let me share with you a little of a book I am reading at the moment that just might be of interest. It’s Daniel J. Siegel’s Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain. This is a highly readable, practical, positive, conversational-style account of brain development and how it affects teenagers’ behaviour and relationships.
“If I had to summarise in one word all of the research on what kind of parenting helps create the best conditions for a child’s and an adolescent’s growth and development it would be the term “presence”…so often we want to help the people we love fix their problems…but in order to give them what they need most of all, which is to make them feel felt and connected with us, we need not do these well-intended things first and instead simply be present for our loved one.” (p.218).

“How do we find a balance between our adolescents’ personal decisions and parental regulation, our concerns? Structure with empowerment is how my wife and I would think of our strategy of parenting. How could we support our adolescents while also allowing them to find their own voices? And how at the same time could we set the limits and cautions our own years of living had taught us? Science would call this “authoritative parenting”, a helpful approach that is filled with warmth, limit setting, and honouring of autonomy in age-appropriate ways.” (p.33).

Maybe you’re already engrossed in great reading. Keep this one on your list. Acclaimed by the likes of Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Daniel Goleman it has something to say to any us who care for the growth and learning of young people.

AJASS National Executive Meets at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney
Mary MacKillop College is part of an Australasian network of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools (Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools). The current AJASS National Executive Team was formed in June this year at the Association’s annual conference and meets four times a year. As the Queensland/Northern Territory committee member I delight in taking the blessings, ideas and stories of this part of the world to the national table. 2016 is a big year. It will mark the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Sisters of St Joseph by Mary MacKillop. AJASS will publish a special commemorative book highlighting Josephite secondary schools in Australia and New Zealand. There will be a renewal of geographical cluster groups of schools with a special focus on formation, and the Association’s conference – Walking Together With a Josephite Heart - will be held in Christchurch.

Hooray for Holidays!
What a beautiful time of the year! Time to take a breath and appreciate the beauty of our world, the gift of family and the wonder of growth and learning. The young women of Mary MacKillop College are to be congratulated for their embrace of learning – their curiosity, their persistence, their positivity, their openness to, and celebration of, vibrant diversity.

A Springtime Blessing
With an upward soaring spirit,
Our hearts are lifted high.
We are caught up in the cosmic dance.
We are wrapt in the Presence,
Alluring us to fulfilment, in the unfolding mystery
Of life’s transforming blooms.
Sr Jacinta Shailer sgs

Christine Clarke
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Peer Mentoring Program

At its most basic level, mentoring helps communities and its members because it guarantees that people know others care about them. Mentors provide their mentees with an experienced friend who is there to help and support them in any number of situations. In a school context all support programs can be developed for all members of the community.

In general, mentoring programs for students are developed to address either instrumental or developmental needs (DuBois, Holloway, Valentine & Cooper, 2002). That is, the former emphasises skills and outcomes for academic and career mentoring, while the latter focuses on personal psychosocial development.

It is the latter that is of significant for our College as we develop and provide formation for girls who would like to be a peer mentor (or Big Sister) for new students in 2016. Peer mentoring programs have tremendous potential to facilitate the personal, social, and academic growth of both mentors and mentees. These programs can produce a number of positive outcomes for both sets of participants as they capitalise on the importance of peer relationships (Garringer & MacRae, 2008). Peer programs take advantage of adolescents’ increasing interest in peer friendships as they enter adolescence. Mentees’ natural tendency to look up to slightly older students means that they view their mentor as a role model and someone worth listening to. Peer mentors also benefit from interacting with each other in positive ways through the volunteer experience, often building new relationships beyond their normal circle of friends (Durlak & Weissberg, 2007).

Nominations are being sought from students presently in Years 9 – 11 from girls who would like to assist new students to transition smoothly to high school. If your daughter would like to be a Peer Mentor please ask her to contact her Head of House.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Leadership Development Opportunities

The following organisations are running camps and workshops for students who are interested in developing their leadership skills. If you are interested in sending your daughter to one of the leadership opportunities please visit their website for enrolment details.

