Come to School On Sunday!

Friends and families including prospective, current and past families are welcome to come along to our College Open Day on Sunday 31 May from 10.00am to 1.00pm. This is a great opportunity to get a taste of life and learning at Mary MacKillop College.

If it’s been a while since you stepped foot inside the gates...this could be your chance! Your interest in your daughter’s learning makes a big difference to her success.

We’d love to welcome you on Sunday.

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There is a Pentecost imperative which urges us to be open to experiencing life, love and God in new, unexpected and deeply prophetic ways. The flame of the spirit alerts us to a “…world … charged with the grandeur of God”; a world deeply and inextricably imbued with creativity and possibility. The wonder of God is present in everything that is – in the soundless serenity that saturates the morning air; in the blessing of raindrops that anoint the parched earth; in the clouds afloat in depthless blue; in the unprecedented loveliness of a desert in bloom.

Yet too often we fail to recognise God in our midst and at times we even act in ways which suggest our complete denial of God’s grandeur – when we upset hydrogeological and atmospheric systems; when we devastate wooded plains and blight green spaces; when we implement uncontrolled forms of industrialisation. It’s as if we have lost sight of God in creation.

The Pentecost spirit comes alive in our realisation that God is – in all. With this realisation comes conversion and a God-centered way of being. Fire is ultimately a creative force of nature and God is the fire of Pentecost. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin puts it this way: “Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, humanity will have discovered fire.”

The spirit of Pentecost renews the face of the earth. It breathes life into creation and enfolds human beings in grace. It urges us into communion with all of creation for “… nature is never spent; There lives the dearest freshness deep down things.” It is God’s grandeur.

God’s Grandeur at Binna Burra

Last weekend a group of our staff and students went to Binna Burra for an Outdoor Adventure camp. Special thanks to Mr Gareth Whittaker for leading the camp and to Ms Anita Grisaffi, Ms Alyssa Kennedy, Mrs Louise Nott and Ms Sarah Taylor for their time, energy and commitment to the holistic education of our students. Students and staff alike had a fabulous time immersed in nature - amid the grandeur of God!
From the Principal cont.

Sorry Day - Words Are Not Enough
Australians recognised Sorry Day for 2015 on Tuesday 26 May. Our students accompanied and assisted by Ms Mary Fletcher, Mrs Leah Licence, Ms Kaye Jeffery, Ms Patti Day and Mr Paul Brown took part in the community Sorry Day ceremony at Kalinga Park.

Sorry Day is about acknowledging hurt - hurt caused and hurt felt. It’s about dealing honestly with the past and vowing to create a better future together.

I had the privilege last year of listening to Noel Pearson deliver the William Walker Oration at the ACEL Conference. For me, his speech was the highlight of a very inspiring conference. He spoke passionately about the importance of remaining connected to one’s culture, to one’s home and homelands.

On Sorry Day, we remember that the Australian government not only took this connection to culture, home and homelands away from thousands of children, they also took away their connection to family. We express our outrage at this inhumanity and recognise the ongoing hurt it has caused.

But words are not enough. As well as saying sorry for hurt caused, we must also pledge to make amends. It is therefore vital that we do what we can to safeguard the future for the generations of Aboriginal people still to come. In order for this vision to become real, Noel Pearson says, education is the key. Aboriginal children must have capabilities. According to Pearson, “You need capabilities in order to be able to make choices, to choose lives they have reason to value.”

Our College is committed to developing the capabilities of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and we see in them the hope for lasting change. As a nation, we must do more to support the education of Aboriginal children. Then we can say we are truly sorry.
We find ourselves richly blessed by the generous contribution of so many of the staff of Mary MacKillop College. The pages of this newsletter provide a snippet of what is going on around here. As we look back on last week alone some activities included: McCormack Day last Friday facilitated by Ms Aime Culpeper (Head of House) and the McCormack staff; the QC Netball lead by Mr Matthew Messer; the Enrolment Evening with Mrs Kelli Crawford (Principal’s PA/Registrar) and Mrs Kathy Sorbie (relief) and the Leadership Team; the Music Soiree with Ms Bree Cohen and Mr Morgan Knowles, Mr Mauricio Hosi, Mrs Ceri Jones, Ms Fiona McMillan, Ms Laine Loxlea-Danann and Ms Georgia McKenzie. In addition Mrs Mary Hilton, Mrs Leah Licence and Mr Leighton Gilmore attended the Josephite Colloquium at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. Mrs Hilton facilitated much of the colloquium. Her expertise in leading adults in spiritual formation is a gift to the community of Mary MacKillop College and to Josephite communities around the country.

