From the Principal

Celebrating the Life and Spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop College is proudly a Catholic school under the governance of the Archdiocese of Brisbane inspired by the spirit and life of Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

This week we celebrate our MacKillop Josephite charism in a special way. August 8 is Mary’s Feast Day. This is a special time for us to renew our commitment to living and learning with the kind of courage and compassion, the faith and tenacity, and the commitment to practical justice which are at the heart of Mary’s story.

At this time in 2015 we have much to learn from Mary which is directly relevant to our educational mission. Real, deep and powerful learning comes only with persistence, determination, set-back and rebound, and active engagement,

Mary MacKillop had a real disposition for learning. She didn’t give up. She learned from mistakes. She embraced the knowledge and wisdom of others as vital to her own mission.

Mary took on challenges recognising that she might fail in the initial stages of the learning journey. Mary was not daunted by 19th century Catholicism which found it revolutionary for a religious order of women to be established to meet the primitive needs of a frontier society.

Mary demonstrated a gutsy kind of grit in tough times. Her religious community encountered misunderstanding and opposition to the extent that she was excommunicated for a time and her group of Josephite sisters was temporarily disbanded.

Mary genuinely wanted to learn, to improve and to succeed. She leaves a rich legacy in the Catholic education system in Australia. Mary was a proactive participant in ensuring that teaching and learning was directly responsive to the time while being grounded in a foundational educational rationale which positions learning as central to a life lived well in the service of the greater good.

The young women of Mary MacKillop College learn Mary’s story. We seek also to ensure that they understand it at such a profound level that it becomes, in no small way, an inspiration in their own lives.
With Gratitude

Mary MacKillop once wrote, “Gratitude is the memory of the heart” (1907). This portrait below Mary is titled, Gratitude, and was recently painted by Steve Todd, Principal of MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale. It is an expression of thanks to Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph and features the colours and rugged nature of the Australian landscape. It is suggestive of Mary the gifted teacher, traveller and pilgrim who had an amazing insight into the needs of others.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I note and say thanks on behalf of the whole Mary MacKillop College community to the following staff and parents who have worked so hard for the benefit of our students.

Thanks to Ms Sally Carr, Ms Lucia Varela, Mrs Melinda Strickland, Ms Nidean Dickson, Mrs Cheryl Bowring and Mr David Crewe who have coached our College debating teams in 2015.

Thanks to Mrs Cath Rodden, Mrs Bernadine Anning, Mrs Mandy Crossan, Mrs Kaye Jeffery, Mrs Cheryl Bowring and Ms Mary Fletcher who facilitated our students’ involvement in the Catholic Education Week celebrations at St Stephen’s Cathedral.

Thanks to Mr Matthew Messer, Miss Carly Richardson, Mrs Donna Griffiths and Ms Donna Beikoff who are coaching our College Athletics team.

Thanks to the staff and parents who assisted at last Friday’s College social, Ms Madonna Matthews, Mrs Cath Rodden, Mrs Aime Culpeper, Mrs Elizabeth Gilroy, Ms Carly Richardson, Ms Mary Hilton, Ms Tania Meredith, Ms Madonna Riggall, Ms Georgia White, Mrs Cath Rodden, Mr Wayne Chapman, Mr Bill Webb, Mrs Trish O’Dea, Ms Nidean Dickson, Ms Sally Carr, Ms Michelle Fountain, Mr Paul Brown, Mrs Louise Nott, Mrs Glenda Bassa and Mrs Narelle Dobson. Thank you also to the parents who gave up their time to assist. Ms Rachel Miles, Ms Helen Christensen, Ms Veronique Taylor, Ms Lara Pope, Ms Bronwyn Murphy, Ms Sharon Crawley, Ms Rhonda Monk, Mr Paul Solly, Mr Paul Visser, Ms Sandra Bentley, Ms Natasha Hollier, Ms Debbie Visser, Ms Trish O’Dea, Ms Tammy Ryan, Ms Simone Bannan, Ms Annette Koehn, Ms Judy Maujean, Ms Jo Nowakowski and Ms Joanne Clements.

