From the Principal

World Teachers’ Day

Let’s never underestimate the role that teachers play in the lives of our young people and in shaping the world and its future. On Friday 30 October teachers are celebrated in schools across Queensland. Why not send a special message to your daughters’ teachers on World Teachers’ Day or any day for that matter?! Two Mary MacKillop College teachers are particularly acknowledged this year for reaching significant milestones in their careers in Catholic education – Mr Bill Webb (40 years) and Ms Sue Goves (20 years). Let’s all take some prayerful moments to thank God for our teachers and reflect upon their importance in all of our lives.

Mr Bill Webb

Ms Sue Goves

Recognising Excellence

Wednesday’s Night of Excellence was a wonderful celebration of community and learning. Congratulations were extended to students who have excelled in their learning in 2015. In recognising them we salute also those many other students who give of their best; those who are committed to learning; those who know where they can improve and who are committed to extending their talents and abilities.

Special thanks must be extended to all of the staff who worked so hard to ensure the success of Wednesday night. Indeed it was a whole of staff effort. Particular mention though goes to the following people: Mrs Cath Rodden, Mr Wayne Chapman, Mrs Narelle Dobson, Ms Carolyn Harman, Mrs Elizabeth Gilroy, Ms Madonna Riggall, Mrs Glenda Bassa, Ms Madonna Matthews and Mr Paul Brown. These and the many others who assisted did so with great commitment to the mission of Mary MacKillop College. They are a great team with the very best interests of our students as their priority.

A list of all award recipients appears later in this newsletter.

Prize of Honour Winners, Mushda Lateef and Kayla Lawson

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We enjoyed the wonderful opportunity the last Friday to welcome the girls who will be joining Year 7 at Mary MacKillop College in 2016. New beginnings entail new learnings.

As I reflect on what I noticed during our recent Orientation Day and Transition Day it strikes me that there was much going on that we would do well to remember whenever any of us is embarking on a new project or new journey. It is in setting out on a new venture that we are reminded what it feels like to engage in learning. It feels a great mix of things all at once.

There is excitement and there is trepidation. There is something of a “wow” factor – “wow” this is all becoming real now; “wow” there’s so much to take in; “wow” this is big! Things start to move fast all of a sudden and there are questions – simple, practical everyday ones and bigger ones that belies our confidence – “How am I going to get my head around all this?” “What should be prioritised?” “Should I be able to work this out myself?” “Who should I ask?” “When and how should I ask?” Some of the things we are concerned about melt away and we wonder why we expended the emotional energy being so concerned. Unexpected connections and realisations come to light – and we delight in them and are buoyed by them. We want to succeed. Oftentimes we harbour our own definition of success and then along the way our definition comes under scrutiny. It is at such times that we can learn a lot about ourselves - our openness or our blindness to other perspectives, our grasp of our own values, the congruence or dissonance between our words and our actions.

Real learning is a whole of body experience. It takes heart and it takes intellect. It takes comfort and it takes discomfort. The young women in our care feel both of these things too in their various learnings – as they start at a new school, as they take on a new subject, a new assignment, a new encounter, a new experience. It’s as well for us as adults to understand that, just as we inevitably experience highs and lows in learning, so too will that be the experience of our children. It’s real. It’s inevitable. It’s necessary. Comfort and discomfort are integral to learning.
QATSIF Graduation

Three Year 12 Mary MacKillop College students – Kayla Lawson, Justyce Pengilly, Danika Bugmy - were recognised last week at the 2015 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation graduation ceremony at the University of Queensland. A highlight of the ceremony was an address given by Justyce Pengilly. Justyce is a rising voice for young indigenous Australians. Her artwork is intricate and hard hitting. She thinks deeply on matters of injustice. She has a message and a vision that Australia needs. Special thanks to Ms Madonna Matthews who accompanied the girls and me to the graduation. Ms Matthews is the key College liaison person with QATSIF. She is in regular contact with the QATSIF Board, with our students and their families.

Good Teachers Offers Perspective

“Teachers open our eyes to the world. They give us curiosity and confidence. They teach us to ask questions. They connect us to our past and future. They’re the guardians of our social heritage. We have lots of heroes today - sportsmen, super models, media personalities. They come, they have their fifteen minutes of fame and they go. But the influence of good teachers stays with us. They are the people who really shape our life.”

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth

God bless the teachers!
Christine Clarke
Principal
Night of Excellence

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.

