From the Principal

Courage and Commitment; Tenacity and Zeal.

These are some of the words that we have heard aplenty amid our recognition of the ANZACs. They have featured in both public and private reflections on the significance of the ANZAC legacy for us as a nation and as people of the twenty-first century.

What might it mean for us, the community of Mary MacKillop College, to be inspired by the spirit of the ANZACs?

To be truly inspired requires us to move beyond an emotional response towards a change in our fundamental way of being, a metanoic change of heart. In being truly inspired by others we are prompted to take on their traits not in an unthinking way, but rather as best befits our context, our time, our place, our mission. In a Catholic school we take on those traits carefully ensuring both, that the way we act and the way we are, align with the highest moral good.

Commitment. We commit to an education which honours the whole person avoiding a myopic, blinkered focus on just one aspect of learning - spiritual, academic, pastoral, personal or relational.

Courage. We stand up for truth and justice when it would be more comfortable to turn a blind eye.

Tenacity. We never give up on a worthwhile endeavour even in the face of difficulty or complexity.

Zeal. We live with positivity, energy and faith.

Visit to St Agatha’s Primary School, Clayfield

Thanks to Mrs Carol Sayers, Principal of St Agatha’s, who recently showed me around her wonderful school and introduced me to many of her students and staff. St Agatha’s is one of many schools from which Mary MacKillop draws its students. I was able to deliver a special message from Georgia Sankey (Year 8) who was a student at St Agatha’s. Creating real life connections among the community of primary and secondary schools builds our collective understanding and capacity to know our students well and so provide the best for possible education for them.
Seize the Moment and Shape it Anew!

A new term, new learning, new opportunities – all of these lie before us for the taking. At this time we particularly encourage our students to take stock, realign goals and set out purposefully to make the most of this new time and all that it offers.

This talk of grasping the opportunities that lie before us is integral to messages we often hear about living life to the full. We are encouraged to: Get involved! Seize the moment! Participate! Make the most of the opportunities we have been given! It’s almost as if the world is a smorgasbord of possibilities from which we should choose in order to live life well.

I read something recently which prompted me to re-position my thinking in relation to opportunity. Biz Stone is the author of Things a Little Bird Told Me: Confessions of a Creative Mind. Biz is co-founder of Twitter and his book tells a fascinating story of success. In Biz’s world:

- great work comes from abandoning a linear way of thinking
- creativity never runs out
- asking questions is free
- empathy is core to personal and global success
- opportunity can be manufactured

Each of these strikes a chord in our reflections on learning and is worth deeper analysis than space permits here. But it is the last point that is most relevant for now.

Biz entreats us to understand ourselves as the creators of opportunity: “The world has conditioned us to wait for opportunity, have the good sense to spot it, and hope to strike at the appropriate time. But if opportunity is just a set of circumstances, why are we waiting around for the stars to align? Rather than waiting and pouncing with a high degree of failure, you might as well go ahead and create the set of circumstances. You will then be in the best position to take advantage of it. Be the person who makes something happen”. (p.11). This way of thinking focuses less on choosing from a smorgasbord of opportunities and more on creating new connections and combinations, ideas and perspectives.

Perhaps our mantra for this new term should be along the lines: **Think anew! Pave the way! Seize the moment and shape it anew! Be hopeful! Be open to new possibilities! Challenge yourself! Set your bar! Create opportunities!**
Pastoral Visit

Towards the end of last term we welcomed Archbishop Mark Coleridge to Mary MacKillop College. This visit was part of Archbishop Mark’s commitment to creating real life connections with the people of the Archdiocese and with Corpus Christi Parish in particular. Special thanks to Rhiannon McGreavy and Rebecca Micallef for the role they played as student guides on the day. Some of our Year 10 students, along with students from St Joseph’s Primary School and St Pius Primary School, attended Mass with the Archbishop at the beginning of the day. Later in the morning Fr Bernie and Archbishop Mark joined us for a tour of the College including visits to classes and to the wisdom wall created as part of our Easter celebrations.