Thanks to our Heads of Faculty who presented at last week’s Year 10 Subject Selection Information evening - Mr Wayne Chapman, Mrs Cath Rodden, Mrs Trish Dolphin, Mrs Cheryl Bowring, Ms Bernadine Anning, Mrs Sue Goves and Mr David Crewe.

From the Principal cont.

2015 Term Dates:

Term 1
Wednesday 28 January—Thursday 2 April

Term 2
Monday 20 April—Friday 19 June

Term 3
Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September

Term 4
Tuesday 6 October—Friday 27 November

Absentee/Late Arrival Line: 3266 5733

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
MacKillop Blessing

Provident God, with grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Mary MacKillop is in our world.

May we be touched anew with her spirit of prophetic charity and generous participation in mission.

May the blessings of our hospitable God be among us - abundant, overflowing, extravagant and spreading over all.

May the blessings of the Josephite charism fire us anew with generosity and openness, stretching our imaginations to see its new forms.

May the blessings of our Good God, remain with us always. Amen.

Christine Clarke
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

Visible Learning Project

A number of staff members have been involved in the introductory phase of a project which investigates Visible Learning for the College. Visible Learning is an approach to teaching and learning that focusses upon those learning experiences that have the greatest impact on student achievement.

At its heart, is the development of learning dispositions that develop young women who:

- can be their own teacher
- articulate what they are learning and why
- talk about how they are learning (strategies)
- articulate their next learning steps
- use self-regulation strategies
- are assessment-capable (understands the tools, what results mean, and can self-assess)
- seek, are resilient and who aspire to challenge
- set mastery goals
- ask questions
- see errors as opportunities and are comfortable saying that they do not know and/or need help
- positively support their peers’ learning
- know what to do when they don’t know what to do
- actively seek feedback
- have metacognitive skills and can talk about them


A number of staff members have been involved in this project. I thank Ms Sally Carr, Mrs Cheryl Bowring, Mr David Crewe and Mrs Christine Clarke for their work within the initial part of this project. The work undertaken by Ms Sally Carr in analysing some student focus group research undertaken in Term Two has been described by the Visible Learning trainers as world-wide best practice!

Assessment Planners

The Assessment Planners for Semester Two are available on the College website at the Academic Excellence link


I encourage all students and parents to access these to aid in organisation and planning for the semester.
Homework

Homework is an important part of learning. It is expected that all students fully immerse themselves in undertaking their home study processes.

A comprehensive home study program includes:

- Completion of set tasks
- Completion of assignment tasks
- Exam preparation via regular revision of concepts. This should occur weekly for each subject.
- Extra reading around subject matter
- Practising questions that have been covered in class
- Identifying questions to ask teachers

The location for homework should:

- Be well lit
- Include fresh air
- Not include access to social media. This is crucial so that our young women are able to focus on the work at hand

As a general guide, students are expected, at a minimum, to be allocating the following times to their home study:

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

Parents have significant capacity to reinforce and support these practices.

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

Catholic Education Week

Last week Catholic schools in the Archdiocese celebrated Catholic Education Week. The theme for the week was: *Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts and Serving Others*. Mary MacKillop College was invited to participate in activities surrounding the Catholic Festival of Education held in at St Stephen’s Cathedral on Wednesday. **Mrs Bernadine Anning** our Head of Department in Creative Arts and **Mrs Mandy Crossan**, our Arts school officer went along with a Year 7 Media class, where the students showcased a craft based activity creating landscape pictures from tissue paper for a group of schools.

On Thursday, **Ms Mary Fletcher** our Drama teacher and **Mrs Kaye Jeffrey** accompanied the eCCCos Choir, which is mainly made up of enthusiastic singers from Years 7 & 8. They had the opportunity to teach the choreographed song “Never See A Need” (Ms Fletcher’s own composition on our beloved Mary MacKillop) to students from other schools. This extended to developing new and creative choreography by all participants which was well received by spectators.