AWARDS 2015 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Year 7 Academic Excellence Award
Phoebe Zabel
Raheel Abduraheman
Rafael Arana
Charlotte Christensen
Poppy Clements
Bronte Hobday
Keely Hobday
Brianna King
Mary Morgan
Emma Petch
Rebecca Ross
Grace Simpson
Paris Singleton
Tina Tran

Year 8 Academic Excellence Award
Bayan Arana
Sophie Boon
Gareth Chapman
Claire Grant
Willow Kohn
Caitlyn Leeson
Sara Mansorompung
Keely Shirley

Year 9 Academic Excellence Award
Hirshika Alapun
Bevina Anton
Sarah Bradbury
Jade Bronam
Karisa Barday
Jamison Chapman
Carly Francis-Crawley
Isabella McCleary
Lauren Struckel
Heqi Yang

Year 10 Academic Excellence Award
Manashir Aamer
Aya Arana
Emily Barnett
Bronte Bellamy
Maggie Eker
Bronte Gracourt
Priyanka Iyer
Eliza Landles
Cassandra Martin
Anna Tran

Year 11 Academic Excellence Award
Nadja Cash
Georgia Cromton
Tia Inman
Bhagti Rajendra
Rosabia Rigamoto
Anna Tceomey

Year 12 MacKillop Medallion for Academic Excellence Award
Ellie Hunt
Musheia Lateef
Kaya Lawson
Julia Lindblom
Anabella Maloney
Lizzie Nar
Kiselin Roi

HABITS OF MIND AWARD

Year 7
Keely Hobday
Rafael Arana
Poppy Clements
Bronte Hobday
Ella Nixon
Grace Simpson
Tina Tran
Charlotte Christensen
Danielle Ryan
Sierra-Minda Turay
Raheel Abduraheman
Amber Cook
Mackenzie Crossan
Brianna King
Mary Morgan
Luca-Inez Vahdat

Year 8
Sophie Boon
Clare Grant
Bayan Arana
Gareth Chapman
Emily Denaro
Supreet Kaur
Caitlyn Leeson
Sara Mansorompung
Sarah Bradbury
Emily Ballard
Carly Francis-Crawley
Penelope Kent
Hirshika Alapun
Bevina Anton
Matilda Bourke
Mary Darben
Jessica Ranton

Year 9
Tessa Sullivan
All Adams
Remy Arana
Karisa Barday
Xanthe Brown
Jamison Chapman
Kara Frangiosa
Ekamdeep Kaur
Isabella McCleary
Ella Robinson-Williams
Muskaan Sidhu
Juppnath Singh
Piper Sutton
Heqi Yang

Year 10
Manashir Aamer
Aya Arana
Paris Beikoff
Bronte Bellamy
Jasmine Cook
Rachel Diedericks
Maggie Eker
Eliza Landles
Isabella Sheehan
Meaghan Wood
Cassandra Martin
Grace Tedim
Emily Barnett
Roxanne Cardona
Georgia Clarke
Bronte Gracourt
Ashlyn Hill

Year 11
Abigail Bannan
Nadja Cash
Emily Taylor
Georgia Cromton
Lily Dahms
Bridget Moore
Rosabia Rigamoto
Dunia
Wickramasinghe
Tia Inman
Bhagti Rajendra
Anna Twomey
Zhaan Fisher
Jasmine Soltana
Breyal Woe

SPORTS AWARDS

Gold Award for Sports Participation
Nyailea Obonno
Emily Ballard
Paris Beikoff
Amelia Bryer
Mackenzie Crossan
Lauren McDornell
Carli O’Halloran
Tamika Rafferty
Rachael Mclean

Cheer and Aerobics
Best Individual Performance
Rachael Diedericks
Best All Rounder
Briane Pitt
Most Improved
Jessie King
Most Valuable
Maddy Bryer

Swimming
Best Individual Performance
Lily Dahms
Best All Round Performance
Emily Jennings-Commons
Most Improved
Lily Dahms
Most Valuable
Emily Jennings-Commons

Cross Country
Best Individual Performance
Rachael McLean
Best All Round Performance
Carli O’Halloran
Most Improved
Willow Kohn
Most Valuable
Rachael McLean

Athletics
Best Individual Performance
Tamika Rafferty
Best All Round Performance
Paris Beikoff
Most Improved
Nyailea Obonno
Most Valuable
Emily Ballard

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## AWARDS 2015 SUBJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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### CULTURAL AWARDS

**Gold Cultural Award**

- **Gold Cultural Award**

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

- **2015 Sisters of St Joseph’s House Shield**
- **McCormack**
- **College Captains**
- **Kayla Lawson**
- **Casey Miles**
- **Sports Woman of the Year**
- **Lauren McDonnell**
- **Prize of Honour**
- **Kayla Lawson**
- **Mushda Lateef**

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From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Letting go: Tips for Parents of Senior Students

After 17 or 18 years of parenting, it can be hard to let go. Karen Levin Coburn, co-author of Letting Go: A Parents’ Guide to Understanding the College Years has provided the following insights into challenges of the transition ahead and the emotional roller coaster you are about to experience.