Indeed it is true….God does great things for us!

Christine Clarke
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Health is the greatest possession. Contentment is the greatest treasure. Confidence is the greatest friend. Lao Tzu

Girls who feel competent can cope with life’s stresses better than those who think they are inept. Self-assurance also allows girls to take the risks necessary to learn and grow. Today’s teenagers are confronted with a variety of tough issues, including their physical appearance, how they choose as friends, how they behave in public, how well they perform in sports and school, and much more.

During this term through the Elizabeth Wilson School of Deportment and Grooming, the College has provided an opportunity for girls to build their self-confidence through personal style workshops over six weeks. It was my great pleasure to attend the graduation evening where the girls presented themselves to their parents and guests. The girls (listed below) held their heads high as they walked confidently on stage and down the catwalk.

Bridget Dwyer  Ebonie Grinlaubs  Georgia Monk
Ali Hobbs  Chelsea Webster  Pamela Tukana
Kara Fryer  Crystal Jones  Sandeep Athwal
Rachel Didericks  Simran Johal  Cassandra Martinz
Ruvimbo Mautsa  Kristina Ingeri  Abby Westwood
Brianna Remington  Grace Kummerfeld  Georgia Clarke
Eulalie Fernandes  Bellarose Richmond  Rachel Thomas
Sarah Bradbury  Eliza Coote-Brady  Tessa Sullivan
Keely Cunningham  Taylor Spendelove  Amber Stratdee
Kayla Storey  Olivia Charlesworth  Caitlyn Leeson
Valiann Taraborrelli  Rebecca Ross  Jessica Bentley
Chloe Hollier  Casey Zhu

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Parents and Sense of Self

Parents can play a very important role in helping to build their daughter's sense of self and to build their self-esteem.

Consider using these five steps to instil self-esteem in your young daughter:

Have confidence in yourself

Mothers are the first line of defence against unrealistic images and suggestive advertising. Young children will emulate their mothers, but they will not filter the "bad" behaviour. This includes making negative comments about your own weight or appearance or casually mentioning that you feel insecure about a particular body part. Try modelling healthy habits, such as eating a balanced diet, enjoying treats in moderation, exercising (without complaining... too much) and embracing your body the way it is.

Choose your words

Mothers, sisters, daughters and friends have immense influence over the younger girls around them and words are powerful. Think twice about commenting on somebody's appearance, whether in a positive or negative way. Negative comments invite young girls to create an unhealthy sense of beauty.

For example, commenting on a woman's curly hair, which may look "frizzy" to you, sends the message that her features are not desirable as compared to straight hair.

Overly positive comments may inflate the importance of a particular characteristic. For example, staring up at an airbrushed billboard and saying, "I wish I had legs like hers" may cause your young daughter to look down at her own legs and compare. Allow your words to lift up those around you and the self-esteem of the girls you influence will follow.

Be a fanatic

From a very early age, girls want someone to love them, to recognize their beauty and to treat them like a princess. You have an opportunity to be a young lady's biggest fan by encouraging her, recognizing her beauty and helping her discover her gifts and talents. Make an effort every day to tell your daughters that she is beautiful and to look at her with loving, rather than critical, eyes.

Empower

When young girls put credence in the world's opinion, chances are, their self-esteem will plummet. You can empower them by encouraging their individual interests and recognizing when they excel. Having a hobby or creative outlet helps build confidence and allows young minds to flourish in an environment in which they feel safe and comfortable.

The tendency to want to "fit in" can also make a young girl feel inadequate when she doesn't measure up. Clearly communicate that "fitting in" isn't as important as creating and pursuing her own definition of happiness.

Use your own experiences to drive this point home. Be honest and open about your childhood and teenaged years so that your daughter doesn't feel alienated by the pressure she feels to conform.

Interject realism

Be the voice of realism by uncovering the truth behind the images they see. All models are not perfect. Most walk onto the set looking like your neighbour, best friend or teacher. We don't have the power to erase our flaws and create or eliminate curves, but we do have the power to embrace every inch of the body we have.

(http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/812003/5-steps-to-boosting-your-daughter-s-self-esteem/page:2)
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students cont.

Friday 29 May - Open Day Preparation
From 1.00pm onwards the school will be setting up for Open Day. A number of students are required to assist with this task. House Councillors, Justice Representatives and students who are unable to be collected at an early dismissal time will be involved in the set-up of displays.

