From the Principal

Immortal Diamond

If you are looking to challenge your deepest spiritual self can I suggest a text that you may well find worth reading over the Easter break, namely, Richard Rohr’s Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self? Many of you will no doubt be familiar with some of Richard’s other works including Falling Upward, Breathing Under Water, Silent Compassion and Dancing Standing Still. Richard is a Franciscan priest. He is a prolific writer and presenter and founder of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Richard Rohr borrows the metaphor of the immortal diamond from Gerard Manley Hopkins and writes of it as “… the true self… who you are, and always have been in God, … at its core, it is love itself.” He breaks open our Easter truth: “The Risen Christ is the standing icon of humanity in its final and full destiny. The Risen Christ is the pledge and guarantee of what God will do with all of our crucifixions. At last, we can meaningfully live in hope. Our hurts now become the home of our greatest hopes.” (p.84) In resurrection is the revelation of our true selves.

Retirement

Kathy Sorbie is integrally a part of the lifeblood of Mary MacKillop College. She retires from here on April 2 after more than 26 years, over half of the lifetime of the College. Mere words could never sum up the enormous impact that Kathy has had on this community over the years as Personal Assistant to the Principal and as College Registrar. In the few short months that I have worked with her I have been blessed to get to know Kathy as a person of enormous integrity, professionalism and loyalty, with a spirit of hope and a heart of love. We will farewell Kathy from the College on the last day of this term and she will be honoured in a special Brisbane Catholic Education Ceremony tomorrow.

Kathy is authentically a “MacKillop Woman”. Mary MacKillop’s words, “Never see a need without doing something about it” have inspired Kathy’s approach to all aspects of her work over her last 26 years at Corpus Christi/Mary MacKillop College. Throughout those years Kathy has shown unwavering loyalty to the College, the Sisters of St Joseph, her family, her colleagues and friends, and of course to the many students and families of the College community. Kathy has gone above and beyond in all aspects of her work. She has been unfailingly generous with her time, experience, friendship and support. When there were questions that couldn’t be answered people deferred straight to Kathy – “Kathy will know!” – and indeed she did! Further, Kathy brought light and laughter to our everyday.
Kathy has worked with four Principals taking their nuances seamlessly into her stride! To each one she has been absolutely loyal, her professionalism always having love, care and support at its heart.

Kathy will always hold a special place in the life and story of Mary MacKillop College. Mary MacKillop wrote: “God is so very good to us all”(1872). She may well have been referring to the gift that Kathy has been to Mary MacKillop College.

St Joseph’s Day

Last Thursday was a great day of celebration on the occasion of the feast of St Joseph. The experience of the day integrated a wide spectrum of human response: the poignant and moving silence at the Wisdom wall where students placed their hopes for a world that comes to recognise the humanity of refugees and asylum seekers; the power of the a capella voices of eCCCOs as they reminded us of the trauma of the refugee; the prayerfulness of the liturgy which juxtaposed the story of St Joseph with that of the 2015 refugee; the energy and assertiveness of our students who implored us to break away from stereotypical and destructive responses to mental illness, media driven body image and more. Their message was clearly that none of us should fall passively for a world that is less than just, that is less than respectful of the human person. Justice and peace is possible and the young women of Mary MacKillop College are purposeful in their pursuit of it.
Staff Changes

Mrs Kerry Williams has been a much valued teacher at Mary MacKillop College for many years. After retiring at the end of 2014 Kerry then immediately and generously offered to fill a Term One vacancy. During this last term Kerry has been teaching classes in Geography, Study of Religion and English replacing Ms Sarah Adams who has been on leave. Both Ms Adams and Mrs Williams finish at the end of this term and we thank them each for their contribution to learning and teaching at Mary MacKillop College.

Ms Kylie Johansen will be joining us from Term 2 as a full time teacher of Geography, Religion and English. Kylie will be taking the classes that Kerry Williams has been teaching this term (replacing Sarah Adams). Most recently, Kylie has been working at Loreto College.

Mrs Kelli Crawford commences as the Principal’s Personal Assistant/Registrar from March 30. Mrs Crawford will work with Mrs Kathy Sorbie for the last week of term as a transition/changeover time. Kelli is currently working as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal - Technology and Analysis at All Hallows’ School.

Strategic Directions

Visioning and planning ahead is vital to the life of all dynamic, growing, alive organisations. In Catholic schools we have a special religious and spiritual imperative to embrace continuous learning as core to our faith journey. We have an educational imperative to embrace continuous development as core to the ongoing provision of the very best of learning and teaching for our students. The 2015 Strategic Priorities for Mary MacKillop College are available on our website (Our Community). There are four focus areas – Mission and Religious Education, Learning and Teaching, Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships, Strategic Resourcing. A progress report for 2015 so far will be available early in Term 2. We will also be undertaking a consultative process during Term 2 to determine key priorities for the next two years. You are encouraged to participate. More information will be available in subsequent editions of News and Views.

QATSIF

Three of our senior students were recognised last week in a special ceremony at St Laurence’s College – Kayla Lawson, Zhane Fisher and Brooke Watego. The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund is a not-for-profit organisation chaired by Ngugi woman Professor Cindy Shannon. QATSIF support honours previous generations of Indigenous Queenslanders who laboured under the control, laws and policies of the past. What was owed to them – through the former Aborigines Welfare Fund and the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme – is now seed funding for a trust that can bring a better life to today’s generations.
Visit to St Pius Primary School, Banyo

Last week our Mary MacKillop College Business Manager, Mr John Branjerdporn, and I were welcomed to St Pius Primary School by Acting Principal, Ms Margot Carwardine. St Pius is one of our many feeder primary schools. Prior to my visit I had a wonderful time catching up with our Year 7 and 8 students who are past students of St Pius. They wrote letters back to their old school and I took along photos of them. The staff of St Pius were of course very keen to see how their ex-students are going. Here is a selection of words from their letters:

‘High school is great, meeting new friends and most importantly, meeting new teachers.’
Bronte Hobday

‘On the first day I was so nervous but now every morning I can’t wait for school.’
Danielle Ryan

‘My new transition to Mary MacKillop has been awesome. Yes, it has been challenging and yes, I have had a lot of homework, but luckily I went to St Pius which has helped me to have a easier and happier move. Mary MacKillop College is one of the best high schools I have seen and all the girls are so generous and kind and have also made my journey easier’
Georgia Walker

Former St Pius students
Chelsea Solly, Sinead Kwan, Annabelle Parry, Bronte Hobday, Keeley Hobday, Danielle Ryan, Lauren Abraham, Georgia Walker, Charlotte Christensen, Phoemela Abalahin, Petria Hamiora
Visible Learning
The teaching staff of Mary MacKillop College are part of a key Brisbane Catholic Education initiative in relation to excellence in learning and teaching called Visible Learning. Last week five teachers attended a workshop facilitated by Professor John Hattie. A focus on evidence-based practice which utilises specific learning progress data in conjunction with targeted learning and teaching strategies is core to our strategic focus on learning excellence.

Student learning should also be particularly visible to you as parents and families of our students who are now immersed in a range of learning assessment. There are exams to be completed and assignments to be submitted. Insist on focused learning/study/homework time at home. Keep calm. No social media during learning time. Plenty of sleep. Lists of things achieved. Hard work – there’s plenty of holiday time to follow. Sense of humour. Visible learning.

Catholic Secondary Schoolgirls’ Sports Association Shield Swimming Carnival
Mary MacKillop College hosted the annual CaSSSA carnival held last week at Chandler. A special mention must go to our swimmers who have been in training since the beginning of the year. They set out with a goal to improve their placing at the carnival and they did it! The most sustainable change comes bit, by bit, with resolute determination. Their commitment paid off. Congratulations to each of our dedicated swimmers and to the happy crowd that cheered them on. Of course our athletes could not have enjoyed such success without the support of the staff of Mary MacKillop. To Ms Elena Delgado, Mrs Sue Goves, Mrs Donna Griffiths, Ms Margaret Roff and Mr Matthew Messer – thank you!