Recognize this is a time of ambivalence for all parents.
The excitement and joy about opportunities awaiting your daughter are mixed with the waves of nostalgia and a sense of loss. Talk with other parents who are going through the same thing.

Recognize your daughter’s conflicting emotions.
Your daughter, like you, is being pulled between past, present and future … one day exclaiming “leave me alone; I’m 17 years old. I’m independent” and the next complaining “you’re never around when I need you.” Your daughter’s ups and downs are a sign of the ambivalence of this transitional time.

Enjoy this time of celebration.
Try not to focus so much on the upcoming departure that you might miss the full impact of the senior year festivities and the joy of summer days ahead.

Take comfort in the knowledge that part of you is going with your daughter.
The foundation you have provided over the past 17 years will accompany your daughter throughout the years.

If your daughter decides to move out of home to study or work:

- Make a financial plan and discuss expectations with your daughter.
  Develop a tentative budget and be clear about who will pay for what. For example, some parents pay for books and supplies, while their daughter is responsible for incidental expenses such as snacks, movies, and CDs. Other students are responsible for earning a percentage of their living expenses. Teach your daughter about responsible use of credit and debit cards.

- Discuss academic goals and expectation ahead of time.
  Remember, many first year university students do not do as well academically first semester as they did in high school, and many change their minds about their proposed course of study. Ask them what they hope to accomplish academically during their first year. It is important for them to take ownership of their education. Grades are not the only indication of learning.

- Be a coach rather than trying to solve your daughter’s problems yourself.
  You’re likely to hear more than your share of problems. University students usually call their parents for reassurance when things aren’t going well, and call their friends with the latest exciting news. When you get those late night phone calls, and you will, you can encourage your daughter to use the appropriate campus resources — to go to the health service or career center, to talk to an advisor, dean, a counsellor or tutor.

- Be an anchor.
  Keep your daughter informed about changes at home. Students want their parents to accept all the changes they are making but want everything at home to stay the same. So it’s important to keep them informed about changes at home, whether it’s moving a younger sibling into their room, or, on a more serious note, about illness in the family or the death of a pet. They need this from you in order to feel secure and maintain a sense of trust.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Finally, your daughter cares more about what you think than they are likely to let you know. They quote you, talk about you and look to you for encouragement. As they journey toward adulthood and independence, sometimes they want your advice and sometimes they just want you to listen.

We wish our seniors and their parents all the best over the coming weeks as they engaged in all of the celebrations and milestones.

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.

Narelle Dobson
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Night of Excellence

Wednesday October 28 was a wonderful celebration of excellence within our community. It was most pleasing to see so many parents (and grandparents) in attendance in support of our young women.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all student award winners. It is so lovely to celebrate the most outstanding achievement in each subject and also to acknowledge demonstration of productive work habits within the College.

I must thank Mrs Cath Rodden for her wonderful preparation of the evening and the myriad of helpers from our staff who offered their time so generously in our celebration of school life.

Year 12 Exam Block Timetables

The Year 12 Exam timetable is available from the college website at the Academic Excellence link. It is vital that our Year 12 women realise that their results are not finalised until after the final assessment task in each subject. That is, they can still move up or down depending on their performance this term.

It is most important that our young women are producing their very best work right through until the end of the year.

Year 11 QCS Preparation

Our Year 11 students have begun QCS Preparation very well. They will sit a practice Multiple Choice Test next Thursday commencing at 7:30 am. If you intend your daughter not to sit the QCS test please contact me at the College.

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

Courage and Compassion

This week has been the lead up and celebration of our annual Night of Excellence. It’s a busy time of year but in the organisation of what emerges is the realisation of the talent, the commitment and determination of so many of our students.

What I always seem to be humbled by is how much students and staff give of themselves and to others. It so readily highlights our 2015 theme, **Courage and Compassion**. These two words speak of strength and understanding. They are heartfelt Gospel values and they have become the focus of many of the aspects of College life this year.

The students that we recognise at Awards Night have invested in their education and have become women of both learning and faith. We applaud the perseverance, strength of discipline, insight and investment of these young women who strive to achieve their best. It takes courage to not give in to the temptations of distraction. This learning has also given them an empowered sense of conviction to speak out and talk about issues in our world. It takes courage to practice compassion and without compassion, courage has no direction. These same principles apply to the staff at our College.