If you would like your daughter involved please let the office know. Year 9 students will be involved in a camp preparation session until 1.45pm. All other students will be dismissed between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Friday 19 June - Athletics Carnival
The College Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 19 June. Attendance on this day is compulsory. All absences will required to be covered by medical documentation or exemption in writing from the Principal.

Sunday 31 May - Open Day
One other thing – an important display on Open Day will include a small snippet of the story of each of our students – her Christian name, her photo, her achievements, her aspirations! If there is a reason why you would not want your daughter’s story displayed please send me an email with an explanation to ndobson@mmc.qld.edu.au by tomorrow, Friday 29 May 9.00am.

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

Year 11 and 12 End of Semester Exams
The end of Semester Assessment Block is fast approaching. Year 11 and 12 students commence exams on Friday June 12. A copy of this exam block timetable is available on the College Website at the ‘Academic Excellence’ link. (http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au/curriculum/index.html)

Year 11 and 12 students who have completed all assessment are only expected at school during set exam times. All students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled exam starting time.

All students are welcome to undertake quiet study in the library during exam block. All students must be in full uniform when on college grounds and travelling to and from the college.

Any student who misses an exam must have a medical certificate. Any missed exams will be conducted on Monday June 23 if students have provided a medical certificate.

Year 7 to 10 Assessment Block
The Year 7 to 10 classes operate on an alternative timetable during the week of June 15 to 18. A copy of this Assessment Block timetable is available on the College Website at the ‘Academic Excellence’ link. (http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au/curriculum/index.html)

Each subject receives a large block of time within this week. This time is used for exams and extension activities. Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to discuss this alternate timetable with their House Group Teacher and the teacher of each of their subjects to ensure that they have clarity around what is occurring during this final week.

Assessment Preparation
It is most important that all students have a tactically planned program of study for examinations that will take place in Assessment Block.

At this time of the academic year if is vital that all students be undertaking significant extra study and research during these final weeks leading into exams. If this is normal practice for students – great! If not, it is most important that our young women:

- Set aside significant extra time towards studying for the up-coming exams
- Seek clarity from teachers about what will be assessed
- Seek extra assistance in terms of attendance at Tutorials and through dialogue with teachers
- Limit non-study related computer activities: (If you wish to be great at Snap-chat spend time on Snap-chat. If you want to be great at Mathematics, spend time on Mathematics)
- Ensure that they have enough sleep
- Ensure that they have organised all materials that are needed for each exam (e.g. a calculator with charged batteries)

Parents are in the best position to provide motivation (in whatever form works in your home) for this to occur.

QCS Test Practice
All QCS students will sit full, two day QCS practice tests on Monday June 22 and Tuesday June 23. All students who wish to sit the QCS must be in attendance at these practices. These papers are marked and the feedback forms the basis for fine-tuning the Term 3 program.

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

Ecumenical Breakfast
It has been a privilege to have taken part in some of the wonderful Mission and Justice activities which have occurred over the past few weeks. On Wednesday May 20, Justyce Pengilly and I attended the St Stephen’s Cathedral Art Group Ecumenical Breakfast. We made our way to the beautiful St Stephen’s Cathedral precinct and listened to key note speaker, Natalie Lindner discuss the role of imagination in the 21st century. She quoted Dame Mary Warnock, suggesting that “there is a power at work in the human mind… in our everyday perceptions of the world. Its impetus comes from the emotions as much as from reason.” She suggested that imagination has been devalued in the 21st century and pushed to the edges of credibility. Dreamers and artists live a life where they are often dismissed for not being rigorous or factually based. She challenged this current positioning and encouraged us to dream and to imagine.

Powerhouse of Leaders
On Monday May 25, four of our Year 12 student leaders, Kalya Lawson, Christine Lagman, Justyce Pengilly and Lauren McDonald attended the BCE Powerhouse of Leaders Day. This day is a wonderful opportunity for student leaders from across Brisbane and as far away as Maryborough and Harvey Bay, to come together and share ideas and aspirations. The theme for this year’s conference was “Live Louder”. We listened to a number of speakers, visited many stalls and sang and danced at the Power House. A highlight of the day was the sermon given by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. He reminded us that we live in a very loud world and that we need to be selective about the noise we make. He reminded us that Mark’s gospel tells us that we will find God in the ‘thin silence’ as much as in the banging and noise. He also commented that when asked what part of his music he liked best, Mozart replied, “the silences”. This seeming contradiction from the conference theme was in fact at the heart of the message. Young people are called to stand up for what they believe and not to be overwhelmed by the cacophony of noise surrounding them. We were inspired to be selective in our voice and to stand firm and speak loudly for love.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

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We must also thank Mrs Anita Packwood for once again coming to MMC last Friday to help the girl to complete their quilting. Mrs Gina Koplick and Mrs Packwood helped the girls to create some beautiful pillows and learn valuable skills from other women.