Easter Blessing
God of the resurrection
as grapes pressed and crushed
ferment into rich wine
so bless us and transform us
in our ordinariness
to people alive with joy.

Christine Clarke
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Michael Gross’ article Parents at School, attached, indicates that a contributing factor to learning success is a healthy partnership between the school and parents. At Mary MacKillop College we are committed to such a partnership and indications from parent feedback is that there are a number of ways already in place to nurture this partnership.

Such an opportunity occurred last week with parents in attendance for the St Joseph’s Day Liturgy and our annual Culture Competition. The Culture Competition is a colourful, loud event which is surprises newcomers in many ways. This year’s theme, Breaking the Cycle, was a powerful reminder of our need to be ever vigilant in challenging inequality, injustice and any acts which devalue our rights as humans. Congratulations to all girls, but especially to McCormack, the overall winner. The girls have had to work within groups from all year levels to choreograph and perfect a dance. Not an easy task for 30 girls with different interests! The day however was a win for social conscience and partnership development.

As a working parent I know the difficulty of attending school events and I encourage you to look through the calendar with your daughter to see what you can plan to join her for or to be present at after hour events. Invitations to events will also be published in this newsletter.

“There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve ……., attend as many school functions as you can. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact” (Grose, 2014).

Last day of Term 1

The 2nd of April marks the end of Term 1. All students will be participating in the Inter-House cross country in the morning at Kalinga Park followed by our Easter Liturgy in the hall. Details about both events are published in this newsletter and you are most welcome to join us for both. Girls are to wear their House shirt and shorts on this day.

Photos for College Website

Thank you to all parents who have consented to their daughter’s participation in our recent photo shoot. We are presently updating our suite of photos for advertising and marketing purposes and this includes the new College website which is under development.

More photographs will be taken between 11.00am and 3.00pm on 2 April. If your daughter would like to be a part of this event please ask her to see me.

A Safe Community

There are many things we do to create an environment which is safe and supportive for the whole school community. We have our whole of school pastoral care plan which includes our policies, restorative justice framework, student protection procedures and behaviour management. Last Friday all of the Houses engaged in the “Say No to Bullying” day reinforcing our no tolerance for such behaviour.

Our physical safety is also protected by legislated Work Health and Safety policies and the College’s procedures. With this in mind, to aid in our evacuation and lockdown procedures, the College entrances will be closed at 9am each day. All students, parents and visitors to the College arriving after this time must report to reception in Bage Street.

Narelle Dobson
Deputy Principal - Director of Students
End of Term One Reports
Currently, our young women are busily completing exams and assignment work. The student Term One Progress Reports will come home in the first week of Term Two. These Reports include results in three areas:

- **Academic Progress** – this is an A to E result based upon Term One Assessment tasks. An A result indicates a very high level of knowledge, understanding and application of thinking skills. A B result indicates a high level, a C indicates a sound level, a D indicates as limited level and an E indicates a very limited level of knowledge, understanding and skills.

- **Conduct** – an A to E result based upon student behaviour in class

- **Application** – an A to E result based upon the student’s efforts within the subject. This result reflects the efforts within homework, assessment work and classroom activities

The teachers also have the opportunity to request an interview with parents; however, even if an interview is not requested, all parents are most welcome to book an interview with their daughter’s teachers. The booking process uses a simple online system. Information about how to book interviews will come home with the student reports.

Reflection Upon Term One Learning
Reflection upon the school Progress Report provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate positive achievements and to make plans with regards to specific areas that are in need of improvement. If this process occurs in partnership with your daughter’s teachers it has a greater chance of success.

I encourage all parents to approach this conversation with their daughter treating her as a young adult. Some questions for reflection could include:

- How much study time did I really undertake each week in Term One?
- Was my study time distraction free? (e.g. no social media open)
- How organised was I throughout the term?
- Did I begin my assessment tasks early or did I leave them until the last minute?
- Did I seek the assistance of my teachers throughout the term?
- How well did I complete my assignment drafts?
- Did I access all of the support services available to me?

I recommend setting some very clear goals and actions for Term Two around any areas that could be improved. I also recommend setting a date early in the term to monitor how this action plan is progressing.

Special Provision QCS
Students with a medical condition, impairment or some other factor that may make it difficult to sit the QCS Test may be eligible for special provision. This can include special arrangements, for example, a large font test paper for a student with eyesight issues.

Students who consider that they may be eligible for Special Provision need to see me to collect the appropriate paperwork and to discuss the process. The QCAA requires this application process to be completed by May 21.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

NAPLAN – Years 7 and 9

Students in Years 7 and 9 whose parents wish them to sit NAPLAN will be undertaking these tests over the 13th to the 15th of May. Some students may be eligible for alternative test formats (e.g. a large print test booklet for a student with eyesight issues).

If you think your daughter may be assisted via an alternative format testpaper or have any other queries about NAPLAN please contact me at the College or via chapmaw@mmc.qld.edu.au

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

It has been a busy few weeks in the Mary Mackillop College world of justice and faith. The inspiration of our young women has been well and truly evident.

Caritas Social Justice Day

On the 10th March, seven students from the Justice Representatives group attended the Caritas Social Justice Day, held at Nudgee College. The students participated in workshops on social justice issues and practical action on raising awareness. Our students, (Carlina Di Lione, Cassie Paulke, Rosabla Rigamoto, Bhadra Rajendren, Emily Barnett, Atarrah West and Rachael Diedericks,) were willing to share in discussion and could articulate their thinking with insight and maturity. Within the more relaxed setting of morning tea and the drive back to the College, the girls talked of things that they felt strongly about and their future goals associated with social justice issues. I was impressed by their desire to do good in our world through their career choices. To hear young people talk so genuinely about this gives us hope for a better future. This was a timely reminder that the youth in our world have to something to offer – thank God. Here are some of things the girls commented about the day:

- It was very educational. It opened my mind to be more observant and socially aware. (Rachael Diedericks)
- It was a good opportunity to share different points of view on social issues with other people. (Bhadra Rajendren)
- Loved hearing other people’s ideas and opinions and in gaining knowledge on social issues that are not commonly known. (Cassie Paulke)
- Very eye-opening in raising awareness about cultural misunderstandings and statistics within a wide range of topics. (Carlina Di Lione)
- It was very informative and nice to hear everyone’s input and that young people want to change the world. (Rosabla Rigamoto)

St Joseph’s Day

Last week we celebrated St Joseph’s Day as a community. As a parent St Joseph would be very pleased to see young people enjoying themselves in good spirit as well as taking time out in true spirituality. St Joseph’s Day is a special day in our community and for the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, selected St Joseph as the patron for the Order because of his qualities. He embraced truth, demonstrated courage and took on the role of guardian and as a father to Jesus. He was certainly fearless although not without fear. Joseph was known by many titles: Joseph the Dreamer; the Worker; the Protector; The Carpenter but he was also known as Joseph the Refugee. By using this name we are making a conscious connection to the plight of Asylum Seekers and Refugees of today. So, it is quite appropriate to associate Joseph with this theme and with our College as it is a cause that is very important to the Josephites. The emphasis for this term has also been on refugees and asylum seekers, as well as Project Compassion.

As part of the lead up to the day, we students and staff asked to select quotes related to the topic of human refuge and write them on paper bricks. From here we created a Wisdom Wall for Justice. This was an idea that emerged out of the JJAMM conference and inspired our College Captains, Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles, to instigate it. As our eCCCos group sang a refugee inspired song “A Raft and A Prayer”, student representatives assembled in the Plaza to create the Wisdom Wall. The girls entered this spiritual moment with such dignity and respect and what we witnessed was truly a moment of prayer. The paper bricks camouflaged against the wall and the words appeared as if they were emboldened against the brickwork.
We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people
We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission cont.

The liturgy that followed began with our singers entering carrying white sheets painted with helping and healing hands that symbolised our support for refugees and asylum seekers.