Our students were able to interact with students from other schools and participate in their activities, discovering the different styles of learning from robotics to other languages. The students proudly represented the College receiving many compliments on their uniform and conduct and certainly lived up to the week’s theme where their minds were engaged and they ignited hearts and served their peers. Both the staff and students involved came back to school buzzing with excitement and talk about the experience, which is always a positive sign from any excursion or activity.

Our students and staff will be key participants in Saturday’s Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral celebrating the Feast of Mary MacKillop.

JJAMM

This week we celebrate JJAMM (Joseph, Julian Tenison Woods And Mary MacKillop) Week culminating on Friday with Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day. The Student Leadership Team will run a series of fun lunchtime activities based around the letters in the JJAMM acronym.

The Student Leadership Team should be acknowledged for their efforts this week in enlivening the community spirit of our College. On Friday we will finish the week by celebrating a liturgy for Mary MacKillop full of song and reflection. It will be wonderful to have **Fr Bernie Gallagher** joining us for the liturgy.

**Cath Rodden**

Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission
Catholic Education Week at St Stephen's Cathedral

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
MMC Social

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Captain’s Corner

JJAMM Week

JJAMM, which is an acronym for Joseph, Julian Tenison Woods and Mary MacKillop, plays a significant role within the College. These three remarkable people inspire our core College values and mission statement.

Earlier this year, we went to Sydney for the JJAMM conference, where all the Josephite colleges around Australia met in one sacred place to communicate the work of the Josephites, to learn how we could continue their legacy and make life-long connections as Josephite colleges. We discussed the importance of continuing the Josephite legacy and made plans for JJAMM Week at our colleges as a large Josephite community.

The Josephite congregation, over many years, has worked to ensure every child was given equal opportunity within the classroom. The Sisters of St Joseph, founded by Mary MacKillop, remain as part of our history and their presence still lives in our College community through the work of staff and the commitment of parents and students.

The underlying messages we have learnt from Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop include:

1. Having faith and courage during times of adversity. We don’t understand suffering until we realise the reason.
2. Having patience and allowing for God to guide us. Taking time for self-reflection is important, but it also important to have faith and realise that “God will provide” – Mary MacKillop.
3. “We must teach more by example than by word” – Mary MacKillop.
4. No matter the social norms and the expectations placed on us, if it is unjust then we must take a stand for those who can’t and stand up for what we believe in.

The activities planned for this week include:

Monday: Jive for Joseph
By integrating the cultural aspect of the College we can embrace both music and dance into JJAMM week. This day encourages the young women to express themselves in a supportive environment. It will also emphasise the courage that Joseph showed for Mary during her pregnancy with Jesus. The young women will need to show courage to dance!

Tuesday: “J” Dress up day
The theme of ‘J’ will allow for the girls to dress up and be adventurous with their costumes.

Wednesday: Acronym Quiz
We will be creating several groups to compete in our acronym quiz. The quiz will have acronyms such as “BRB (Be Right Back), JJAMM (Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop), MHM (Mary Helen MacKillop)”. This will teach the young women about JJAMM in a positive environment.

Thursday: Mary’s Providence bag
Each team will have to fill Mary’s providence bag (the bag of lollies Mary carried and gave to the children as special treats) with chop sticks. If they finish first, they will keep the providence bag.

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Captain’s Corner

Friday: Mary’s Amazing Race
Each team will have an elected House Group member who will be collecting money for the MacKillop Foundation and donating it at the end of the race. Another team member will participate in the scavenger hunt race, completing a series of tasks. The first team to reach the end and deposit their coin collection will win. The proceeds will go to the MacKillop Foundation which continues to support people who suffer disadvantage due to either social or economic circumstances.

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles
College Captains

To the students of MMC:
JJAMM WEEK
Let’s celebrate the lives of Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop

- Monday: Jive for Joseph!
  - Dance party in the hall at lunchtime!

- Tuesday: “J” dress up day
  - Come dressed in anything beginning with the letter “J”.

- Wednesday: Acronym Quiz
  - Hall at lunchtime, sign up a team and win some goodies!

- Thursday: Mary’s providence bag
  - Trying filling Mary’s bag with chopsticks, those who win can keep the bag

- Friday: Mary’s amazing race
  - Find your way around with clues and fill the coin jar

Please celebrate with us!