Sorry Day

Reconciliation week is an important week in the life of MMC. Every year we attend the Noonga Reconciliation event in Kalinga Park. "eCCCos" sang and our Indigenous Students participated in this event. It was an inspirational day and we look forward to sharing more photos from our Indigenous Assembly in the next newsletter. Our Indigenous dancers are rehearsing with the assistance of Aunty Maud. We are in the process of making costumes for the dancers which the girls will paint. We have also been fortunate in purchasing a set of 30 Indigenous print scarfs for "eCCCos" to wear on these occasions. We would like to share some photos of these joyous events, which speak for themselves.

Cheryl Bowring
Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission

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Captain's Corner

Stewardship

Term Two is well underway with the girls preparing for their assignments and mid-term tests that are coming up quickly. It is undoubtedly a busy term for the students and staff. The theme for Term Two, which is Stewardship, encapsulates the environmental issues facing the College and wider community. It is important, as a steward, to nurture Earth’s natural resources and preserve them for the future generations. Stewardship of creation is a major responsibility that the young women have at College. Despite this theme being our core message for term two, stewardship of creation is embedded throughout the daily life of the college. Environmental plans and strategies are organised through the Environmental Committee alongside the Student Leadership Team.

“Humans should treat animals with kindness because they are God’s creatures and their existence glorifies him,” (Catholic Social teaching). This quote encourages us to preserve the environment as custodians for future generations. Our actions reflect not only our society, but on us as individuals. Our College embraces the aim “to live with great trust in God.” If we can care for the environment we care for, not only ourselves, but god too. An action big or small can make a huge difference. It is a step in the right direction to show concern for the environment. Events throughout the college strive to make these teachings alive in our everyday lives.

Clean Out Your Closet

Another initiative was ‘Clean out your closet’. The OP shop experience at the College reinforced the theme of Stewardship and pushed the Student Leadership Team and the Environmental Committee to break the cycle of environmental neglect and spread awareness of recycling and the current issues the Kedron Brook is facing. It also reflected what is happening in the larger MacKillop community. These initiatives created stronger connections to the community and brought the College community together. On behalf of the Student Leadership Team and the Environmental Committee, we would like to thank Brittany Francis for her effort of donating the rest of the clothing to Nepal. We would also like to thank the staff, Ms Kennedy and Mr O'Connor for making this happen.

Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day, on the 26th of May of this year, remembers and commemorates the mistreatment of the Indigenous Australians. The MacKillop community uses this day to break away from the stereotypes and move forward in harmony – closing the gap. The replacement of Mackillop minutes with traditional Indigenous Australian music started this week on the 27th of May and will continue to next Tuesday on the 2nd of June. This event recognises National Sorry Day and the traditional owners of our land – the Indigenous Australians.

Learning

At the most recent community council on May 6th, Mrs Clarke explained the new visible learning techniques that are being implemented within the College. The students took a survey about their education and what helps them learn. This is an important initiative, as every person learns differently, and the College strives to meet these differences in the classroom environment.
Captain’s Corner cont.

Current events in the academic arena include the humanities excursions and the Art excursions. These experiences help the students grow in awareness of the physical landscape and aesthetic elements of life. Opportunities like these are important to the college, not just for meeting the requirements of the syllabus, but are also paramount for our learning as a whole people.

Million Paws Walk
On Sunday May 17, some MMC students participated in The Million Paws Walk at Southbank, to raise awareness about animal cruelty in both a local and global regions. This walk is sponsored by the RSPCA and strives to make a difference in the lives of animals and their owners. This fund raising undertaking is a national event with Brisbane aiming to raise $125,000. In total, Australia’s aim was one million dollars. The young women represented the college in their sports uniform and traipsed through the rain. These young women strive to make a difference in the lives of all animals – big or small. We thank Celine Dettman and Ms White for organising the MMC representation at this event which included Brittany Francis, Dana Walker, Gretel Chapman, Jordyn Battersby, Keely Veale, and Lauren McDonnell.