- **Girls for Change Leadership Summit: Making a difference**
  Open to students from Years 9, 10 and 11.
  October 2 – 3, 2015 in Brisbane

- **National Young Leaders Day**
  Open to students from Years 10, 11 and 12.
  November 13, 2015 in Brisbane

- **Australian Student Leadership Conference**
  January 15 – 17, 2016 at St Lucia

- **Momentum: Adventure, Leadership and Growth**
  Students in Years 11 and 12.
  January 10 – 12, 2016 in Toowoomba
  January 14 – 16 at Coolum Beach
  www.lyq.org.au/mementumreservation

- **Secondary Student Conference**
  - Being a Team that Contributes
  - Making Meetings Effective
  - Contributing to Your Leadership Team
  - How to Make Your Speeches Dynamic
  - How to Make Your Events Dynamic
  - How to Motivate Others
  - How to Say Bye Bye to Bullying
  - Q&A with GRIP Leadership Team

  DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Narelle Dobson
Deputy Principal - Director of Students
**Assessment Block**

As another assessment block concludes, I reflect upon the students who seem to cope very well during such times. I think about young women who:

- Plan appropriately form the beginning of the term
- Persevere when they (invariably) hit difficult times within their learning journey
- Are clever about the amount of part time work undertaken
- Are mature in their use of social media
- Undertake strategic and systematic revision
- Seek regular feedback from their teachers
- Seek out extra assistance from our very willing teachers
- Undertake some physical activity to assist in maintaining perspective and managing stress
- Maintain healthy diet and sleep patterns
- Demonstrate that they own their own learning and behaviours

I encourage parents to discuss this list of habits with students. Do we need to change some practices for Term 4?

**Reporting**

There are no Academic Reports constructed at the end of Term 3. The next Academic Report will be issued in December. Teachers do provide students with feedback about their task performance and results at this time.

**Bring Your Own Device Ending in 2016**

I remind all parents and students that, from 2016, no students will be able to bring their own device to the College. (A number of students have elected to bring their own computer device to use at school throughout that past few years.) Our Dell Netbook computers used by our current Year 9 to 12 students will all be replaced with new devices in 2016.

**Year 7 and 8 Specialist Subject Rotations**

Year 7 and 8 students will move into the final round of specialist subject rotations from the first day of Term Four. Students have been issued a new timetable this week.

**Year 8 Subject Selection for Year 9 2016**

Year 8 students will receive information about the subject selection process for choosing Year 9 specialist subjects in week two of next term.

**Holidays**

I wish all students and families the very best for a relaxing September break. As the weather begins to warm up, I look forward to what will be a very busy eight weeks that make up Term Four. It is important that all students return relaxed and ready to engage.

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

Last week our College made a commitment to helping out Orange Sky Laundry, along with other Brisbane Catholic Education Schools. It was a simple but very effective initiative. If all the students and staff across BCE schools donated just $1 each, there would be enough money to provide a new Orange Sky van, which would reach even more the homeless in our Archdiocese. This is truly putting our faith into action and became “Our Plan to get the Van”. At last Friday’s House Assemblies, students and staff donated their $1 and did exactly that. A simple action of handing of one coin is helping to make a much a bigger difference elsewhere in our community.

So, what is the Orange Sky Laundry?

It is Australia’s first mobile laundry service for the homeless. A world first, started in Brisbane by two 20 year olds, Lucas Patchett and Nicholas Marchesi. They felt that not enough was being done about Brisbane’s homelessness problem. The custom fitted van has been servicing parks and drop in centres across Brisbane and the wider area with its two industrial washers and dryers. Their mission is to connect the homeless in the community. This ambitious project doesn’t simply stop at one van! The initial van has proved to be an amazing success and Orange Sky Laundry wants to expand its services across Australia by the end of 2015 but to do this they need continued support.

Why Orange Sky?

They explain on their website that the song, ‘Orange Sky’ by Alexi Murdoch has been a major inspiration behind this project. In your love, my salvation lies and I had a dream I stood beneath an orange sky, with my brother standing by are lyrics from the song. The entire message of the song is about helping your brothers and sisters. “These values are imperative to us and central to our project.”

What do people do while their clothes are being washed?

Orange Sky Laundry work alongside food vans that support people on the streets. The clothes are washed and dried while food is being cooked and eaten.