So many people, time and time again, give so much of their time in support of their colleagues and the students, whether that be in the classroom or in an extra-curricular activity. Even when they shouldn’t they still give, sometimes at the expense of other things that are important in their lives. There is a sympatico of understanding that is relational, that is underlined by care and concern for others.

In clarifying an understanding of all this, the Bible reveals a resonate wisdom that speaks directly to our community. In Romans 15:14 it states, "you are full of what is good, complete in all knowledge, able to give direction to one another." This segues into words from 2 Timothy 1:7, "for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

Cath Rodden
Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

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Captains Corner cont.

Human Trafficking Debate
The Student Leadership Team is determined to express to you what goes on behind closed doors. Some people question why it is important to know about these statistics, when in fact there is limited action associated with the growing knowledge. However, it is important to understand that knowing about the problems that affect our national and global neighbours, we become more educated and can seek to provide justice to those who cannot control their fate. Human trafficking is the exploitation of basic human rights through prostitution, sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery and the removal of organs. More than 50,000 people per year are stripped of their basic human rights. They are invisible to us. It goes on so frequently and yet we are so blinded to it.

Did you know?
→ More than 700 people per year in North America alone, are bought and sold on the sex trade.
→ 50,000 people per year are bought and sold illegally
→ It is second most profited illegal organisation, first being the drug trade

Alongside this, we are also focusing on children who are forced into work, due to immigration. The mass influx of people from Syria has increased drastically. Parents who leave their home country with their children cannot find work. This results in children working as young as 7. This is a common practice...until they are exploited. This occurs just as regularly as human trafficking. Children who are still early primary school age experience terrifying situations, including sexual exploitation and slave labour. Those in high authority take advantage of young children and those who are much more vulnerable. It is our duty of care, as a leadership team and as Australians to take action. By spreading awareness, we encourage the MacKillop students, to seek opportunities to aid in the fight against human exploitation.

Our last activity for the term is the human trafficking debate. We encourage everyone’s participation. It will be a teacher versus student debate, occurring on the 3rd of November.

Thank you for everyone’s participation during the Blue Heart Foundation collection on the 23rd of October. It was a great success. We are positive that our contributed loose change has loosened chains.

Join us November 3rd 2015 in the Amphitheatre

HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEBATE

All students are welcome!

“The UN are not doing enough to combat human trafficking”
Captain’s Corner

Environmental Committee

Recent 2015 studies led by the University of Georgia have revealed that over 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans each year, and by 2025, that number is set to be over 150 million. Often, we feel like these numbers go over our heads – it’s not like we can easily imagine what millions of tonnes looks like – so what does 150 million tonnes of plastic waste each year mean?

That means 150 billion kilograms – that’s 150 and nine zeros worth – of bottles, bags, nets, and packaging floating through coral reefs and into the bellies of marine animals, often resulting in deaths of so many organisms that entire ecosystems are knocked out of balance. Meanwhile, our energy consumption has reached record new heights – and we don’t simply mean due to our exploding population numbers. Currently, Australia is the third largest consumer of energy per capita, only preceded by the US and Canada, and with 80% of our energy being sourced from fossil fuels, we desperately need to change our ways.

Continuing to treat our environment the way we do now is completely unsustainable: only action - which includes simple tasks like disposing of your litter, recycling, and turning off lights, fans and power points in classrooms in your home and at school - will prevail any results. So please, I implore to you on behalf of human kind, our future generations, and all living life on Earth: do the right thing when it comes to your environment, not just what is easiest.

It is imperative for all of the MacKillop community to be aware of their carbon and environmental footprint.

Some basic steps to limit harm on the environment
1. Don’t have long showers
2. If possible invest in a water tank
3. Pick up your rubbish
4. Be observant of other people’s rubbish
5. Use containers rather than cling wrap and zip-lock bags for lunches
6. Use permanent water bottles and refill them, rather than using bottled water
7. ALWAYS recycle
8. Donate clothing to Saint Vincent De Paul or similar charities rather than throwing the items away
9. Use public transport more often
10. Encourage people around you to do the same

As Mrs Clarke says, “if you walk past it, you accept it”. We must care for our earth and local environment, as there is no ‘Plan B’.

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles
College Captains
From the Heads of House

Jessica Bentley Year 7 F1
Congratulations to a wonderful, committed and graceful Fitzroy student, Jessica Bentley.

Jessica has recently competed in the Primary Solo Dance division of the Ice Skating State Championships, where she achieved 1st place.