The Battle of the Bands
Christine Lagman, our Culture Captain, has started Battle of the Bands on the 21st and 22nd of May. The first heat is on the 26th of May, and the second heat is on the 2nd of June. The finals occur after school on Thursday the 11th of June in the amphitheatre. The participation of the students who have signed up is greatly encouraged, as this particular event will continue to enliven the College cultural life.

Quote for the Week: “I have learned that life may not always be easy, but It’s always worth living”
- Melanie Race

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles
College Captains
From the Justice Captain

K.W.I.S.S
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WOMAN’S CRAFT CIRCLE

Well ladies, the time has come!

This term marks the beginning of the new KWISS Club. If you want to learn new craft skills, interact with fellow MMC students and wise women then come along to the craft circle!

We have some lovely women who will be teaching crochet, quilting, beading, henna, Indian jewellery and knitting. Anyone and everyone is able to come along. Your grandma, grandpa, mother, father, sister, brother, aunty, uncle, cousins…EVERYONE is welcome!

8th May (Friday):
Anita Packwood-
Quilting

18th May (Monday):
Bindu Rajendren-
Henna

1st June (Monday):
Margaret Branbrick-
Crochet

Can you give us your time and wisdom?

Cassandra Paulke
Justice Captain

Please email Cassie (cpaulke@mybce.catholic.edu.au) before the first session if interested and mention what session you would like to come along to.
Greetings to you all.

It is very hard to fathom that we are nearing the end of Week 6. My thinking around this is that the days are certainly shorter in sunlight, but there is still the same amount of work that requires our attention.

For our Fitzroy young women, these days are being filled with musical and drama rehearsals, cross country training, being immersed in beginning and completing assessment tasks, preparing for Open Day and generally getting on with life.

In our Church calendar we have the season of Ordinary Time. While that is not quite upon us, this time for us could be named Ordinary Time – getting on with the ordinary things, but trying always to bring them to fruition in an extra-ordinary way. It always takes patience and resilience and is rewarded with a deep sense of satisfaction.

Mary MacKillop, who always seems to have wisdom words for every occasion said in 1891:

   Do all you can with the means at your disposal, and calmly leave the rest to God.

Wise words indeed from someone whose life never seemed to be ordinary.

May these days bring us the opportunity to be our best, to hold our confidence and look forward to the finish line.

Blessings for these days

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader – Fitzroy House

   Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.
Congratulations to McCormack House who raised a whopping $1500 for the Mackillop Foundation during the Funtastic walkathon on Friday 22 May.

Boyd Park was ablaze with cats, pyjama parties, spaghetti and meatball costumes and who could forget the green caterpillars. Activities included paper plain construction, basketball hoops, creating war cries and trivia quiz all while completing laps of Boyd Park.

Thank you to all our Sponsors. There will be some amazing prizes drawn this Friday at lunch time. A big congratulation to M6 who were the winners of the best house spirit for their awesome participation on the day.

Aime Culpeper
Pastoral Leader - McCormack House
From the Heads of House cont.

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

Sorry Day
This week as a College community we acknowledge the significant event of Sorry Day. As a house we spent time last week creating a Penola artwork to recognise this occasion. Under the guidance of Mrs Anning each Penola student painted a stick with symbols and signs of cultural significance, these will now be joined together to create a piece which will hang proudly in the Penola building.
From The Heads of House cont.

Mid Term Reminders
As we pass the half way point of term 2, it is time to offer students and families some important reminders.

- **Uniforms** - Many Penola students continue to arrive and depart the College without their College blazer. Students are reminded that hats and blazers need to be worn to and from school.
- **Make Up and Jewellery** - Students are also reminded of the College expectations regarding these items.
- **Lockers and Locks** - It is disappointing to note that items have been misplaced or gone missing in and around the Penola building. For this reason all students are reminded of the need to have a working lock on their locker and ensure their personal items are locked securely in their locker at all times.

Carly Richardson
Pastoral Leader - Penola House
From the Humanities Dept.

The last few weeks have seen the staff and students of the Humanities department travelling to a variety of locations in order to consolidate and extend their learning from the classroom. The excursions have been invaluable in fulfilling the curriculum but also opening the student’s eyes to new experiences and places.

The Year 11 and 12 Ancient and Modern History classes undertook a trip to the University of Queensland where they were exposed to the university life, research opportunities at the libraries, as well as hands on activities with artefacts at the Antiquities museum.