Joseph’s story of flight as a refugee 2000 years is not dissimilar to refugee stories of today and that was message that ran through the liturgy. Joseph chose to seek out asylum in another land twice and had risked much to do so. Think about what he had given up and an unknown future ahead. He would have had to give up his job and business and therefore had no money to feed his family. He would have to use up all his savings. Abandon their home and all their possessions. Take just enough food and clothing to survive and travel with. Leave family and friends – all his support network. Leave a town he had called home. For what?? For Joseph the safety of his family was ultimately his only concern. The job, shelter and food would come later….. hopefully.

Imagine telling Joseph today that he had to wait in a detention centre to be processed with the prospect of either being able to stay or be sent home. He was lucky that there were no detention centres back in his day and was free to move and resettle – a right that every human should have if they are faced with the hardship of war, persecution or faced with a natural disaster. Refugees and asylum seekers are not political statements. They are just people, like you, me and Joseph. They are just seeking a better life free from fear of death, free from war.

The following day, our Justice Captain, Cassie Paulke, set up a “Detention for Detention” silent vigil in the Plaza during lunch. This was something that began last year from Laura Mulherin (Justice Captain) and Cassie saw this as an opportunity to establish a tradition. A number of students sat in silence for 20 mins, some with tape across their mouths, while Cassie sat in a cage symbolising detention.
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission cont.

Walk for Refugees

There is an opportunity to take our words of wisdom into action further, with a rally for refugees and asylum seekers on this Sunday, which is Palm Sunday. If there are students or families of our College community interested in walking on this day, it would be a great chance to show our solidarity. Students interested can register their names at the Student Office this week, until 3 pm on Friday. Families can phone through or email through names to the school as well. Teachers will be present but students will have to organise their own transport there and back. The Rally: *Declare Peace on Refugees*, will be held in **King George Square at 1pm, Sunday 29th March**. Other states will be walking at the same time (12pm AEST). The best meeting point would be outside the Albert St Uniting Church, opposite the Square at 12.45 pm. We will walk with our College banner. There will be speakers addressing the rally first and then the actual march will go from Adelaide St, Edward St, Charlotte then George Sts and finally back to Adelaide St and the Square. The event should take about 2 hours in total.

We are coming up to our last weeks of Project Compassion and students have been giving generously this term. Making donations such as these does make a difference in people’s lives as is evident from the stories that have featured over the last few newsletters. Hopefully students realise that the simple act of throwing a few coins in the box can have an impact – a little by everyone.

**Harvesting food for life**

Cristian’s community in rural Peru has always lived a traditional life, with simple diets and crops dependent on rainfall. Until recently, 33-year-old Cristian had to travel one kilometre to access running water. With the help of Caritas Huacho, Cristian and 14 other young farmers have introduced running water and irrigation to their remote Andean village. They now grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable crops, which provide them all with a secure income and a wide variety of food. Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in Peru secure a food source and income that benefits their families and communities for life.
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission cont.

Year 10 (16 & 17th July) and Year 11 Retreats (15-17th July)

Last Week, students received an information pack regarding these retreats. These retreats are being held in the first week of Term Three and although this seems a long way away, details and any payment required (Year 11 only) is due on Friday 15th May. There is a parent consent and student responsibilities sheet that needs to be signed and returned by the above date. Details and payment have to be entered on www.trybooking.com by the same time. If you have not received your information pack from your daughter or she does not seem to have it, please contact the school, so we can arrange another pack to be sent home.

Cath Rodden
Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

Until recently, the weather in Vinsen’s small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable. To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen’s village in Indonesia, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life – regardless of the changing weather. Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in remote West Timor create a life-long source of food, improving the future wellbeing of their families and communities.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion  1800 024 413
From the Business Manager

Student ID Card payment system (semi cashless campus)

Observations: During morning tea where, on an average, a 100 students are to be served within a 20 minute duration, this equates to only 12 seconds per transaction.

When purchasing just a single item a student usually prepares and hands over the correct amount. But when multiple items are bought, change is normally required resulting in the student having to put down their items at the counter, receive change, then re-gather the food items.

In a similar manner, some students prepare the correct change but in very small currency which requires the convenor to count the coins. Also those coins are sometimes dropped creating a disturbance in the queue.

Handling notes and coins just before partaking food in is NOT ideal

Initiative: Using student ID Card as money
Benefits: Hygienic – no handling of cash for both students and Tuckshop Convenor
Eliminates counting of coins and the need for students to park their food items at the counter
Ultimately cuts down waiting time being in the queue

How: A Kiosk is situated right outside the Tuckshop for students to add credit onto their ID Cards.
(In the near future online top up will be possible from credit cards or Visa linked debit cards.)

When: Student ID Card payment system is available right now. Please encourage your daughter(s) to have a go as the more people who use it the shorter the waiting time at the Tuckshop.

Thank you for your co-operation in bettering the College life of our students and your loved ones, even in this small way. Also for your patience and understanding if any unforeseen teething issues do surface from this technological step.

Any questions or feedback please feel free to email me at branjej@mmc.qld.edu.au

John Branjerdporn
Business Manager
FITZROY DAY
Thank you so much for your generous support of this day on Friday, February 27th. It was a huge success in so many ways. Our young women had fun, there was amazing community spirit and we managed to raise just over $1,000.00 for the Mary MacKillop Foundation. I am so proud of each and every person who was involved. A special thanks to the parent helpers on the day who helped served myriads of fish and chips!

FITZROY SAYS NO TO BULLYING
Friday, March 20th was the National Say “No” to Bullying Day and we made the commitment to do all we possibly can to eradicate bullying from our College. Using the image of the tree we added our unique fingerprint to the branches as a sign of nurturing the policies (roots of the tree) and the strong relationships (the trunk of the tree) already in place at Mary MacKillop College.

Outside of school sport, last week also saw Tahlia Fletcher Y9 F4 win the Australian Youth Triathlon Championships that were held on the Sunshine Coast. A massive achievement and we are all proud of her efforts, well done.

To Rahni O’Dea – Yr 8, F6. In December last year Rahni, together with her younger sister, received her 1st Dan Blackbelt in Taekwondo. On 11th April she will be competing in the Taekwondo Queensland Open.

Later in the year, she will also compete at Nationals. She trains regularly with her Club (Flinn Taekwondo Academy), as well as attending State training.

Rahni, we wish you every success in April and beyond.

Congratulations also to Sam Klose Y12 F1, who has won a place in the Qld Under 18’s AFL team and will compete in Perth in May. She was one of only 27 girls to be chosen. Well done Sam.
To the Fitzroy girls who were part of our College swim team:

Amy Storey
Poppy Clements
Rhani O’Dea
Karissa Barclay
Kayla Storey
Amber Strathdee
Isabella McCleary
Annabelle Gould
Claudia Dohnt

Tia Inman
Rachael McLean
Jordyn Battersby
Monique Sayers
Emma Crawford
Rose Rooney
Bethany Tukana
Ebonie Grinlaubs
Madeline Pahany

Congratulations on a wonderful effort, helping MMC to 3rd place.

EASTER BLESSINGS

This painting by James Tissot of Jesus eating breakfast with his friends after his resurrection depicts one of my favourite stories. It can be found in the Gospel of John Chapter 21, verses 1 - 13. It is such an ordinary display of hospitality and enjoyment, Easter is a time when many people go camping or when we enjoy the hospitality of others or we are privileged to provide hospitality.

May these words echo in our hearts.
With warm welcomes – bless us!
With a place at the table – bless us!
With like-minded companions – bless us!
With inspiration for our lives – bless us!
And with your faithful kindness – bless us, Hospitable God.

As this is the last News and Views for Term One, I wish each of you relaxed and happy days during the Easter break. If you are travelling – please do so safely and enjoy time with each other.