We are so proud of Jessica’s achievement and we wish her well for future competitions.

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader – Fitzroy House
Farewelling Our Seniors

On Friday we will hold our Final house assembly and farewell our McCormack seniors. Can I please take the time to thank the Year 11 students who took on responsibilities and assisted in this assembly? To Mais Al-Yassiry and Brooke Watego for assembling a great seniors photo display and to Year 11 students who shared some touching words on behalf of the Year 12’s in their home class. To students who offered suggestions on music choices and ideas for the assembly. This is a demonstration of leadership and this Year 11 cohort is a unified group, ready to take on responsibilities and lead their house in 2016.

Highlighting A Fantastic Athlete

Congratulations to Isabel Forrest Y10 M4 who has had a wonderful year of success in her sport. Isabel is a member of Qld Synchronized Iceskating Club at Acacia Ridge as well as being a team member of Iceskateers Elite – Junior Synchronized Ice Skating Team. Iceskateers Elite is a Youth Team with all 16 members aged between 14 to 19 years.

Iceskateer Elite’s 2014/15 Season

- August 2014 Qld Club Championships - 1st Place
- October 2014 Qld State Championships - 1st Place
- November 2014 Australian National Championships - 1st Place
- Dec 2014 Recipient of Morgan Innes Qld Scholarship
- Dec 2014 Ice Skating Australia nomination to represent Australia at Junior World Championships
- March 2015 ISU Junior World Synchronized Ice Skating Championships - Zagreb, Croatia - 17th Place

Iceskateer Elite is the most successful Junior Synchronized Ice Skating Team in Australia. Isabel heads of to the final competition for 2015 in November and we wish her every success.

Aime Culpeper
Pastoral Leader - McCormack House
Congratulations Sarah Lockhart (P4) who represented Met North at the QLD state cricket titles last week. Her team placed second in this event. We congratulate Sarah for her achievements in cricket this year.

Jessica Rotondo (P1) and Paris Stephens (P6) who successfully won the QLD State Championships for ice-skating. Jessica and Paris with now travel to the national titles later this year. We wish them every success for this competition.

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

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From the Music Department

State Honours Ensemble Program
During the Term 3 holidays, Bhadra Rajendren (M6) represented Mary MacKillop College at the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP). Bhadra successfully auditioned to be a part of this prestigious event. Here is what she had to say about the event:

During the Term 3 holidays, I had the opportunity to attend the State Honours Ensemble Program at the Griffith University Conservatorium of Music. This program allows music students from high schools all over Queensland to participate in a four-day intensive orchestral and choral workshop, working with conductors from all over the world, including the United States. As a flute player, I successfully auditioned to participate in this event and represented the school in the final concert. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn musical techniques and teamwork skills, as well as get advice from professional musicians and form friendships with fellow SHEP students. This year, I was the only student representing Mary Mackillop College; however, those with a keen interest in music and orchestral playing will find this event interesting and enjoyable. I hope to see you there next year!

Bhadra Rajendren (M6)

Reenrolment Forms
This week, students in all ensembles will be receiving re-enrolment forms for both Private Tuition and also Ensembles. These forms are an integral part of planning for the Music Department in 2016. It is especially important that Ensemble members get these forms returned in a timely fashion as their invitation to next year’s Music Camp depends on their confirmation of ensemble participation in 2016.

Orientation Day
On Saturday 18th October, Vocal Attack performed as part of Orientation Day for the Year 7 cohort of 2016 and their parents. The students performed with energy, and attention to detail showcasing their beautifully developed choral sound. A massive thank you to Julian Wade for accompanying the choir and making the performance so successful.
Assembly Performance and Arts Showcase

Thank you to the Concert Band for their lovely performance on Assembly as part of the promotion of Arts Showcase last week. Performing *Game of Thrones* the ensemble members gave an enthusiastic and articulated display of what the event is sure to offer. Be sure to catch Concert Band and all of the Music Ensembles on Thursday 5th November.

Date Claimers

- **Music Soiree**
  - Private Instrumental Students
  - Tuesday, November 3rd
  - 5.00pm, Drama Room

- **Arts Showcase**
  - All Music Ensembles
  - Thursday, November 5th

Bree Cohen
Music Coordinator

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From Year 9 Information Communication Technologies Class

Calling all #Techgirls, Parents and Teachers!

Two teams of Year 9 ICT students will be presenting their App Idea project at an event at QUT Gardens Point on Sunday 8th November at 12.00pm. No entry fee payable and participants will receive an exclusive ‘Tech Girls Are Superheroes’ showbag. Register now at [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tech-girls-are-superheroes-showcase-event-at-qut-tickets-18928162644](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tech-girls-are-superheroes-showcase-event-at-qut-tickets-18928162644)

You can check out our student’s entries via the following link.