The Year 10 History classes visited the MacArthur museum in the CBD and the State Library at Southbank as part of their studies on World War Two. Students were able to investigate Queensland soldiers on both the war front and home front, as well as focus on their research skills.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Year 12 Geography is currently studying Sustaining Biodiversity. As part of this unit a two day excursion to Noosa was organised. The students investigated Noosa’s many ecosystems, focussing on the mangroves and evaluating development opportunities.
From the Humanities Dept cont.

As part of their Managing Catchments unit the Year 11 Geography students completed their field work at a number of locations along Downfall Creek. They had to investigate the health of the catchment through a variety of water tests and evaluate future development opportunities within the catchment.

Year 10 Geography travelled to the Gold Coast to analyse the impact of humans on coastal processes at Kirra Beach and decide the future of the Tweed Heads Sand Bypass Project.
I would like to thank Ms Sally Carr, Miss Nidean Dickson, Mrs Jessica Gillespie, Mrs Kylie Johansen, Mrs Margaret Roff and Mr Bill Kent for all their hard work in organising, as well as supervising the excursions so the students have these invaluable opportunities.

Sue Goves
Head of Humanities
From Business Communication & Technology

On Wednesday the 13th of May the Year 11 Business Communication & Technology (BCT) class travelled to Australia Zoo as part of their study of Workplace Health and Safety. We explored the zoo, learning what Australia Zoo is doing to prevent and control hazards. We were also lucky enough to have a meet and greet with a koala.

Jessica Gillespie
Business Teacher

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From the Aspiring Women in Science Conference

On Friday and Saturday of the second weekend of May, I attended the Aspiring Women in Science Conference, coordinated by St Aiden’s Anglican Girls’ School. This conference is offered to high-achieving girls in grades 10-12 to allow them to gain a broader idea of what jobs are available to them in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering and technology. We had the opportunity to hear different female scientists give presentations on their work and discoveries, in the areas of: Engineering, Geology, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Medicine, Immunology, Psychology, Pharmacy and Zoology. After hearing about this I knew I had to go, as this was a chance to listen to professionals lecture about their jobs and life experiences. I was not going to allow this opportunity to pass me by.

Friday evening, everyone was invited to attend Professor Jenny Martin’s presentation on her journey to becoming a biochemist. Professor Martin is currently working to develop a new class of drugs to treat antibiotic resistant infection through her work in protein crystallography. Protein crystallography allows biochemists to visualise protein structures at an atomic level assisting them in their understanding of protein function.

We had to be back the next morning at 9:00am to hear our next speaker, Professor Tamara Davis (astrophysicist). After her presentation we moved to different speakers depending on our interests. I went to see Assoc. Professor Winnifred Louis (Psychology), Assoc. Professor Kristen Radford (Medicine) and Dr Leesa Wockner (Mathematician/Statistician). Each of these women discussed in more detail what their job entailed and how they got to be there. We were also fortunate enough for them to share with us any recent discoveries they had made in their job or what they were working on. This conference was something slightly different for them as they are used to only presenting on what they are currently working on. For this particular lecture, they were asked to share with us why they decided to work in science and how they became professional scientists.

We were called together later in the afternoon to hear the last scientist speak, Dr Eve McDonald-Madden (Mathematical Ecologist). Dr McDonald-Madden works to apply mathematical and artificial intelligence techniques to conservation problems. This was very interesting for the vast majority of us as we were not previously aware that this job even existed. After this presentation we were visited by a representative from the University of Queensland who spoke to us about everything that UQ offers, and what university life is like. This was an excellent reminder for all of us that university was something we needed to begin to look into, no matter how far away it seemed.

After a long day filled with envisioning our future careers, we headed home to share with our families everything we had learnt and our aspirations for university and beyond. Attending this conference has allowed me to realise that my passion for science is shared by many other girls from throughout Queensland and that I should embrace my enthusiasm instead of hiding it from others. I would recommend this conference, or anything similar, to everyone who is interested in a career in science as it is truly eye-opening.

Emily Barnett
Y10 M4
From the Career Department

1. TASTE OF NAVY TRADES
9.00am – 3.00pm, Monday 6th July 2015
Queensland Maritime Museum, Southbank
The Specialist Recruiting Team – Women in the Navy – is offering an exclusive tour for females interested in a technical trade career in the Navy to see first-hand some of the systems that are used to operate a Navy ship. Learn about the unique traditions of the Australian Navy as well as having the opportunity to try your hand at some of the trade skills that are used to keep a Navy ship at sea. This activity will give young females the opportunity to meet and talk with sailors from the Royal Australian Navy about their time in the Navy and the great opportunities available in technical trades.