It is Through Our Human Experience that We Meet Our God

As we set out on this new term together, as we learn and grow, we do so in the embrace of God. The following words from Joan Chittister* gently and powerfully remind us of the reality of the resurrection in every moment of our lives:

“It takes a lifetime to really understand that God is in what is standing in front of us. Most of our lives are spent looking, straining to see the God in the cloud, behind the mist, beyond the dark. It is when we face God in one another, in creation, that the real spiritual journey begins.”


Christine Clarke
Principal
MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2015

SUNDAY 31 MAY 10.00am – 1.00pm

You are invited to bring your family and friends to have a tour of the College, enjoy the entertainment and meet the staff, students and families of Mary MacKillop College.

Parental assistance required on the day with BBQ and Sausage Sizzle. Please contact the office if you are able to give some time.

Ph: 3266 2100 Email: mmc@mmc.qld.edu.au

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 6.00pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Subjects for discussion include

- Principal’s Update
- School Captain’s Report
- New Website
- Learn About Moodle
- Bullying Policy and Procedures

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 5.15pm - 6.30pm

Enrolments 2016-2019 NOW OPEN Mary MacKillop College Yr 7-12

Mary MacKillop College invites families to an Information and Enrolment Evening on Wednesday 20 May at 5:15pm in the Josephite Cultural Centre, 126 Buckland Rd, Nundah.

Come along and meet our new Principal and learn about the wide range of outstanding academic, cultural, sporting and service opportunities on offer.

A Mary MacKillop education inspires hope and builds confidence in young women who have a passion for lives of justice, respect and peace for all.

For further information please phone us on 32662100, email mmc@mmc.qld.edu.au or visit www.mmc.qld.edu.au

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2016 should be lodged by the end of May.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Emotional Intelligence

Last term I walked into my Year 9 RE class to find a room of despondent, disengaged teenage girls – Zayn had left One Direction! A growing body of research highlights the importance of how children feel and how they manage those feelings, or not ie their emotional intelligence. Emotions drive attention, learning, memory, and decision-making. They affect relationships and psychological well-being. Learning to handle emotions well is especially important in adolescence, a time when neural networks are being sculpted that will influence behaviour patterns for life.

All children face adversity of some sort in their journey to adulthood. Resilience is a prerequisite for healthy growth. Simply telling the girls that life would continue for them and for the members of One Direction would not suffice. Repressing feelings does not overcome her sadness. Girls need to talk, to be listened to and to have others model emotional intelligence.

Personal Development

Fortunately emotional skills can be taught and are at the core of the College’s Personal Development program. The Mary MacKillop College labyrinth features “The five pathways to self-development”.

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Social management
- Strive for wellbeing

These core emotional competencies promote talking about feelings and can mean the difference between a personal setback becoming chronic failure or strengthening resolve. They can be the critical factor in determining whether a disagreement with a friend festers into anger or is navigated gracefully; whether Zayn’s departure is crippling or a wonderful opportunity to appreciate a talented artist.

A calm, contented, well-supported teenager is better equipped to learn than one who feels agitated or socially isolated and unable to give expression to such emotion. Calming exercises – such as deep breathing, a six-second pause, or even laughter – can cause physiological changes in the body that help change mood. Stress hormones dissipate, the heart rate slows and the blood is oxygenated. There is evidence that practised regularly, these exercises cause changes in the brain, boosting traits such as patience, optimism and even empathy.

This term’s Personal Development topics can be accessed by students and parents via Moodle.
Movie Afternoon

Last Thursday after school our Year 7, 8 and 12 girls spent the afternoon watching a movie. It was a time to get to know each other a bit better. Thank you to the Student Leaders for organising this afternoon and for forging links between year levels. We know that the girls both enjoyed the entertainment and connected with others in the College community.