Wayne Horne
ICT Teacher

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From the Japanese Department

BCE sponsors Language Project at MMC

Last October, we were most fortunate in receiving a Language Grant from Brisbane Catholic Education as part of the 2015 Action Research Language Projects.

The aim of our project was to investigate the effectiveness of Apple Language Learning apps to heighten student engagement in the classroom and to evaluate the potential increase in quantity and quality of Japanese language learning. Our project also focussed attention upon creative apps such as Tellagami, iMovie and Talking Tom. The project serves as the beginning stage of a longer term process that will continue to promote and evaluate broader ICT possibilities for language learning.

We also congratulate Year 12 Japanese students Paris Smith (VHA 9), Keelin Roe (VHA 8) and Billie-Jo Burdon (VHA 7) on their exceptional achievements thus far in their final year (verified by QCAA Panel in October).

Mr Leighton Gilmour
Japanese Teacher
From Creative and Practical Arts Department

Arts Showcase
Over the next few weeks the students who are part of the Creative and Practical Arts life of the college will be preparing for the annual Arts showcase on Thursday November 5th from 6pm to 8pm. This is a great opportunity to be part of the vivid and rigorous Arts life of the College.

Students will be presenting some of their curriculum based projects, performing, modelling, and running comedy skits, plays. The Year 10 Home Economics class will be providing yummy sweets and warm coffee, the senior Hospitality class will be making and serving sushi for a light snack, Year 7 and 8 Visual Art students will be co-ordinating a live art workshop which everyone can take part in.

So if you have a keen interest in the Arts life of the College, a talented student involved or are just willing to support our creative department, come along to the evening and experience an inspiring night and ‘Journey through the Arts’.

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

MMC History Competition

Make a video or poster showing how life has changed over the last 100 years. Work in pairs or individually. Look at a range of scales: local, national and global. Choose one period, a combination or all of them:

- WWI years
- WWII years
- 50s and 60s
- 70s & 80s
- 90s to today

Successful submissions will form part of the Banyo-Nundah Catholic Parish Centenary celebrations in 2016.

HOW TO ENTER
1. Register today: email carrs@mmc.qld.edu.au
2. Confirm your entry plan: by Friday 20th November 2015 (Week 7) & receive a prize
3. Complete the entry over the Christmas holidays: due Friday 5th February 2016

REMINDER: Oral History Project
We are still seeking students to help with collating the stories gathered from local people in the parish. This may involve interviewing people, but most likely will include typing up stories and helping to build a website of memories. If you would like to help with this project please email Ms Carr at carrs@mmc.qld.edu.au.

Sally Carr
History Teacher
From the Careers Department

1. **MyCareerAdviser**
   Year 12 students can pre-register at www.mycareeradviser.com.au before they leave school. MyCareerAdviser will keep you motivated and informed, and send you resume and interview tips and trends, employment and job search ideas, and study options for university, vocational training, or apprenticeships. MyCareerAdviser is a free service for all students.

2. **ADF**
   Australia’s Navy, Army and Air Force can give you experiences money can’t buy – a career that not only improves you personally, but means doing something worthwhile for your country.
   There really is something for almost everyone – from fully paid university degrees and graduate entry schemes, rewarding trade and technical careers, exciting combat roles, through to support and administration positions.
   With more than 250 jobs on offer, with a multitude of entry avenues, there has never been a better time to find out more.
   To learn more, attend an Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session.
   **When:** Wednesday, 4 November 2015
   **Time:** 6:00pm
   **Where:** Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane CBD
   To RSVP please call 13 19 01 or email cptqld@dfr.com.au

3. **HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE**
   APPLY BY SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER
   Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $3,500 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.
   Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount.
   The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between April - September 2016 is Saturday, 31st October 2015.
   Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

4. **UQ Scholarships**
   Applications for UQ Academic and Sporting scholarships close on 31 October 2015. UQ Link Scholarships are also available to provide assistance to students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. These scholarships are awarded to students who apply through QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme, achieve the maximum points for the Financial Hardship category and enrol in any bachelor or associate degree program at UQ.
   For more information about the range of scholarships available, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit uq.edu.au/scholarships or contact the Undergraduate Scholarships team on 07 3365 7113 or email ugscholarships@uq.edu.au.

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5. **International Study**
   Considering studying at an overseas university or college? Visit [http://www.internationalschoolguide.com/schools.htm](http://www.internationalschoolguide.com/schools.htm) for information on international universities, colleges and schools from countries as varied as Abu Dhabi, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States.