Have questions?
- Ask the S.L.T
- We are encouraging your participation
- When you can, bring along a donation for the Mary MacKillop foundation.

When:
3rd of August until the 7th of August

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Welcome to JJAMM Week!

During our House Assembly on Friday 31st July, certificates were presented to many of our young women acknowledging their academic efforts during Semester 1.

Congratulations to the following young women for:

**Academic Excellence – achieving all As in Overall Achievement, Conduct and Application**
- Annabel Maloney F3
- Anna Twomey F4
- Mushda Lateef F5
- Joy Yang F7

**Academic Achievement – achieving all As in Overall Achievement**
- Nadia Cash F4
- Ruvimbo Mautsa F3

**Academic Endeavour – achieving all As in Conduct and Application**
- Paola Frangiosa F2
- Karissa Barclay F3
- Xanthe Brown F3
- Grace Simpson F3
- Tiffany Visser F3
- Madeline Pahany F4
- Justyce Pengilly F4
- Jupneek Singh F4
- Chelsea Webster F4
- Poppy Clements F4
- Emily Denaro F4
- Tia Inman F5
- Caitlyn Leeson F5
- Penelope Kent F6
- Bridget Moore F6
- Rahni O’Dea F6
- Cassandra Paulke F6
- Claudia Dohnt F6
- Sarah Bradbury F6
- Liana Pope F7
- Abigail Bannan F7

All our young women have been thrown the challenge to personally improve their academic endeavours this term.

From the Heads of House
From the Heads of House

Parents – I’m sending a heartfelt plea – please ensure every article of your daughter’s uniform is named. It is distressing when blazers, jumpers and hats are picked up and unnamed.

Especially during this week, may the blessings of Mary MacKillop fire us anew and the blessings of our God remain with us always.

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader – Fitzroy House
From the Heads of House cont.

Academic Awards

Last week at our Penola house assembly we presented the following students with Academic Awards to recognise their achievements throughout Semester 1.

**Academic Excellence (All A’s)**

Keelin Roe
Priyanka Iyer
Aya Arafah
Julia Lindblom
Anna Tran
Keeley Hobday
Tina Tran
Sierra Turray

**Academic Endeavour (A’s for application and conduct)**

Emily Taylor
Emily Ballard
Sophie Blake
Carlna Di Lione
Jessica Rotondo
Indigo Smith
Raheeq Abdulhameed
Georgia Compton
Darcy Meares
Chrystelle Pantaleon
Tayla Peterson
Celine Seabrook
Dumi Wickrammasinghe
Paris Beikoff
Mia Dwyer
Bronte Grancourt
Bronte Hobday
Danielle Ryan
Piper Sutton
Hrishika Aljpur
Mary Darben
Carli O’Halloran
Sophia Chang
Rachel Deidericks
Suppreet Kaur
Kayla Lawson
Rhiannon McGreevy
Alyssa Winnett
Emma Witt
Rema Arafah
Matilda Bourke
Laura Gonzalez Cardenas
Allegera Vadhat
Madelyn Howarth
Ekamdeep Kaur
Lizzie Nam

Penola Day- Friday 14th August

On Friday 14th August we as a Penola House will celebrate “Penola Day”. On this occasion we will be hosting a Multi-Cultural Festival for the community to raise funds for the Mary MacKillop foundation. We are inviting all students and their families to prepare a cultural food, activity or game for this day.

Penola students are invited to wear the College sports uniform on this day and make a gold coin donation. All house groups will participate in the Penola “Minute to Win it Challenge” during house time on Friday afternoon.

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

QCMF
The Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival is on once again this year, and we are taking all six of our extra-curricular music ensemble to participate in this wonderful performance opportunity.

This performance is a compulsory event and notice of absence must be notified to Miss Cohen as soon as possible. The festival runs over four days 13th-16th of August with tickets available at each venue location. Family and friends are encouraged to support our students as they perform in this public setting! Please note the performance times as detailed below.