Please note to be eligible to apply, you must be of 16 years or older and obtained a pass in year 10 English, Maths and Science. Morning tea and lunch provided.
Applications are made with the Careers Office. Applications close Friday 19 June 2015 – spaces are limited.

2. Latest School-based Traineeships/Apprenticeships
Certificate 3 Hospitality
Newport Marina Café, Scarborough
Subway, The Gap
Zarrafas, Redcliffe
Bucking Bull, Chermside

Please make an appointment with the Careers Office, if you are interested in applying.

3. The International House Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC)
This is an opportunity for Indigenous students in Grade 10 to 12 and/or 16-18 years of age to experience life at a residential college and learn what university is like with likeminded young people. The camp runs from 12.30pm 29 June to 1.00pm 2 July 2015. The cost of the camp is free and includes all meals, accommodation and all personal and professional development costs.

To see what past IYLC’s have been like go to the International House Facebook page – https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousYouthLeadershipCamp

Application forms are available from the Careers Office. Applications close 10 June 2015.

4. Australian Musical Theatre Workshop
The Australian Musical Theatre workshop is on from the 29 June to 10 July 2015. Participants will take part in a series of forums where they will meet, interact with and learn from renowned Australian performers, directors, choreographers and producers. Participants will hone their singing, acting and dancing skills each day in classes and workshops. There are a limited number of places available, so don’t delay.

If you are serious about a career in musical theatre and want to train with the best in the business, then THE AUSTRALIAN MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP is a must!
Apply online at www.musicaltheatreworkshop.com.au

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5. Dates for your diary

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6. SEIZE THE DAY

The Cancer Council is helping young Queenslanders impacted by cancer kick-start their careers by offering a share of $50,000 to help with the cost of education and training. Cancer Council Queensland’s Seize the Day Study Awards, launched earlier this month, are open to young Queenslanders aged 16 to 21 who have been impacted by cancer personally, or have family members affected by the disease.

The study awards range from $300 to $2500 and are presented to young Queenslanders to assist with the cost of textbooks, stationery, fees, transport and accommodation incurred during post-secondary education and training.

Cancer Council Queensland spokesperson Katie Clift said the awards program acknowledged the courage of young people coping with cancer, and encouraged them to look to the future with hope. “The awards aim to foster the personal growth and development of young people coping with cancer in Queensland,” Ms Clift said.

“Our Seize the Day Study Awards are an important part of our commitment to supporting our youth and I would urge all young Queenslanders affected by cancer to apply for this year’s awards.” Applications close at 5pm on Friday, July 31, and are available at [cancerqld.org.au](http://cancerqld.org.au) or by calling 13 11 20.

7. School to Uni

These websites provide you with information about university study and lifestyle:

- **Queensland University of Technology** – Considering uni? The basics [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/considering-university-the-basics](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/considering-university-the-basics)
- **University of Southern Queensland** – Life as a university student [http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/life](http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/life)
From the Career Department cont.

8. **Gap Medics**

Year 11 and 12 students considering a career in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery might like to take up an opportunity to participate in a short-term healthcare work experience placement overseas. Gap Medics is based in the UK, but its programs are open to students from all around the world.

What does a placement involve? During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students also benefit from clinical teaching on their placement. Gap Medics has an agreement with each of the hospitals which the students then sign to ensure punctuality, appropriate dress, respectful behaviour at all times and confidentiality. The hospitals and doctors/mentors are paid with approximately 10% of the student cost going directly to the hospital to be used for overall improvement and benefit of their facilities and programs.


9. **Animal Studies**

Greencross Vets will be offering School Based Traineeships in Certificate 2 Animal Studies for 2016. Students who are in Year 10 or 11 in 2015 are eligible to apply. The online application can be found at [http://www.greencrossvet.com.au/Careers/Student-Application-Form.aspx](http://www.greencrossvet.com.au/Careers/Student-Application-Form.aspx). Applications will be available online from 1 June to 17 July 2015. Your application must include a copy of your most recently received report card and a School Approval Notification Form.

10. **School-based Hairdressing Apprenticeship**

An opportunity exists at a local hairdressing salon. Applicants must be in Year 10 or Year 11 in 2015. Please make an appointment with the Careers Office if you would like to apply.