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

CULTURAL COMP
On Thursday, 19th March, each and every member of Fitzroy performed phenomenally well, and we are extremely proud of how everything turned out. We produced amazing dances and a special “congratulations” to all the girls for their cooperative and enthusiastic participation.

We would like to thank the Seniors. We know how much preparations I required both on the day and during the weeks leading up to the big day.

A huge “congratulations” to McCormack on their win. Your dances were truly spectacular and some of the best the College has seen.

Penola, your incredible introduction and linking throughout to the theme “Breaking The Cycle” was extremely well done.

Special mention to Fitzroy Group 1, who danced to the song “Born this Way” for placing 2nd.

Thanks to Christine Lagman for being the MC, for Ms Cohen for the organisation of the music, to the staff for your many hours of supervising and to the judges on the day. Your task was not an easy one.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank Ms Hilton. We couldn’t have done it without her. The effort she has put in for the last few weeks has been incredible and certainly has not gone unnoticed – so Thank You Ms Hilton!

It was an amazing afternoon – we are so proud of you – and keen to grab some more titles – starting with Cross Country this week!

We are so thankful to be surrounded by such a wonderful community.

Justyce Pengilly and Dana Walker
Fitzroy House Captains

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

From F3 House Group

I really enjoy being the House Group teacher of F3. They are such an eclectic group of young women who each year are growing and maturing into wonderful, independent, strong women. They each have their own talents and strengths. I asked them each to tell us something about themselves to share with everyone and this is what they said.

Year 7
Carmeline - Loves running and playing basketball
Sinead - Loves playing Sims 4
Grace - Likes to play netball
Amy - Loves swimming

Year 8
Annabelle - Enjoys spending time with her dog and is good at swimming
Tiffany - Likes music and drama

Year 9
Karissa - Likes sport and cooking
Xanthe - Likes sport, especially netball
Megan - Loves to draw fanart and watch anime
Jess - Loves movies
Shakyra - Loves playing basketball and making people laugh
Paris - Likes running and triathalons
Beaulah - Loves debating, singing, dancing, netball and basketball
From the Heads of House cont.

Year 10
Lauren - Loves anime, Dr Who, BBC Sherlock, writing & reading fanfiction and reading books
Lucinda - Has two dogs
Isabella - Loves music and singing
Ruvimbo - Likes playing netball and touch football

Year 11
Bridget - Likes pop music and reading
Josephine - Likes sport and music

Year 12
Danika - Likes singing, dancing and playing sports
Maddi - Loves art
Annabel - Enjoys music, reading and dogs
Dana - Enjoys playing sports and being with her friends

Sue Goves
House Group Teacher - F3
Both Ellie Hunt and I, the McCormack House Captains of 2015, would like to say a massive congratulations to every single girl of McCormack House who participated in the annual Mary Mackillop College Cultural Competition.

We would like to thank all who contributed to our success in taking out first place for 2015. We are immensely proud as Captains, seniors and students to have accomplished such a fantastic result, and we appreciate all the support of the girls throughout this first term. Firstly, we would like to make a few special mentions: to Christine Lagman our Cultural Captain who presented our competition with humour and enthusiasm, as well as Miss Cohen who acted as our music coordinator, thank you so much for your wonderful efforts throughout the afternoon. To the teachers who supervised the Wednesday afternoon practice sessions and who dedicated their time to lunchtime and afternoon practices, we want to express our gratitude for your support.

To our McCormack seniors; throughout their stressful time of assessments, they were motivated and succeeded in leading the girls from Year 7’s to 11 with outstanding leadership and guidance, so we thank you. We spread our congratulations to the teachers, seniors and students of Fitzroy and Penola who were just as devoted to their House and individual groups. To the Heads of House; Mrs Culpeper, Mrs Hilton and Miss Richardson who organised and provided support to the House Captains throughout the term until competition day; we are so appreciative.

Well done to McCormack’s "Who’s Laughing Now" who came third place for the individual dances and performed fantastically. Well done to Fitzroy’s "Born This Way" who achieved second place and did so with enthusiasm and passion. Finally, to McCormack’s “Black or White” who competed sensationaly and deservedly took out first prize. Above all, everyone should be extremely pleased with themselves, including the McCormack girls in “Never Say Never”, “Disturbia”, “Roar” and all other dances who performed throughout the day.

Congratulations to Fitzroy who were outstanding in placing third and Penola House who placed second overall – you were all truly amazing. Ellie and I are overwhelmed by the MMC community who danced with us, cheered with us and celebrated with us, creating memories I’m sure none of us will ever forget. God bless to all and good luck for the year ahead.

Maddie Ritchie
McCormack House Captain

Aime Culpeper
Pastoral Leader—McCormack House
From M5 House Group

In March 2014, Libby (Elizabeth) Sparks began training with Flipside Circus in an intense training mode of 25 hours and five days per week, and with an additional 10 hours of Circus performances. Due to her intense training, Libby has also become a circus coach specialising in flying trapeze, tissue/silks, swinging cloud, and swing & contortion. Libby has performed with her Circus Troupe at the recent Brisbane G20 Summit, Creative Generations, Woodford Folk Festival, Kawana Community Centre, Pine Rivers Centre and has travelled to numerous indigenous communities to perform and teach young children.

If you would like to see Libby perform, make a booking and see her at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts from the 14 to 18th of April. The show’s theme is based on stories from the sky. Tickets are available at the Judith Wright Centre. [http://judithwrightcentre.com/event/stories_from_the_sky](http://judithwrightcentre.com/event/stories_from_the_sky)

Lauren McDonnell represented Queensland at the National Championships for Softball in both 2014 (Blacktown) and 2015 (Canberra). This is an extension of the multi-faceted role she plays into her busy schedule as our College Sport Captain this year. Lauren is a keen participant in various extra curricula sports offered at MMC that include Indoor Cricket, Inter-Collegiate Swim Squad, Morning Running Club and the Cross Country team. She is a very busy bee during her final year here at Mary MacKillop College.

Annie (Antoinette) Thewlis (middle) recently volunteered for Oz Care to support the outreach mission at the South Brisbane hostel for men which provides meals and accommodation for those in need. Annie with our Oz Care group assisted in the preparation and serving of food at the Oz Care Hostel last week.

Leighton Gilmour
House Group Teacher—M5
We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
From the Heads of House cont.

Cultural Competition

‘Breaking the Cycle’ was this year’s theme for Cultural Competition and it was a fantastic experience. It was amazing that we placed 2nd this year and big congratulations to McCormack for their great representation of the theme and placing 1st. Well done to the year 12 Penola Ladies who were able to coordinate remarkable choreography and spent many lunch times with the girls in Years 7 to 11 choreographing, sequencing and translating the vision of breaking the cycle. This year’s Cultural Competition was a remarkable success and defiantly a year to remember! As House Captains we would like to thank all the Penola ladies for the wonderful start we as a house have had and wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Carli O’Halloran and Lauren Timms
Penola House Captains

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

St Joseph’s Day and Cultural Competition

Last week as a College community we took time to celebrate the special occasion of St Joseph’s day. Following a morning of prayerful reflection, the thoughts of each house quickly turned to preparation for the cultural competition performances. I would like to commend the Penola students on the way they embraced this year’s theme and were able to effectively communicate breaking the cycle across each performance, their efforts were rewarded with second place. I would especially like to thank the senior students of Penola who went above and beyond to prepare our House for this day, their efforts were outstanding. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the other houses, the judges and all those parents/community members who came to support.

Say No to Bullying Day

Did you know?

Approximately one in four Year 4 to Year 9 Australian students (27%) report being bullied every few weeks or more often (considered to be frequent) during the last term at school?

At our House assembly last week we as a House community took time to join the other houses of MMC and many schools across Australia to make a stand to say no to bullying. We as a house took time to learn about the definition of bullying, strategies for dealing with bullying and ways we can assist as a bystander. Following this each student placed a thumb print on our house tree, symbolising their commitment to continue to grow towards being individuals who say no to bullying.
From The Heads of House cont.