6. **Bachelor of General Studies**
   Not sure what you want to study at university? – USQ’s Bachelor of General Studies gives students the opportunity to study a broad range of areas before deciding on a specific area. Find out more about this course at [http://www.usq.edu.au/study.degrees/bachelor-of-general-studies](http://www.usq.edu.au/study.degrees/bachelor-of-general-studies).

7. **Creative Arts**
   Pathways to teaching in the creative arts- Pathways are available for teaching careers via the following undergraduate creative industry programs:

   - B Creative Industries (in the study areas of visual arts; Drama; English; film, television and screen; animation or music)
   - B Fine Arts (majoring in dance; drama; visual arts; film, TV and new media production or animation) and B Music.

   Students complete their undergraduate course followed by a two-year Master of Teaching majoring in early childhood or Primary (currently available) or Secondary (available in 2018).

8. **JCU**
   Get ready for uni – This JCU web page at [http://www.jcu.edu.au/getready4uni/](http://www.jcu.edu.au/getready4uni/) has all the information you need to help you settle into university study and living.

9. **UQ Campus Tours**
   St Lucia Campus Tours – From now until Wednesday 23 December 2015 UQ will conduct one hour guided tours of the St Lucia campus every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 am and 2 pm. Tours depart from outside of the Student Centre (ground floor of Building 61). Register for a tour with the Future Student Contact Centre on 07 3346 9872 or email ask@uq.edu.au.

10. **Mathematics Courses**
    Maths B, Biology and Chemistry intensive mode courses – Successful completion of these courses will meet prerequisites in these subjects for UQ degree programs. The courses will run from 24 November – 18 December 2015. Results will be available for the QTAC January 2016 major offer round. See [http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/](http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/) for details.
11. Griffith Scholarships
Griffith University’s Deans Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships and the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships are awarded to school leavers with outstanding academic records and high level leadership and community engagement. These scholarships are worth from $24,000 to $60,000 and include membership of the Griffith Honours College. Applications for these scholarships close on 11 December 2015. Find out more at https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships.

12. JMC Academy Scholarships
JMC offers higher education courses in the creative industries. It will offer up to eight academic undergraduate scholarships at its Brisbane campus, covering one year of tuition fees for any of JMC’s eight bachelor degrees. Applications close on the 18 December 2015. Find out more at https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/apply/domestic-students/scholarships.

13. What is Allied Health?
According to Allied Health Professions Australia allied health professionals include: Audiologists, Chiropractors, Dietitians, Exercise Physiologists, Genetic Counsellors, Music Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Orthoptists, Orthotist/Prosthetists, Osteopaths, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Podiatrists, Perfusionists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Sonographers, Speech Pathologists, Audiometrists, Diabetes Educators and Diversional Therapists.

To find out more about specific allied health professions do a search on the myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au and visit the My Health Career website at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au. You can also read information about many of these professions on the University of Queensland Health website at http://health.ug.edu.au/undergraduate.

14. Helpful study skills websites
- Reachout http://au.reachout.com/How-to-study - lists simple study tips and has a link to a goal setting fact sheet.
- Test Taking Tips http://www.testtakingtips.com/ - focus is on the knowledge and skills you need to be a successful test taker.
- How to avoid Hubert face – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4lHCwY838s&feature=youtube – a light-hearted three-minute video on de-stressing produced by Bond University students.
15. **Aviation Career Information Sessions**

   Cabin Crew/Flight Attendant Training – The Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations)

   Location: Aviation Australia’s Flight Safety Training Centre, 15 Boronia Road, Brisbane Airport.

   Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

   Date: Wednesday the 18th of November

   To register your attendance please click here or visit our website http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/cabin-crew-career-sessions/

16. **Attention Year 12 UMAT students!**

   The National Institute of Education (UMAT NIE) will be conducting an intensive Medical Interviews Training Workshop. The workshop dates have now been set, and due to popularity of this unique program, classes already started to fill up. Please note, places for this workshop are strictly limited. All details are via www.nie.edu.au

17. **Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies:**

   - C3 Hospitality – Clayfield
   - C3 Hairdressing – Fortitude Valley – Year 11
   - C3 Hairdressing – Brisbane City – Year 10 or 11
   - C3 Business – City Beach (various locations) – Year 10
   - C2 Business – Eagle Farm – Year 11

   Interested students need a resume. See Mrs McPherson if interested in applying

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**From The Careers Office cont.**