If you would like to help Orange Sky Laundry by giving a donation, please go to the website below.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

Pen Pal Project

Our Year 9 Religious Education students have been corresponding with the Sisters of St Joseph to learn more about their story, mission and ministry. At the beginning of the term each student was given the contact details of Sister of St Joseph and so began the email exchange of information. This was linked to their assessment where the students created a journal that included information on: the life Mary MacKillop; the places where the Sisters grew up and worked; an understanding of mission and how that has evolved. This is the fifth year of this project with Year 9 students and both the students and Sisters enjoy making the connections and the telling of story. Some students were lucky enough to meet ‘their’ Sister.

Justice Captain for 2016

I would also like to congratulate Rosabla Rigamoto as Justice Captain for 2016. I look forward to working with her next year, knowing that her commitment to justice is something she holds dearly. She will carry out the role with the gift of her grace and genuineness.

Cath Rodden
Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
From the Heads of House

It is with much delight that I welcome and congratulate Kathryn Kamuti and Ebonie Grinlaubs as the 2016 Fitzroy House Captains.

Both of these young women are joyful, enthusiastic, take great pride in their appearance and are proud to be part of this community. I look forward to working with them next year as we continue to enhance the opportunities for the young women of Fitzroy to live life to the full.

May the next two weeks of holidays for your daughters and a change of routine for you give everyone a chance to relax a little and re-energize for the last term. I’m sure you all share my amazement as to how the days and weeks seem to whiz by. I hope it’s not a sign of aging!

Stay safe and make opportunities to spend quality time together – life is indeed short!

Blessings for these days

FROM THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH – DATE SAVER

An invitation is extended to all at the College to attend a Prayer Vigil for Refugees on Monday evening, 12th October commencing at 5.30pm.

The prayer will be followed at 6.30pm by a “Pizza Dinner” which provides an opportunity for friendship and conversation.

It is important to RSVP for the purposes of catering. You can do this via email to Mary Hilton:
hiltonm@mmc.qld.edu.au

With thanks.

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader – Fitzroy House
As we come to the end of the term it is important to reflect on the term and to celebrate all successes along the way. They do not have to be major - the best successes are those that happened unexpectedly.

This week we announced that Lily Dahms and Zhane Fisher will be the McCormack Captains and news heralds both an exciting and challenging time ahead for them in 2016. I would like to thank every single McCormack student who was nominated and showed tremendous courage to allow others to watch their video and cast a vote for them. It does not matter that these students did not get elected into the position because the house captains do not work in isolation; they work as the leaders of the Year 12 team. Any student with integrity, who missed out on the position of House Captain will have a genuine desire to assist the incoming captains next year and to lead alongside their friends.

Congratulations to Brittany Biddle (Y11 M6) and Lily Biddle (Y7 M3) who recently received their dance exam results. These girls are committed to their craft and often attend dance 6 nights per week. Brittany has now qualified to teach tap, jazz and ballet.

Lily completed three exams jazz, tap and hip hop. Lily achieved honours for her jazz exam and honours distinction for her tap and hip hop.

We are always proud of students who show persistence and determination, set goals and work hard to achieve those goals. We wish you a very restful holiday.

Aime Culpeper
Pastoral Leader - McCormack House
Penola News

Last Friday 11th September we gathered as a house for the final time in Term 3 to acknowledge the efforts of Penola students across this term and begin the process of electing our student leaders for 2015.

Acknowledgment

We took time to acknowledge the work of our Year 11 hospitality students who prepared the QCS breakfast including:

- Amelia Bryer
- Laura Di Lione
- Brittany Franks
- Madi Howarth
- Eden Kelly
- Emma McGrath

Raising funds and awareness

Our school awareness campaign, last week centred on RUOK Day and Orange Sky Laundry. The students of Penola house used the gold coin donations collected to create symbols of a question mark and laundry van, symbolising our awareness of local and global issues and reinforcing ongoing commitment to being women of action.

Penola House Captains for 2016

Our warmest congratulations to our new Penola House Captains for 2016, Georgia Crompton and Darcy Meares. I look forward to a wonderful year with these 2 outstanding young women.

Ms Carly Richardson
Pastoral Leader - Penola House
From the Music Department

The Music Department has had a very busy term, with many performances, including QCMF and Nundah festival! As we draw to the end of this very successful term, I wish to thank each of our students, parents, tutors and ensemble directors for their assiduousness to the music program this term. May we continue this spirit into our final term for the year, which is set to be just as busy. We hope that our music students enjoy their well deserved holiday.