International Happiness Day - #InternationalDayOfHappiness

Last week Friday 20th March marked the International Day of Happiness. This day was created in July 2012, when the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 6/281 which decreed that the International Day of Happiness would be observed every year on 20 March. To celebrate people all over the world are Taking Part and bringing happiness to others.

The creation of the International Day of Happiness followed on from the first ever United Nations conference on Happiness and Wellbeing and an earlier UN resolution calling for member states to place a greater focus on the happiness of their citizens every year on 20 March. Here are some of our Penola Year 7 and 8 students sharing what makes them happy and a few tips for happiness at home- we hope this inspires a very happy Easter holiday for our Penola students and families.

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 20 MARCH

HAPPINESS ACTIONS - 5 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

1. Tell your partner and/or children what you believe is going well (rather than focus on what’s not going so well).
2. Spend just 5-10 minutes tidying up that drawer or cupboard you’ve been meaning to organise for a while now!
3. Tell your partner and/or children how much you love and appreciate them (and why!).
4. Enjoy the evening meal together (without any phones or devices!).
5. Instead of automatically and mindlessly switching on the TV, play a game like cards or charades.

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Congratulations

Penola house would like to extend a big congratulations to Paris Beikoff for her selection to play in the QLD state water polo titles in April. We wish her every success.

Carly Richardson
Pastoral Leader—Penola House
richarc@mmc.qld.edu.au
From the Sport Department

With the coming close of term it is important for your daughters to continue to make effort in their studies but also to continue her commitment to her nominated team. The last round for the CaSSSSA competition will be played on the 1st of April, the last week of school.

Culture Competition

Last week saw the completion of the Culture Competition, in which all the students participated in dances choreographed by the Senior students. It was great to see the culmination of all the efforts from the students come together in such a positive and energetic display. With the end of the Culture Competition means next week the Yr 7,8,9 and 10s will be taking part in a series of games and activities organised by the Sports Captain, Lauren McDonnell. The Year 7 and 8 Fitzroy students will be participating in tests with UQ to identify if they have capabilities in other sports they may not be aware of. McCormack and Penola students will have their turn for testing in the first weeks back from the Easter break. At the start of Term 2, Wednesday afternoons become sporting electives for the students. These activities occur during the school day and participation is compulsory for students, these activities give the students the opportunity to try a sport they would not have tried before and to interact with their friends and classmates in a setting outside the classroom.

CaSSSA

Last week also saw Mary MacKillop compete in the CaSSSSA Shield Swimming competition at Chandler with the majority of the College going out to help support our Swim team. While we may not have come away from there with the win, we did achieve our goal for the meet to improve on our effort from last year and achieve a top three finish. Massive congratulations on the great effort from all our swimmers, staff and officials whose efforts were instrumental on the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Swim Coach Elena Delgado who did a massive job stepping up in February to take on the role. Thanks also goes to staff members Sue Goves, Donna Griffiths and Marg Roff who did an excellent job looking after the swimming training sessions each week and helping out on the day of the carnival. Well done to the Swim Captain Emily Redd and Sports Captain Lauren McDonnell on their leadership throughout the weeks of training and on the pool deck.

As this CaSSSA trimester sports are well and truly under way we are asking for parents to check with their daughters that they have indeed handed back their permission slips and the deposits for the uniforms they wear in school competition. If these have not been handed in please contact me through the school, or ask your daughter to come and see me.

Cross Country Carnival

On the last day school for the term, (April 2nd) will see the annual Cross Country Carnival being run down at Kalinga Park. This is one of the last activities we do as a College before the end of Term One. Students will need to be in sports uniform with a pair of shoes they can run in; students will need to have had breakfast this morning and keep hydrated long before they are on the start line. At the completion of the carnival there will be house Group clean up and an Easter liturgy for the school at the conclusion of which students will be dismissed for the holidays.

Matthew Messer
Head of Sport
From the Sport Department cont.

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From the Music Department

As we draw to the end of the term, I wish to thank both students, parents and out tutors for their diligence to the music program this term. Let us continue to maintain this spirit into Term 2.

Rehearsals
There will be no ensemble rehearsals next week (Week 10), nor private music tuition due to the Year 11/12 Exam Block and Junior Exams.

Vocal Attack
Vocal Attack is performing at assembly on Friday 24th April (Week 1). They will be performing “In Flanders Fields”. It is imperative that students are at rehearsal this week, Thursday 26th, and in Week One, Thursday 23rd to prepare for this performance.

String Tutor
It is with great sadness that I announce the resignation of our String Tutor, Cassandra Hansen. Although Cassandra has only been with us a short time, it was clear that the girls enjoyed her ensemble direction and tutorage in lessons. I wish her all the best in her new full-time position.

Music Soiree
Private music students are formally invited to perform at the Music Soiree on May 21st (Week 5, Term 2). This is a great opportunity for all private music students to present a piece that they have been working on in their lessons to their peers and parents. This event will be held in the Drama room in an informal concert setting. Parents are more than welcome to attend. More details for this event will be provided early next term.

Senior Musicians Outing to Wicked
On the 10th of March the Senior Music Students went on a ‘thrillifying’ adventure to see Wicked: The Musical at QPAC in South Brisbane. For many of the girls it was the first time they had experienced a professional live stage production so, as you can imagine, they were all very excited on the train ride to South Bank.

The girls were blown away by the quality of performance, costumes and vocal finesse. The girls all really enjoyed the experience and they couldn’t get enough of the magic from the musical, singing the songs on the bus ride home. Experiencing this performance will help the girls next Semester as they move onto their study of “Music of the Stage”.

A special thanks to Lucia Varela and Georgia McKenzie for accompanying the students on this excursion.
From the Music Department cont.

Date Claimers

- April 24th – Assembly Performance, Vocal Attack
- May 21st – Music Soiree, Private Music Students
- May 28th – Music Showcase, Extra-curricular Ensembles
- May 31st – Open Day, Extra-Curricular Ensembles, Selected soloists

Bree Cohen
Music Coordinator
From The Resource Centre

LIBRARY COMMITTEE HARMONY DAY, ST JOSEPH’S DAY, SAY NO TO BULLYING DAY AND ST PATRICK’S DAY DISPLAYS AND COMPETITIONS

We currently have a number of writing, public speaking and poetry competitions running in the library with the opportunity to win cash prizes! Please listen to the daily notices and see Mrs Strickland in the library for more information and entry forms. 17 March was St Patrick’s Day and 20 March was Say No to Bullying Day. To celebrate these days, we had displays of books about bullying, St Patrick and Ireland in the library as well as links to a St Patrick’s online quiz on Moodle and colourful bookmarks to take home. A number of students also recently participated in a Harmony day/St Joseph’s Day quiz devised by Library Committee where they had to answer questions about refugees and multiculturalism. On 20 March, the Library Committee hosted a game of ‘Harmony Day Celebrity Heads’ where girls had to guess which famous indigenous person or refugee they were, such as An Doh, Mother Teresa, Jessica Mauboy, Malala and Gandhi. Girls received multi-coloured sweets such as jelly babies, skittles and chikos to tie in with the 2015 themes of ‘Everyone belongs’ and St Joseph as Refugee. Thank you to all the girls who participated in the competitions. Watch the daily notices, Library Moodle page and updates on future College assemblies for upcoming competitions happening in the library in Term 2!

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NEW BOOKS AND LIBRARY SUGGESTIONS

We have many new books in the library on display throughout the library. Some new titles, including both fiction and curriculum relevant non-fiction, include:

- The Silence of The Lambs by Thomas Harris
- Plague by Michael Grant (Gone series)
- Light by Michael Grant (Gone series)
- This Shattered World by Aime Kaufman
- History’s Most Daring Moments by Hazel Flynn
- Eureka! Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Ancient Greeks But Were Afraid To Ask by Peter Jones
- Gallipoli, The Landing by Hugh Dolan (graphic novel)

The Library Committee has a suggestion box just inside the front door of the library where girls can place suggestions of book titles they would like to see in the library. A number of the new titles currently on display were suggestions from students in 2014.