Mrs Aime Culpeper  
**Careers Counsellor**  
Vocation and Training Coordinator

Mrs Beverley McPherson  
**Careers Assistant**
Recently in the Maryvale Library we celebrated Anti-Poverty week (11-17 October) with a display of up-to-date 'Issues in Society' non-fiction texts about child poverty, poverty in Australia and World Poverty. To find out more about Anti-poverty week, visit the website at http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

Well done to the girls in Years 7-9 who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 and received certificates signed by the premier on assembly as well as theme park vouchers and information about the State Library of Queensland’s Summer Reading Challenge! The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending an approved kindergarten program or long day care centre. The Premier's Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning (http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/)

The following Year 9 girls completed the challenge and were recognised on College assembly last week:

- Elise Dorsa
- Ayuen Deng
- Megan Charlouis
- Jamisyn Chapman
- Angela Kis
- Grace Calkin

Thank you also to Head of English and Languages, Ms Cheryl Bowring and the English staff who supported and encouraged the girls to read during the Premier’s Reading Challenge! Hopefully in 2016 we can have a greater number of girls in Years 7-9 participating in the challenge. For sample reading lists for years 5-7 and years 7-9, go to http://moodle.ccc.qld.edu.au/moodle/pluginfile.php/22439/mod_resource/content/1/prc2015-5-7.pdf and http://moodle.ccc.qld.edu.au/moodle/pluginfile.php/22438/mod_resource/content/1/prc2015-7-9.pdf
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?

To celebrate Halloween in the library, this week the Library committee will host some Halloween themed team games at lunchtimes in the library. Winners will receive Halloween-themed treats. We will also have Halloween quizzes where year 7 and 8 girls who answer all questions correctly about Halloween, All Saints and All Souls’ Day and horror themed books will win a Halloween sweet! Thank you to our year 12 2015 Library Committee leader, Cassie Paulke, as well as the other year 12 Library Committee members for their assistance in the Library this year as the Halloween competitions are their last Library Committee organised competitions before they go on exams. Our other library committee members from years 7-11 will continue to assist with book selection, book reviews and arranging displays and competitions for the remainder of 2015 and in 2016.

“Inside a Dog” Inky Awards

The Inky Awards are for the best teen literature, voted for online by the readers of insideadog.com.au, and named after the site’s wonder-dog, Inky. There are two awards: the Gold Inky for an Australian book, and the Silver Inky for an international book. Winners were announced recently with the Gold Inky going to ‘The Intern’ by Gabrielle Tozer and the Silver Inky awarded to Rainbow Powell’s ‘Fangirl’. https://insideadog.com.au/inkys/2015-winners
New Resources and Updated Research and Resource Centre Information page on Moodle

New ‘Manga’ and graphic novels in the library for October!

(For students interested in Japanese comics and animation, the Anime club run by Ms Anning, meets every Friday lunchtime either in the Reading Room of the library or the Art room.)

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 and links to videos from Clickview and ABC Splash for subject assignments. We also have plenty of new fiction titles for all you keen readers out there, including many ‘manga’ graphic novels! Come into the library before or after school or at lunch and have a browse. Genre stickers (eg supernatural stories, fantasy) on the spine of new books makes selection easier!

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 Reading Circle books and other library books are due back to the library on 20 November. Students are not able to borrow print books over the holidays however they will still be able to access the BCE Digital library ebooks and audiobooks via the library catalogue link on the College website. The Area 2 reading room of the library will be closed to all students from next week so year 12s can start returning their textbooks, however the other sections of the library will still be open to students during classes and breaks for reading and study. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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 UQL Cyberschool library site www.library.uq.edu.au/schools

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

Madonna Riggall
Library Aide/Book Hire Convenor

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From Joey's

Tuckshop Roster
Monday 2nd Nov - Rebecca Hanlon
Tuesday 3rd Nov - Deb Visser
Wednesday 4th Nov - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 5th Nov - Moya Sankey
Friday 6th Nov - Natasha Hollier
Monday 9th Nov - Karen Singleton
Tuesday 10th Nov - Help Needed Please!
Wednesday 11th Nov - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 12th Nov - Stephanie Ingeri and Jennifer Dwyer
Friday 13th Nov - Irene Lata

Community Noticeboard

Fine China Sale
Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish
invites you to join us for Devonshire Tea
and to browse or purchase from our
selection of beautiful crockery, vases, bowls
and ornaments
7th & 8th November 2015
Saturday 1pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 10am - 1pm
$5 Entry Includes Devonshire Tea
CASH SALES ONLY

Nolan Hall,
Leslie Street, Nundah
Next to St. Joseph's Primary School
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