Nundah Festival

Over the weekend the Rock Band represented the college at the Nundah Village Street Festival, performing an excellent set to a huge crowd of onlookers. Even though the sun was not shining, the crowd responded very well to the girls’ performance of a collection of four songs. This was the Music Department’s last performance for the term.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals have finished for the term and will recommence in the first week of term four, with the exception of rehearsals which are normally held on Monday due to the public holiday. Monday rehearsals will begin in week two. Please note, that there WILL be String Ensemble rehearsal on Tuesday 6th October.

Private Lessons

Lessons will begin the first week back of term 4, with the exception of Monday lessons due to the public holiday. Please let your private tutor know if you are planning to discontinue lessons for Term 4, before the commencement of the term, or you will be charged for lessons.

Private tuition enrolments are still open for Term 4. If you wish to enrol, please see the College website to download an Instrumental Enrolment form, or email music@mmc.qld.edu.au
From the Music Department cont.

Cultural Captain for 2016
It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Bethani Tukana on her election to Cultural Captain in 2016. Bethani is an active member of the music department and we wish her well for her endeavours in this role in 2016.

Date Claimers – Term 4
18th of October – Orientation Day (Vocal Attack Only)
28th of October – Night of Excellence (Groups performing TBA)
3rd of November – Music Soiree (Private instrumentalist to perform)
5th of November – Arts Showcase (All ensembles to perform)

Bree Cohen
Music Teacher

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
From the Hospitality Department

QCS Breakfast
The Year 11 Hospitality class spent much of the last few weeks preparing for the annual QCS breakfast in which they planned and prepared a healthy, delicious buffet style breakfast for the Year 12 students undertaking QCS.

These students spend two whole days in test mode and so it is vital that we provide them with some healthy brain food first thing in the morning. A huge thankyou to the following students, Brittany Biddle, Amelia Bryer, Emma Davis, Laura Dilione, Brittany Franks, Cassandra Hall, Madelyn Howarth, Eden Kelly, Emma McGrath, Georgia Monk, Rose Rooney and Abigail Rowlands, who were at school by 6am both Tuesday and Wednesday rigorously preparing for the morning rush.

Another huge thankyou to Mrs Stacey Hertrick and Mrs Mandy Crossan who guided these students through the whole process and were up even earlier than 6am both mornings.

Bernadine Anning
Head of Department, Creative Arts
From the Media Arts Department

Media Arts in Years 7 and 8
Media Arts is a recent addition to the MMC curriculum and it is a subject that all Years 7 and 8 students will study in 2015.

Learning in Media Arts is exciting and challenging and involves students exploring and analysing stereotypical representations of young people in screen-based media and the potential implications. Students engage with contemporary communications technologies and cross-disciplinary art forms to design and produce screen-based media products. They acquire skills and processes to film and edit media products, including television news stories and stop motion animations.

Here are some photographs of the students in action taken during class time.

Karyn Chapman
Teacher of Film, Television and New Media, Media Arts, Drama and English

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
From the Talent Quest

This term Christine Lagman organised a Talent Quest as part of her role as Cultural Leader. Students were invited to audition for the quest showcasing any type of unique skill that they may have.

The Mary MacKillop girls got up on stage and danced, sang and played instruments all to an enormous, receptive audience. The auditions took place over three lunch times with the grand final showcasing the top five students and although there was a high calibre of talent, the judges awarded Shefali Krishan, Year 11 the winner of Talent Quest 2015.

Thankyou to all of the students who were brave enough to audition, those who came close, the judges who gave up their time and to Christine, who organised another successful talent quest.

Bernadine Anning
Head of Department, Creative Arts
From the Sport Department

With the holidays now upon us we turn our focus to the final quarter of the year. With the majority of the sports now over for the year, the Sports Department is gearing up for 2016.

Trimester 3 Sport

We have been noticing over the last few weeks that the number of students who have participated in training has been in a steady decrease. While we do acknowledge busy schedules and your daughter may not be able to attend every training session, we do ask that if she is not able to attend she is required to submit a note signed by a parent. If your daughter has nominated for a team she is encouraged to attend the training sessions as this is an important part of joining a sporting team. Your support by reinforcing that being part of a team is also a commitment outside of game time is an important motivator.