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QCMF Rehearsal Day
This year, we are utilising the EKKA Wednesday public holiday, the 12th August, to help prepare for this year’s QCMF. The rehearsal day will run from 9am-12pm with specialist tutors coming in to run sectionals with each of our ensembles. Please note that this rehearsal and all rehearsals leading up to the event are an integral part of the preparation for QCMF and attendance is compulsory for all ensemble members. Please notify Miss Cohen urgently if your daughter is unable to make the rehearsal day.

Permission Letter
Permission letters have been distributed for all students in music ensemble regarding both QCMF and the EKKA compulsory rehearsal day. Please note these permission notes are now overdue. Please return them to the office or directly to Miss Cohen urgently.

New Music Email Address
MMC Music has a new Email address, music@mmc.qld.edu.au All general music enquiries should be forwarded to this email address rather than to the Music Coordinator’s personal address.

Bree Cohen
Music Coordinator
From the ICT Students

EKKA 2015 SUCCESS FOR MMC STUDENTS
Four MMC Students have experienced success at the Royal National Show “Education On Show” Section in winning two categories and taking all three places in one. Students completed these as part of their ICT studies program.

OPEN CLASS 18:
Composting (Science, English, ICT)
Design a brochure showing how to make and promote perfect compost
First prize $30, Certificate; Second $20, Certificate; Third $10, Certificate
1st Tessa Sullivan Year 9

YEARS 6-8 CLASS 15:
Erosion Evidence (ICT, Science, Geography)
Present a visual diary showing examples of erosion in your environment
First prize $30, Certificate; Second $20, Certificate; Third $10, Certificate
1st Raheeq Abdulhameed Year 7
2nd Lily Biddle Year 7
3rd Tina Tran Year 7

Wayne Horne
ICT Teacher
From the Sport Department

Sport News
There are a couple of big dates coming up. These are the CaSSSA Athletics Carnival, College sport photos and the Met North Athletics competition.

CaSSSA Athletics Training
Our Athletics squad continues to train hard and there is plenty of improvement as the girls continue to push themselves further and further. The Squad will shortly be electing their Athletics Captain who will take them to this year’s carnival. The next UQ session will be held on the 10th of Aug and those who have not listed themselves to participate are strongly encouraged to come along.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a massive thank you to the staff who have continued to offer a helping hand with training the squad. Those people are Miss Carly Richardson, Mrs Donna Griffiths and Ms Donna Beikoff (Head Coach) and the specialist coaches Samuel, Kimbra and Norma. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

Trimester 3 Sport
Sign up sheets have now been taken down for the last CaSSSA Trimester of Sport. Trial dates for teams that require trialling have been placed on the Sport Moodle page. If your daughter would still like to try out for a team please ask her to come and have a talk with myself ASAP.

Met North Athletics
Met North Athletics will be held on 25th, 26th and 27th Aug. Please ask your daughter to obtain the necessary paperwork from myself should she be interested in attending. She will need a record of her distances/ times for the events she will be trialling so this can be entered before the 10th August cut off date.

Final round for CaSSSA Trimester 2
With the final completion of CaSSSA Trimester 2 this week, we ask that all students please return their sports shirts to their coaches at the end of the match otherwise they will be charged the full price of the replacement.

Bridge to Brisbane
Mary MacKillop College has again entered a team into the 10 kilometre event for 2015. Students are asked to register through the Bridge to Brisbane website www.bridgetobrisbane.com.au and use the code: 16047 to register as a member of the MMC team. Cost of entry is $45 per person. We invite parents and families to join us on this day. Interested students should see Ms Richardson, myself or Lauren McDonnell for more information.

Matthew Messer
Head of Sport
From Year 7 Religious Education

Year 7 Ritual

Our 3 classes of Year 7 Religious Education have been looking at Mary MacKillop and her path to sainthood. Her qualities, virtues and values have been explored and discussed at some length. On Friday afternoon we moved our lesson to the Convent Chapel across the road from the College. It is a beautiful setting in which to experience some meditation and reflect the virtues espoused by St Paul in his letter to the Colossian people 3:12-17

To ritualise the embracing of the five specific virtues of peace, compassion, happiness, kindness and patience, we first wrote down something that we needed to be freed of - selfishness, meanness, laziness etc. These words were written on a lily pad and symbolically floated away on a river of blue material. A “virtue bracelet” was then chosen as a symbol of putting on these virtues.