Readers Cup 2015 and QLD Bilby Awards

A team of girls from years 7 and 8 will shortly be selected to be a part of the Brisbane North Division of the Reader’s Cup, to be held at Brisbane Grammar School on Thursday 11 June at 6pm. Each team needs to read 5 set books between them, and on the night will be asked 10 questions on each book. They will be given 30 seconds to discuss the answers as a team before they write them down. Obviously, the more people on the team who have read each book, the more likely they are to know the answers. More details are available from the website http://www.readerscup.org.au/

Each year the Queensland branch of the Children’s Book Council holds a state-wide Readers’ Cup competition and the winning team from our Regional competition will go on to compete in the State competition during Term 2. Any year 7 or 8 girls interested in being a part of this year’s competition, please see Mrs Strickland in the library before the holidays.
From The Resource Centre cont.

The BILBY Awards are children’s choice awards organised by the Queensland Branch of the Children’s Book Council of Australia. The acronym stands for: Books I Love Best Yearly. The BILBY Awards were instituted in 1990. Since then, the children of Queensland have been invited every year to nominate their favourite amongst the books they’ve read over the previous year. There are three readership categories:

- **Early Readers** - for books for readers under 8 years old
- **Younger Readers** – for books for readers between 8 and 12 years old
- **Older Readers** – for books for readers over 12 years old

In each category the award is for an individual book only, not for a book series. The winning books for the previous two years are also not eligible for the next year of awards. The books may be read in print, audio or digital format, or read aloud to children. Why not go to the website now to nominate your favourite title in the Younger Readers section for years 7 and 8 or the Older Readers section for years 9-12? [http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html](http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html) You will be able to vote for your favourite in Term 2! (This link is also on the Library Moodle page)

Winners from 2014 are to the left:

BCE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

Don’t forget to come to the library and visit the Research and Resource Centre Information Moodle page and Oliver catalogue library homepage to check out the new fiction and non-fiction titles available for you to borrow as well as details of upcoming events, competitions and displays in the library! We currently have a display of books about study, stress management and resilience to assist the girls as they study for exams as well as some books about Easter.

In the library we also have a parent section where parents can come and peruse books about adolescent development and issues which affect their daughters. See the library staff if you would like to borrow any of our resources.

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. Both print and eBooks are able to be borrowed over the holidays and will be due back on the first day of Term 2.

On behalf of the library staff, we would like to wish all of the students of Mary MacKillop College and their families and happy and safe Easter and holiday. See you in Term 2!

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

Madonna Riggall
Library Aide/Book Hire Convenor
**From The Careers Office**

**Job hunting tips for teens**

Getting their first part time job is an important rite of passage for many teens but knowing where to start can be challenging. Should you apply online or in person? What do you put in a resume when you’ve never had a job before? Is it necessary to dress to impress? We’ll answer these questions and more in this collection of tips for job hunting teens.

**Top tips for job hunting**

**Knowing where to look is half the battle.**

Larger companies (like supermarkets are other retailers) will often advertise on job seeker websites like seek.com or careerone.com. You can also try looking in the career section on their corporate website. Tip: the careers link is usually in the website footer.

Smaller, privately owned companies may not have the resources for online job advertising. The tried and tested approach of walking in with a smile and a resume can be effective here.

It’s not what you know, it’s who you know. Let your friends and family know your teen is looking for work and get them to spread the word. Encourage your teen to ask their friends who have jobs to recommend them.

Also, don’t forget community noticeboards (often outside supermarkets) or in shopping centres or user-driven websites like gumtree.com

**Resume readiness**

Most employers will want to see a resume but when you’re looking for your first job how do you fill a resume? Remember that not all previous work experience listed in a resume needs to be paid work. Has your teen done work experience through school? Are they in any extracurricular clubs or societies? Do they play on a sports team? Have they done any volunteer work? All of these things demonstrate time management skills and show they can handle a regular commitment.

Also, be sure to include names and number of references. Employers won’t call references without asking first but providing them up front shows you’re prepared. You might also consider including a written reference or recommendation from a teacher, coach or previous employer.

**First impressions last**

Get a work friendly email address. While your teen might think their email address is hilarious, potential employers might not feel the same way. If they have an email account through school encourage them to use that when sending resumes. Alternatively, they could create a new one.

Make sure your teen is ready to hear ‘no’ and doesn’t get discouraged too easily. If they approach a business and they aren’t hiring at the moment make sure they ask to leave a copy of their resume. If they have an interview but don’t get the job encourage them to seek feedback from the employer about what they can improve.

Don’t do the talking for them. As hard as it can be, make sure it’s your teen doing the talking and not you. Confidence is key to finding a job and nothing says ‘lack of confidence’ like hiding behind Mum or Dad.

When they do get an interview encourage them to learn more about the company. There’s a good chance they’ll be asked why they want to work for that company and it’s best to have a response other than “because I need a job”.

*From The Lounge – University of the Sunshine Coast.*
From the Careers Office

1. **Host an Italian High School Exchange Student – Why host?**
   Discover and enjoy the differences between two distinct lifestyles. Support an international teenager as they find out how to live, laugh and learn in Australia.
   Request program material including detailed student profiles by calling 1300 884 733 or emailing: sylviakelly@wep.org.au.

2. **Defence Work Experience Program**
   There are currently many exciting Defence Work Experience placements on offer. To view the placements available, visit [www.defence.gov.au/workexperience](http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience) and click on the Current Work Experience Placements link. The Careers Noticeboard has more details on this program.

3. **WEP Australia - Student Exchange**
   Australian secondary students have the opportunity to choose from over 25 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or year. WEP programs are available for students currently in year 9-12, who can choose from an array of short and long-term programs to English and non-English speaking countries. To find out more, visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au), call 1300 8847 33 or email info@wep.org.au. Applications for programs starting in August/September (semester and year) and November (short-term) are closing soon.

   As an exchange student you can:
   - become a member of an overseas family,
   - attend an overseas school,
   - learn a new language,
   - make friends from around the world,
   - immerse yourself into a different culture,
   - experience life as an overseas teenager,
   - explore a new country, culture and customs,
   - have the time of your life!

4. **School Based Hairdressing Opportunity**
   Charlie’z Hair and Beauty
   West End
   Charlie is a small business owner who has been in the industry for over 14 years. This is a modern salon looking to expand. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to Mrs McPherson, Careers Office by Friday 27 March.
From the Careers Office

5. TAFE Queensland Brisbane - April Intake

Course Name - Year 11

- Cert II Telecommunication 1 – Thursday Bracken Ridge 9 months Free
- Cert II Telecommunication 1 – Friday Mt Gravatt 9 months Free
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Networking and Support) 1 – Wednesday Bracken Ridge 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Networking and Support) 1 – Wednesday Loganlea 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Networking and Support) 1 – Thursday Mt Gravatt 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Networking and Support) 1 – Friday Southbank 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Website and Programming) 1 – Friday Caboolture 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Website and Programming) 1 – Thursday Loganlea 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Website and Programming) 1 – Wednesday Mt Gravatt 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert III Interactive Digital Media Technology (Website and Programming) 1 – Wednesday Southbank 15 months $2,400 (payment plan available)
- Cert II Millinery 1 – Thursday Bracken Ridge 9 months Free
- Cert II Millinery 1 – Thursday Mt Gravatt 9 months Free
- Cert II Millinery 1 – Friday Southbank 9 months Free

Course Name - Year 12

- Cert II Hospitality (Food & Beverage) 1 – Wednesday Bracken Ridge 5 months Free
- Cert II Hospitality (Food & Beverage) 1 – Wednesday Loganlea 5 months Free
- Cert II Kitchen Operations 1 – Wednesday Bracken Ridge 5 months Free
- Cert II Kitchen Operations 1 – Wednesday Loganlea 5 months Free
- Certificate III in Business 1 – Wednesday Bracken Ridge 6 months $500 (payment plan available)
- Certificate III in Business 1 – Wednesday Loganlea 6 months $500 (payment plan available)
- Certificate III in Business 1 – Wednesday Southbank 6 months $500 (payment plan available)

Start of Study for April intake: 13 April 2015

TAFE at School Portal opens for applications Tuesday 24 March 2015
TAFE at School Portal closes for applications Monday 27 April 2015
Make an appointment with Careers Office if you wish to apply.