Mrs Aime Culpeper  
Careers Counsellor  
Vocation and Training Coordinator

Mrs Beverley McPherson  
Careers Assistant

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From the Sport Department

QC Cup

Last week saw the running of the annual QC Cup Netball competition held at Metropolitan Netball Club at Cooparoo. This year we took a team from each of the Open, Intermediate and Junior age groups. The girls managed to hold their own against some very tight competition and should be proud of their results. Massive congratulations go to the Open team who finished second in their division.

CaSSSA

Last week also saw the start of the next trimester of CaSSSA Wednesday afternoon. This trimester sees Mary MacKillop College register 10 teams across 3 sports, with 6 netball teams, 3 soccer teams and a junior volleyball team. We wish all the teams the very best for the new competition and hope the girls enjoy their games. It is important though that the students have their permission slips back to Mr Messer before the round 2 games. Draws will be displayed on the Sports notice board and Mr Messer’s office board.

This week will see the holding of both the CaSSSA Cross Country and the Met North Cross Country carnivals. The CaSSSA carnival will take part at Limestone Park, Ipswich this Friday. We wish the girls all the very best for this event and a massive thanks to the staff members who have helped out throughout the Cross Country season, particularly Mr Dennis O’Connor, Mrs Jessica Gillespie, Ms Tania Meredith, Mr Leighton Gilmore and Mr Paul Brown. All have been putting in early mornings and a lot of effort and are hoping for a good result.

Commitment

At the commencement of a new trimester of sport I would like to take this time to restate the importance of girls’ ongoing committing to their teams. Students are not always able to make every game or training session and the College understands this. As long as this does not become an ongoing issue and the coach is informed then there should not be an issue. Problems arise when students take themselves out of the team either by not attending games or training or by withdrawing from the team.

Commitment = team spirit = success
From the Sport Department

High Achievers

Above is an action shot of Samantha Klose Y12 F1 gaining control of the ball, in her AFL Grand final against Victoria Metro. The final score was Vic Metro 22 Queensland 15. Our other photos is of her Queensland jersey presentation with AFL legend Leigh Matthews. Congratulations, Sam!

Matthew Messer
Head of Sport
From Joeys

Tuckshop Roster
Monday 1st June - Debbie Lindblom
Tuesday 2nd June - Deb Visser
Wednesday 3rd June - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 4th June - Moya Sankey and Fiona Stacheel
Friday 5th June - Toni Pattie

Monday 8th June - Queen’s Birthday holiday
Tuesday 9th June - Rebecca Hanlon
Wednesday 10th June - Daisy Rajendran
Thursday 11th June - Stephanie Ingeri, Jennifer Dwyer, Melinda Pahany
Friday 12th June - Irene Lata

Gina Koplick
Tuckshop Convenor

Community Noticeboard

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 1, 2015

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

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

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

Late applications cannot be accepted.
Community Noticeboard
Mercy Community Services - Aged Care Services Emmaus
131 Queens Road Nudgee

Have you ever thought about ‘Volunteering’

We are seeking kind and patient people to help ease the loneliness and isolation sometimes experienced by elderly people in care.

Our 2 coffee shops are great places for our residents to gather – to socialise with family and friends or just to watch the world go by!

If you would like to volunteer in either of our coffee shops (both on the Nudgee site) but are not quite sure what is involved please contact reception between 9 am and 3 pm week days. Ph 3260 9555 or email admin@mercycs.org.au

We will give you all the training and support you need!

MARY MACKILLOP STUDENTS WILL BE PERFORMING AT 1.00pm AT THE VIRGINIA SS FAMILY FUN DAY SHOWCASING OUR CHOIR AND CHEER SQUAD

VIRGINIA STATE SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY
6th June 2015
12.30pm – 6pm

Face Painting
Fairy Floss
Rides
Raffles

Showbags
Lucky Ducks
Plus much more

Fireworks at 6pm

Proudly sponsored by DentaGlow
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OFFICIAL OPENING ON
3rd JUNE
10AM TO 1PM

COMMUNITY DAY AND CONCERT DINNER ON 6th JUNE
10AM TO 11PM

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND
2015 MABO DAY

Official Opening
3rd of June 2015
10 am — 1 pm
Community March and Official Flag Raising
- Morning Tea
- Guest Speakers
- Traditional Dancing

Zillmere PCYC
340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere QLD 4034
For more information email Edward_monaei@yahoo.com

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND
2015 MABO DAY

Community Day & Concert Dinner
6th of June 2015
10 am — 11 pm
- Volleyball
- Kurlup Darts
- Skiddel Tug-of-war
Followed by an Evening Dinner and free Concert

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