Met North Triathlon

The Met North Triathlon trial (8th November) notice is now up on the Met North Website. Any interested athletes are to enter the selection trial via nomination to the Triathlon Queensland All Schools event only.

Sports Captain for 2016

Congratulations to Nyalela Obonno who has just been named as Sports Captain for 2016. A wonderful achievement Nyalela.

Return of Uniforms

All students who have taken a team jersey this year and no longer use it for a school team, can you please ensure that the team shirts, College track shirts are returned to the Sports Office now? We are low on numbers and if these are not returned families will be charged for a replacement ($40). Please make this checking a priority.

Bridge to Brisbane

Congratulations to the Bridge to Brisbane runners Lauren McDonnell, Rose Rooney, Annie Thewlis, Amelia Bryer and Miss Carly Richardson who completed the 10km course.

Special mention to Lauren McDonnell who finished in a very impressive time of 49.12 minutes placing her 16th in her age group and in the top 10% of entrants.

We hope to see the number of students who compete increase in 2016.

On behalf of Elena and myself, have a restful holiday, travel safely if you are going away and we will see you bright and refreshed ready for the last term.

Mr Matthew Messer
Sports Coordinator
From the Japanese Department

J-Cuisine, Karaoke and GOMA そこくて　すばらしかった！

Japanese students enjoyed a wonderful afternoon appreciating the picturesque Brisbane River and the variety of works included in the Japanese Cult Art Exhibition amongst other exhibits at the Gallery of Modern Art.

Following this cultural experience, we travelled by chartered bus to a very authentic Japanese restaurant called Wagaya in Fortitude Valley’s China Town. Everyone enjoyed a selection of traditional dishes from the a la carte menu. Many chose green tea ice cream for their dessert. Following our sumptuous meal, the group divided into two groups for some Diva singing in the Karaoke Rooms to the rear of the restaurant. After an hour of solos, duets and some group singing, we headed back to our bus and returned to the College.

A great Friday night was enjoyed by all. We highly recommend the traditional cuisine and karaoke experience at Wagaya for a wonderful night out. 和食は　おいしかった！

Leighton Gilmour
Japanese Teacher
From the MMC Humanities Club

Oral History Project: MMC Humanities Club

You may remember our 50th anniversary celebrations last year at the College. It was a great chance to stop and appreciate our own history and the stories of those who have gone before us at Mary MacKillop College. The MMC Humanities Club worked hard to deliver pop-up museum displays and hands-on activities for the event. Now, we are seeking more students for an exciting new project.

In 2016, the Banyo-Nundah Catholic Parish, including St Pius’ School and St Joseph’s School, is turning 100 and part of the celebrations will include sharing the human stories of the past century. This endeavour requires a coordinated gathering of oral histories from a range of parishioners.

We are seeking a number of students from any year level who may be interested in participating in the Oral History Project during Term 4 this year, and Term 1 in 2016. It will involve meeting and interviewing people of the parish, in a safe and supportive environment at the College, such as community interview afternoons. Students will use iPads and interview techniques to gather the audio, visual and written information we require for telling the story. Training, guidelines and ongoing support will be provided.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting, once in a lifetime project please contact the College on 32662100 or email Ms Sally Carr at carrs@mmc.qld.edu.au.

Sally Carr
Humanities Teacher
From The Resource Centre

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Well done to those Year 7-9 students who have registered with the Premier’s Reading Challenge and will receive certificates of participation or achievement next term for reading 15 or more books in Terms 2 and 3! [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/about-challenge.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/about-challenge.html)

Child Protection Week

Year 12 students have also been busy studying for their exams and Years 7-11 are about to enter their exam block period. We currently have a display of books in the library about study techniques and how to beat stress during exam time.

Congratulations to our Book Week competition winner of the ‘design a poster based around the theme of Books light up our world’, Lauren Abraham whose entry is currently on display in the library’s reading room and also to those girls who entered the Book Week Scavenger Hunt Quiz and Daily Book Week house group questions and received chocolates, stickers and bookmarks for their efforts!
From The Resource Centre cont.

Read, Watch, Play
The theme for this month’s ‘Read, Watch, Play’ is ‘Localread’. More details about what can be considered a ‘local’ can be found on the blog at [http://readwatchplay.wordpress.com/monthly-themes/september-2015/](http://readwatchplay.wordpress.com/monthly-themes/september-2015/) Some of our recent authors, Pamela Rushby and Christine Bongers are local Queensland authors so why not borrow one of their novels for the holidays coming up?