Mrs Aime Culpeper  
Careers Counsellor  
Vocation and Training Coordinator

Mrs Beverley McPherson  
Careers Assistant
From the Japanese Department

Japanese Students Enjoy Edo Sushi Visit

Years 8, 9 and 10 Japanese students enjoyed watching Sushi Chefs at work in the open kitchen of Edo Sushi Restaurant in Nundah Village last week. Students were encouraged to choose dishes that they had not previously tried and were also invited to use ohashi (chopsticks).

The iPad menu at each table is scripted in both English and Japanese which proved to be a good discovery learning for those who enjoy extending their language understanding whilst enjoying traditional cuisine. Our Year 8 students are presently studying Japanese language within restaurant scenarios this term - so the restaurant visit provided a wonderful opportunity for them.

Leighton Gilmour
Japanese Teacher
From the Japanese Department cont.
From the Year 9 and Year 10 Photography Workshop

On Wednesday the 18th of March, a group of year 9 and 10 students were involved in a photography workshop with practising artist Henri van Noordenburg as part of the GOA Billboard competition for the Brisbane Festival. As part of the project, 16 secondary schools undertook the free artist-in-school photographic workshop. These students spent their afternoon examining elements of photography, what it means to take a portrait and workshopping ideas for the theme. Students are now able to enter into the competition which gives them the opportunity to have their photograph exhibited around Brisbane. The students chatted with Henri to find out more about the man behind the lens.

When you lead these workshops, what are you hoping we will take away from the experience?
The workshop I present is a workshop on the photographic art practice with the theme of I AM BRISBANE. The first question I have for you is what is photography and how far can we push a photograph before we lose its meaning. In other words I am challenging you to remain open minded about the topic and gear the artwork to your knowledge and passion.

If you could give a piece of advice to somebody wishing to become an artist, what would it be?
Patience and believe in yourself (get rid of your TV, read art books instead, ha ha). Being an artist is a full-time job, however there are not many artists who have a sustainable income from their art. My art practice is supported by working in the arts, like teaching and gallery work. Both jobs expose me to diverse practices these in turn give me inspiration to make my own.

Bernadine Anning
Head of Department - Creative and Practical Arts
From The Australian Brain Bee Challenge

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Round One

On Friday, the 20th of March, thirteen Year 10 students stayed back after school to compete in the 2015 Australian Brain Bee Challenge. This round of the competition is traditionally held during “Brain Awareness Week” as part of an initiative to improve the public’s perception about neuroscience and “dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses”.

Aya Arafeh, Emily Barnett, Paris Beikoff, Roxanne Cardona, Rachel Diedericks, Claudia Dohnt, Taylor Frankling, Priyanka Iyer, Cassandra Martinz, Katelyn Shannon, Grace Tedim, Amy Wang and Meaghan Wood accepted the opportunity to participate in this competition after attaining very high marks in Science in Grade 9. They have been preparing for Round One of this competition since late 2014 by studying the university level primer, Neuroscience: Science of the Brain. An Introduction for Young Students by The British Neuroscience Association (BNA) and European Dana Alliance for the Brain (EDAB).

Over the Easter break, they will commence preparation for the Regional State Finals by learning Brain Facts, 2012 Edition, by the Society for Neuroscience. The Queensland State Finals will be held on the 21st of July at the University of Queensland.

Anita Grisaffi
Australian Brain Bee Challenge Coordinator
From The UQ Science Ambassadors

Introducing the UQ Science Ambassadors

Each year the University of Queensland offers students the opportunity to raise the profile of science in schools.

This year, we have a team of nine students who have taken on the Science Ambassador role. They are:

Nadia Cash
Aisling Fisher
Siobhan Kwan
Emily Taylor
Dumini Wickramasinghe

Good day! We are the UQ Science Ambassadors.

Our job is to provide you with the latest news in the world of science and to open up to you some opportunities in science. In this article we will be providing information to you about our recent trip to Queensland Medical Research Institute (QIMR) and promoting the Inspiring Women in Science Conference.

QIMR

Recently the MMC Science Association had the honour of visiting QIMR to attend a lecture called "Things that make you go EW!". We were able visit a medical education lab, where we used cutting-edge science equipment and learned about the scientific advancements at QIMR from Dr Liam St Pierre and Simone Cross. They discussed the education programs offered by the institute and opportunities for aspiring scientists.

We then entered the lecture hall where we were introduced to four speakers. The first speaker, Dr Maria Plkonomopoula, talked to us about poisonous animals and the use of their poison. She discussed how people use them as natural remedies and anti-venoms. She also talked about the advancements in using venoms to cure diseases such as cancer.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people
From The UQ Science Ambassadors cont.

The second speaker, Professor Christian Engwerda, discussed the issue of diseases passed on by insects. He talked about how diseases are transported through sandflies and the devastating effect it has on third-world countries. He discussed why it affects developing countries due to the poor living conditions and how the sandflies travel. He then spoke about other parasites and fever and the advancement that scientist have made on finding cures.

Our third speaker of the day, Dr Jonathan Darbo, brought humor and interesting information to the issue of exotic mosquitoes. We learnt that there are 240 different species of mosquitoes in Australia and that 220 of them are located right here in Queensland. He talked about the issue of Malaria and Dengue Fever and how they are not that far from our shores, With Dengue Fever already in places across Queensland. He discussed mosquito management and talked to us about the progress of cures, better management in developing countries and in our own backyard.

Last but certainly not least, was Vanja Hallovic talking about scabies. She talked about how this parasite affects the human body by digging under a person’s skin where it lays its eggs and causes an awful rash and itch. She discussed how it is a wide spread parasite and that anyone can get it, due to the fact that they lay eggs and can be easily spread. She went on to talk about how they are being contained and the development of cures.

This was an amazing opportunity to learn in depth about what we hear about every day and learn about the scientific advancements the world is making in managing these issues. For those of you who missed the opportunity to go to QIMR and are interested in science; not to worry as there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year to explore the world of science such as attending the “Aspiring Women in Science Conference”.

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Aspiring Women in Science Conference

Have you ever dreamed of changing the world? Of discovering something and helping people everywhere? Well today we’re here to talk to you about how you can! Today you too can become a woman of science. There have been many women who have contributed to the great science knowledge including Marie Curie whose work led to the discovery of radioactivity and Lise Meitner who was a physicist who helped discover nuclear fission. Another amazing woman scientist is Rosalind Franklin who made critical contributions to the understanding of the fine molecular structures of DNA. It’s time to change the world and science for the better by allowing women to embrace all their opportunities and become great scientists. Become like these women and change the face of science.

Today we are promoting women changing the face of science. On the 8th and 9th of May St Aiden’s Anglican Girls’ School, in partnership with UQ, is holding an Aspiring Women in Science Conference. The Aspiring Women in Science Conference 2015 is aimed at exposing young women to a variety of opportunities available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). It is designed to engage girls in Year 10 to 12 who wish to further their education in STEM. During the conference, many girls will get the opportunity to hear from inspiring female scientists, including Professor Jenifer Martin, who is working to develop a new class of drugs to treat antibiotic resistant bacteria which cause infection. The conference provides an opportunity to explore career options and ask questions for those who aspire to a career in STEM.