It was a sacred time in a sacred place and your daughters were fully engaged in this prayer and ritual.

Aime Culpeper, Kylie Johansen, Mary Hilton
Year 7 RE Teachers
From the Careers Office

1. **Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts**
   The ACPA will be holding auditions in Brisbane on the 28th and 29th September. Details are on the Careers Noticeboard. You can find out more about ACPA by visiting their website [www.acpa.net.au](http://www.acpa.net.au).

2. **WEP Australia**
   WEP Australia will be running a free information session in Brisbane for all students interested in finding out more about student exchange.
   **When:** Wednesday 26 August / 7-8:30pm
   **Where:** Ashgrove Library, 87 Amarina Avenue, Ashgrove QLD 4060
   Request a free information pack online.
   [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) 1300 884 733 info@wep.org.au

3. **School-based Traineeships**
   - Certificate 3 school-based traineeships in Fitness are available at local fitness clubs. Interested students will need a resume and cover letter. Please make an appointment with the Careers Office if you wish to learn more about these opportunities.
   - School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships for Year 11 and 12 students in Certificate 3 in Hairdressing, Certificate 3 in Business and Certificate 3 in Hospitality are now available at local businesses. These positions will fill quickly. Applicants will need a resume and cover letter. Please make an appointment with the Careers Office if you wish to apply.

4. **Hairdressing**
   If hairdressing is a career you are considering, please visit the Careers Office for information on Stefan Hairdressing Apprenticeship opportunities. These opportunities are open to Year 12 students.

5. **Equine Course**
   Do you have a goal of working in the equine industry? Australian Equine Institute offer a Certificate 3 in Horsemanship course. Details on the Careers Noticeboard.

6. **The University of NSW and Australian Defence Force Academy Information Evening**
   **When:** Monday 10 August 2015
   **Time:** 6:30pm
   **Where:** Sofitel Brisbane, Ball Room 1, 249 Turbot Street, Brisbane CBD.
   The presentation will include information on the following topics:
   - University Degrees on offer at ADFA
   - Subject knowledge
   - Entry Requirements and Admission Process
   - ADFA Timetable
   - Military Training Program
   RSVP to Alayna Bullock on 07 3016 2425 or email abullock@dfr.com.au, providing names of attendees. A limit of two (2) people per family.
From the Careers Office cont.

7. **Spring School Program**
   Southbank Tafe Campus
   8:30am to 3:00pm
   Morning tea and lunch included
   Cost of $20.00
   - 21st September – Hairdressing
   - 22nd September – Beauty
   - 23rd September – Fashion
   - 1st October – Tourism/FOH/Events
   - 2nd October – Cooking Baking
   Email Peta.Wlodarczyk@tafe.qld.edu.au to register your interest in attending.

8. **Interested in studying Creative Media?**
   Study for a day at Sae Qantm Brisbane Campus
   Saturday 24 October/ 10:00am to 4:00pm
   This fun-filled day is a unique opportunity to experience SAE student life at their Brisbane campus. Learn from industry-experienced academic team, and gets hands on training with actual coursework in your area of interest.
   COST:$30.00 per person. Spaces are limited.
   Degree, diploma and certificate courses in :
   Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games and Web and Mobile.

9. **Calling all Creators. It’s your time.**
   Open Day at Sae Qantm, Creative Media Institute
   Saturday 8 August
   1800 SAE EDU or SAE.EDU.AU/OPENDAY
   2016 Scholarships are now open.

10. **Explore the Possibilities. Discover your Career.**
    JMC Academy Open Day
    Saturday 8 August
    75 Grey Street South Brisbane
    - Tour the campus and facilities
    - Course information sessions
    - Short film and animation screenings
    - Live music performances
    - Recording studio demonstrations
    - Meet current students and view their projects
    - Subject selection advice
    Bookings are essential. Register online at jmcacademy.edu.au or phone 07 3846 5166

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From The Careers Office cont.

11. Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop
5 September and 10 October
10:00am to 3:30pm
www.jmcacademy.edu.au
This practical workshop aims to introduce students to all facets of the music industry including Contemporary Music Performance, Sound Production and Artist and Event Management.
Outcomes:
• A genuine understanding of the components that make up Australia’s music industry
• An opportunity to perform live and record in their studios
• Learn basic knowledge of recording and mixing techniques
• Certificate of Participation and JMC Academy Promotional Pack.
COST: $20.00 (includes lunch).
To book your place, visit jmcacademy.edu.au to register and pay online

12. CQ University Open Days 2015
• Attend information sessions
• Meet with expert staff and current students to have your questions answered.
• Explore your local campus facilities.
cq.edu.au/opendays
Brisbane – 160 Ann Street – Thursday 20 August 2015 – 2:00pm to 6:00pm
Virtual Open Day – online – Thursday 10 September 2015 – 10:00am to 6:00 pm.

13. Dates for your diary:
8th August 10am-2pm Billy Blue College of Design Open Day

9th August Griffith University Open Day Nathan and South Bank campuses

10-Aug ACU Early Achiever's Program applications open

16-Aug QUT Caboolture Campus Open Day

16-Aug UQ Gatton Campus Open Day / http://youruq.com/openday

17-Aug Qld Conservatorium audition applications due
http://www/uq.edu.au/music/2016-auditions-210197

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15. Useful websites for young people:

  Find out about Australian Apprenticeships job pathways and availability.

- [www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs/cooljobs/](http://www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs/cooljobs/)
  Videos of Australians working in jobs they are passionate about.

  You may be able to access support for your education and training, or to start work. Centrelink’s Career Information Centres provide information to assist people in making decisions about education, training and career pathways.

  Information and advice about careers in the community services and health industries.

  Outlines careers and labour market information to help you decide on your future career. Provides information on trends and prospects for occupations.

  Information for students about government assistance for financing tertiary study.

  Information for matters relating to the employment of people with a disability.

  Describes over 500 occupations and education and training requirements for each of those occupations. It also includes information on how you can plan your career, explore training pathways and provides practical advice on finding a job.

- [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)
  An online career services designed to help you to explore and plan your career. My future has a personal career exploration and decision-making tool and provides information about occupations, scholarships, study and training options.

  Find tips and ideas about exploring different career pathways and further education and training options for when you leave school.

- [www.smartmoves.questacon.edu.au](http://www.smartmoves.questacon.edu.au)
  Career pathways and opportunities in science, engineering and technology.

  This is a program for students or recent school leavers. This 12 month paid program is designed to provide you with a unique opportunity and invaluable skills and experiences.

Mrs Aime Culpeper  
Careers Counsellor  
Vocation and Training Coordinator

Mrs Beverley McPherson  
Careers Assistant

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Read Watch Play August ‘Watchread’ Theme

August is a very busy time in the Maryvale Resource Centre as girls busily begin researching for assignments, English classes continue to engage in the Reading Circle program and we prepare for the celebration of this year’s Children’s Book Week at the end of the month. August’s ‘Read, Watch, Play August theme is ‘Watchread’. See the website for more details about how you can ‘watchread’! http://readwatchplay.wordpress.com/monthly-themes/august-2015/

National Science Week

In two weeks we will celebrate National Science Week in the library with a display of books about light in keeping with the 2015 schools theme of ‘Making Waves, the science of light.’ See the website for details of how National Science Week will be celebrated across Australia this year, particularly by schools. http://www.scienceweek.net.au/schools/

Children’s Book Week and Library Committee Competitions

In the final week of August, we will celebrate Children’s Book Week in the Maryvale library with our continued display of the shortlisted Book of the Year Award books in several categories. Children’s Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia. The dates for Book Week 2015 will be Saturday 22 – Friday 28 August.


Our library committee here at MMC, led by our student leaders, Cassie Paulke and Emily Taylor, is hosting competitions throughout Book Week from 24th to 28th August. One is a scavenger hunt where students have to answer questions about books in the library including questions relating to light. Stay tuned for more details closer to Book Week in the daily notices! Students participating in the competitions will win a prize! To enter these competitions, see the library staff for entry forms during Book Week at breaks or before or after school.