Inky Awards
‘Inside a dog’ has announced this year's Inky awards shortlist of Australian and International new books, as selected by a panel of teen judges. And now it's your turn to be the judge - you choose which books will be this year's winners! To vote, visit the website [https://insideadog.com.au/vote](https://insideadog.com.au/vote) Winners will be announced on 13 October.

New Titles and Other Library News
Don’t forget to come to the library and visit the Research and Resource Centre Information Moodle page to check out the new fiction and non-fiction titles available for you to borrow as well as details of upcoming events, research guides for student assignments, current competitions and displays in the library! The library currently has on display some of the ‘Inside a dog’ Inky awards shortlist as well as number of the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Honour and Winning books for the Book of the Year Award in the Older Readers, Younger Readers and Picture Book categories. To see the full list, go to the website [http://cbca.org.au/winners-2015.htm](http://cbca.org.au/winners-2015.htm)

**The Scorch Trials** / Dashner, James (2015) (now showing at the cinemas, watch the movie trailer on our Oliver Library home page!)

**The Death Cure** / Dashner, James (2015)


**We Never Asked For Wings** / Diffenbaugh, Vanessa (2015)

**The House Of Shattered Wings** / Bodard, Aliette de (2015)

**The Last Summer Of Us : Where Do We Go From Here?** / Harcourt, Maggie (2015)
From The Resource Centre cont.

Students can now also borrow ebooks and audiobooks by finding the title in our Oliver catalogue, clicking on the BCE Digital library web address and entering their library code (the ‘s’ code on their student ID card) to download the ebook to their netbooks. See Mrs Strickland in the library or Mr Webb for assistance.

To assist with senior assignment research for term 4, Year 11 and 12 students are now able to borrow resources from UQ library. Please see Mrs Strickland in the library for further details about how to apply online.

Students are able to borrow over the holidays, provided they have no overdue books. Please return overdue library books to the library shute outside the library and textbooks to the elephant tubs in the seminar room.

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

Madonna Riggall
Library Aide/Book Hire Convenor

Happy Holidays

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From The Office

Have any details changed for you?

WE NEED TO KNOW
☐ Phone numbers
☐ Address
☐ Emergency contacts and numbers
☐ Email address

We need to know of any changes so all your information is correct and accurate. Please email or visit the office if any of the above changers are relevant to you and your family.

YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION IS NEEDED AT ALL TIMES

Leah Licence
Student Receptionist

Community Noticeboard

Nundah State School

The Nundah State School turns 150 years old this year and to celebrate they are hosting a Spring Fair on Sunday 18th October between 11.00am and 4.00pm. The festivities will take place at the school on Bage Street, Nundah and as well as entertainment there will be a wide range of food, craft and treat stalls. The Nundah Historical Society will have photos and displays from the school’s 150 year history and there will be the opportunity to meet teachers and children who currently attend the school. To find out more go to: https://nundahss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx

Rotary Youth Transitional Seminar (RYTS) is a seven day residential camp aiming to empower school graduates for the serious game of life.

Now in its fourth year (over 25 years in District 9640), the week is centred on a series of workshops, team building sessions and guest speakers aimed to equip participants with important skills based around the concept of the life balance wheel. All elements of your life can be broken down into 8 key areas – career, money, health, relationships, travel, personal growth, fun/recreation & spirituality. You depart camp with a clear plan on how to approach the coming years, find balance in these areas of your life, as well as tools and support networks to fall back on should things not go to plan.

Camp runs from Sunday 6th of December through to Saturday 12th of December, 2015. For those of you who have just finished Year 12, don’t worry, it is after schoolies!

RYTS is held at the beautiful Lake Perseverance Active Recreation Centre, 854 Perseverance Dam Road, Crows Nest QLD.

This experience would be invaluable for any high school graduate, especially given that there is no cost to the student. It is fully sponsored and supported by the amazing Rotary clubs of District 9630. With a dedicated group of leaders at the helm who have been uniquely selected based on their experience and wisdom, participants will gain real life insights behind the idea of ‘what I wish I knew when I was 17’!

For more information about this camp visit www.ryts9630.org

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