To register go to www.aspiringscience.com.au. Registrations close on the 1st of May. A cost is involved: $80 if you pay before the 1st of April as an early bird special, or $90 afterwards. To find out more please contact one of us or visit the website. Join in on this great experience and be inspired about how you can change the face of science.
Captain's Corner

During our time in Sydney, one of our tasks was to create a college shield with the theme for the year and the images associated with the College’s core and major values. This included Jesus washing the feet of the disciples to reflect equality and service that the young women of the college offer. This premise is embedded in the College’s three values of dignity, equality of opportunity and living with great trust in god. The two principles of awareness and inclusiveness are the core values that all Josephite colleges endeavour to live out. With this we added, Mary MacKillop to the right side of the shield to emphasise her service for others, especially those who were less fortunate. We are both very proud of these values that the College endeavours to live out. We hope to encapsulate this into our leadership as well as our everyday life.

CaSSSA Swimming Carnival

The student body spent six weeks practicing our “Shake it off dance” (Taylor Swift) for the CaSSSA swimming carnival on the 16th of March. All the hard work of the young women paid off and, according to girls from Downlands College, “the dance was very effective!” As Captains we would like to congratulate the young swimmers who represented the College ensuring that we placed third overall. This was through their pure dedication and commitment to both early and late training session that has helped such this pinnacle. It is also very important to thank the staff members who were involved in the training as well as the carnival. Everyone’s hard work paid off and it was evident throughout the entire day.

St Joseph’s Day

At the end of the week on the 19th of March the girls participated in the Saint Joseph’s Day liturgy as well as creating our Wisdom Wall, which was used to break the cycle on the perception received about Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Everybody wants a place to call home, where they are safe and can provide for themselves and their family. It is imperative for us to understand, especially as a Josephite college, that Joseph himself was a refugee. It is in the College’s fundamental beliefs that we must accept others and provide equal opportunity. It is our challenge to teach ourselves to move away from the headlines and the negativity that is associated with these people – who are just like us, refugees. The Wisdom Wall was completed before the liturgy and encapsulated the main message and theme for the term, which are Refugees and Asylum Seekers.
Captain’s Corner cont.

Cultural Competition

The student body also participated in the Cultural Competition on the 19th of March, which involved six weeks of practice on Wednesday afternoons plus some lunch times to fulfil the judging criteria and to perfect the dance moves. The seniors did an amazing job and put in a tremendous amount of effort to have the final outcome. The songs were categorised based on the effect that the song had on society with regard to ‘breaking the cycle’. This could be breaking the cycle of stereotypes, poverty, the music industry and inequality. Song examples of these songs included All Star by Smash Mouth, Stick to the Status Quo (High School Musical) and Edge of Glory (Lady Ga-Ga). McCormack placed first followed by Penola and Fitzroy; however, all the students involved are to be congratulated for their effort and dedication they put forward to make Cultural Competition very entertaining and fun.

The week’s events could also not have happened without the great help provided by the staff and parents. In particular we would like to acknowledge the Heads of House, Ms Hilton, Mrs Culpeper and Ms Richardson, for leading the girls in the weeks preceding the Culture Competition and to Mrs Rodden and Cassie Paulkie for their prayerful liturgy and wisdom wall.

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles-Stephens
College Captains
From the Justice Captain

We have many events and committees in the name of Justice starting up very soon so keep your eyes and ears peeled for new groups to join! First off is K.W.I.S.S. - Knowledge, Wisdom, Inspiration, Skills and Story - a Women’s Craft Circle.

The purpose of this group is to bring back the communal feeling and skills of women sharing that have been lost throughout the generations. There is an advertisement below appealing to the wisdom, skills and stories of women who would be willing to share with the students of Mary MacKillop College. We are looking for mothers, grandmothers, sisters, cousins, friends who would be willing to share an afternoon with students to teach them a skill and craft, such as: crocheting, weaving, beading, braiding from any culture and any generation.

We would love to hear from you.

Cassandra Paulke
Justice Captain

K.W.I.S.S
Knowledge, Wisdom, Inspiration, Skill, Story

Women’s Crafts Circle

Can you or a family member:

- Crochet - Knit - Weave - Braid - Quilt - Bead
- Make Jewellery - Do paper crafts
- Or have a special craft skill from your heritage?

THEN WE WANT YOU!
We want you to come along to our weekly Women’s Craft Circle involving the young women from MMC so we can bring back the lost skill of craft!

Can you give us your time and wisdom?

Contact us by the 26th of February if interested:

Tel: 32662100
cpaulke@mybeecatholic.edu.au
roddene@mmc.qld.edu.au

Grandparents, Mothers and Daughters welcome
From the 2015 Ski Trip

DEPOSITS NOW DUE!!!

PROPOSED 2015 SNOW SKI TRIP - 3rd July – 10th July, 2015

Cost: $1,200 (to be confirmed) $150 Deposit to College confirms your booking

Included:
- 5 Dinners
- 5 Breakfasts
- 5 nights accommodation
- 5 days National Park entry fee
- Ski Clothing Hire
- Coach transport – DVD, Toilet and Seat Belt equipped
- 5 days ski hire + boots and stocks
- Ski Helmet
- 5.5 days full lift ticket pass
- 5.5 days ski or snow board lessons
- Nightly entertainment
- Experienced Mary MacKillop Staff supervision

Please contact the office to collect full documentation.

Mr Horne Ski Tour Coordinator
hornew@mmc.qld.edu.au
From The Office

At the end of this term I will be retiring from full time work at Mary MacKillop College. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Sisters of St Joseph who have been an inspiration to me over the past 26 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with four very exceptional Principals – Sr Bridget Moloney, Sr Janet McDougall, Mr Niall Coburn and our present Principal Mrs Christine Clarke and of course Mrs Narelle Dobson and Mr Wayne Chapman last year in Niall’s absence. I will miss the friendly staff and beautiful young ladies of MMC. It has been a privilege to work in such a wonderful caring environment, you will be in my heart forever.

Thank you.

Kathy Sorbie
Personal Assistant to the Principal / Registrar

School Immunisation Program 2015

This year, Brisbane City Council will be offering free Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Chickenpox vaccinations to all students in Year 8. Diphtheria Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccinations will be offered to all students in both Year 8 and Year 10. If your child has missed a school vaccination from last year you can have these vaccination's caught up at one of Council’s free immunisation clinics. To locate Council’s free immunisation clinics please go to http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/community-safety/council-immunisation-clinics/childrens-immunisation-clinics or call 3403 8888.

To download a School Immunisation Program consent form please visit https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/school-based-vaccination-program or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

If you would like to request your child’s immunisation history with Council, please send your request with your child’s full name and date of birth to immunisation@brisbane.qld.gov.au
From Joeys

Tuckshop Roster
Monday 30th March - Irene Lata
Tuesday 31st March - Daisy Rajendran
Wednesday 1st April - Robyn Eyears
Thursday 2nd April - Moya Sankey

Monday 20th April - Kym Shirley and Jess Leeson
Tuesday 21st April - Penelope McCarthy
Wednesday 22nd April - Denise Olsen
Thursday 23rd April - Veronique Taylor
Friday 24th April - Help Needed Please!

Gina Koplick
Tuckshop Convenor

From the Uniform Shop

As our manufacturer’s prices rise, unfortunately it becomes necessary to raise the price on several items, which are listed below, from the beginning of Term 2. Prices will remain unchanged to the end of Term 1.

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The current price list can be found on our website at http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au/docs/Uniforms/Uniform%20Price%20Notice%20Nov%202014.pdf

Elizabeth Gilroy
Uniform Shop Convenor
Community Noticeboard

Are You A Past Student of Windsor State School?

Windsor State School is celebrating 150 years in 2015, and is seeking all past students, teachers and their relatives, asking them to register in the lead up to the anniversary year. The two main events for the jubilee will be An Evening to Remember on 24 July, and Heritage Day on 10 October, 2015. Registering is easy! Visit our website at www.windsorss.eq.edu.au and click on the link to register on-line, or download a registration form and return by post. You can also join our Facebook community at www.facebook.com/Windsor150. Registered past students receive a free quarterly newsletter with interesting articles and updates on the anniversary celebrations.

Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."
- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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