We will also be hosting a Book Swap where students will be able to either swap books they bring in from home or pick up a weeded library book for $1 which will raise money for indigenous children and families in remote communities.

Our College assembly on Friday 28 August will be themed around Children’s Book Week with our guest author and featured 2015 CBCA shortlisted author of Older Readers’ book ‘Intruder’, Christine Bongers, addressing the assembly and later, Year 7 and 8, in workshops. There will also be a dress up parade where girls are encouraged to come as their favourite book character or in keeping with this year’s theme of ‘Books Light up our World.’ The most original staff and student costume will be judged by the library committee and guest author and will be awarded a prize!
From The Resource Centre cont.

New Titles
Don’t forget to come to the library and visit the Research and Resource Centre Information Moodle page to check out the new fiction, Reading Circle and non-fiction titles available for you to borrow (we now have several copies of Harper Lee’s ‘Go Set a Watchman’ – the long awaited sequel to classic ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’) as well as details of upcoming events, research guides for student assignments, current competitions and displays in the library!

Author Visit
We currently have several signed copies of some titles ‘The Ratcatcher’s Daughter’ and ‘Flora’s War’ in Year 7 Reading Circle and Fiction respectively by author Pamela Rushby, who visited the College last week to speak to the Year 7 students about ‘The Ratcatcher’s Daughter’ which they are currently studying and the writing process. For more details about Pamela, visit her website at www.pamelarushby.com

Other Library News
The library also currently has on display some of the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Shortlisted Book of the Year Award recipients in the Older Readers, Younger Readers, Eve Pownall Award for Information Books and Picture Book categories. One of the featured books is ‘Mary’s Australia: How Mary MacKillop Changed Australia’ which is particularly relevant to our College this week as we celebrate Mary MacKillop Day on Friday. To see the full list, go to the website http://cbca.org.au/Shortlist2015.htm

Don’t forget, 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.

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

Madonna Riggall
Library Aide/Book Hire Convenor
From Joeys

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 10th August - Karen Singleton
Tuesday 11th August - Help Needed Please!
Wednesday 12th August - Ekka Holiday
Thursday 13th August - Stephanie Ingeri and Jennifer Dwyer
Friday 14th August - Irene Lata

Monday 17th August - Jess Leeson, Rebecca Hanlon
Tuesday 18th August - Penelope McCarthy
Wednesday 19th August - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 20th August - Ginny Kennedy
Friday 21st August - Irene Lata

Gina Koplick
Tuckshop Convenor

From The Office

We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. So every time you or your family or friends shop at Woolies, collect the stickers and then drop them into the collection box in the foyer of Student reception. The more stickers we collect the more resources we can redeem for our College.

Elizabeth Gilroy
College Receptionist

From The Uniform Shop

From the beginning of 2016 existing year levels (Years 10 - 12) will be able to purchase the new sports uniform, although it is not compulsory for them to do so. There is the option to continue wearing the old sports uniform until 2017.

The Uniform Shop has reduced prices on existing stock of the old sports uniform plus the old coloured house shirts

- Sport Shorts - were $29.00 to $36.00 - now $20.00
- Sport Shirts - were $35.00 to $42.00 - now $20.00
- House Shirts - were $36.00 - now $10.00

This price change takes effect immediately.

Elizabeth Gilroy
College Receptionist
Community Noticeboard

Past members of the Aspley State School band and orchestra are invited to participate in performances being held as part of the School’s 125th Anniversary ‘Blast’ Celebrations, Friday 11th September 2015.

The school would love to see as many musicians as possible joining our current band and senior orchestra for this special event.

Aspley SS Instrumental Music Staff are hoping to achieve 125 musicians on-stage as the band and orchestra perform as part of the afternoon’s entertainment line-up.

Please email Christine Jabs cjabs1@eq.edu.au if you are interested in joining these commemorative celebrations.

P.S. Do you know other past Aspley SS musicians who would also like to perform? Please share this information.