ANZAC Day

On Thursday our girls wore their uniform with pride at the Anzac Day service and were chosen by the ABC to represent the students laying wreaths. It is this same pride that we hope to engender in all students. Thank you Matilda and Mikayla for representing us with dignity and sincerity.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students cont.

MMC Social
Tomorrow night, Friday 1 May, the College will be holding its annual social. All students from Years 7 – 12 are invited to attend from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Boys from Iona College, St Joseph’s College (Terrace), Nudgee College, Marist College, Padua, St Laurence’s College, St Patrick’s College and Villanova College have been invited.

Please note that a small cloak room will be available but once bags have been cloaked they cannot be accessed until the end of the dance. Please help your daughter decide how best to manage her money.

Entry is $15 with drinks and snacks available from the tuckshop. Tickets are on sale each lunch time next week.

This year students are invited to dress in a festival themed outfit. All costumes however must adhere to the following dress guidelines.

Conditions of Entry and Code of Conduct
- College Rules apply.
- Cigarettes, alcohol and illicit substances must not be consumed prior to, at the social or brought to the social.
- Organisers reserve the right to inspect baggage, breathalyse students and confiscate cigarettes and/or alcohol.
- Smoking is not permitted within the College grounds.
- Admission and finish times are to be adhered to, with specific transport arrangements made prior to the dance.
- Doors will open at 7.00 pm. Students will not be admitted after 8:00 pm and not permitted to leave before 10:00 pm unless collected by a parent.
- Everyone must remain within the supervised bounds.
- Behaviour must reflect the values of care and respect integral to Mary MacKillop College. Students must show concern for safety and well being of others, refrain from offensive language and passionate interactions
- Directions from supervisors must be followed respectfully.

Dress Code
- Dress must be appropriate or as specified for the particular occasion.
- Students must be clean and well groomed.
- Revealing clothing is not appropriate.
- Skirts and shorts must be an appropriate length.
- No inappropriate or offensive slogans on shirts.
- Bare mid riffs and singlet tops are not acceptable.
- T-shirts must be appropriate e.g. the messages on them must be acceptable.
- Costumes cannot obscure the face – so masks, full head costumes and full face paint are also not permitted.

Infringement of this Code of Behaviour will result in the non-admission / exclusion of the student from the dance. Parents or guardians will be called to collect the student and the student’s Principal will be informed as soon as practicable.
From the Deputy Principal - Director of Students cont.

NAPLAN Breakfast

On the 12, 13 and 14 May our Year 7 and 9 girls will sit the NAPLAN tests. As part of our commitment to helping all our girls reach their full potential the school will provide a light breakfast on each of these mornings.

There is a strong correlation between breakfast and higher test scores, better grades and positive learning environments. The breakfast gatherings will also allow the girls to collect their thoughts and reduce anxiety. I have included a copy of Michael Grose’s article on helping students to get ready for these tests.

Narelle Dobson
Deputy Principal - Director of Students
Students Welcome at Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews provide an important opportunity to strengthen our connection and partnership. These interviews take place on **Tuesday May 5 from 2:00pm until 8:30pm.** If you wish to see a teacher it is imperative that you use the booking system to make a booking. Bookings are made via the online booking system which is available through the Academic Excellence link on the College website or by clicking [here](#). If you arrive on the evening without a booking it will not be possible to see teachers. Even if teachers have not requested an interview you are most welcome to make an interview booking. The conversations that occur on such evening have enormous power to positively impact upon student learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to attend. The booking system closes for parent bookings on May 4 at 4:00pm.

Work Habits

As we complete week two of the term it is important that our young women are focussed upon their studies and have established positive and productive work habits to set themselves up for a successful term. It is wise to consider Term One habits and efforts as represented on the Progress Report and identify what can be celebrated and also what steps can be undertaken in improving for the term.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN occurs for our Year 7 and Year 9 students from May 12 to 14. Parents of our Year 7 and 9 students are reminded to refer to the information sent home with the reports regarding NAPLAN.

NAPLAN is a point in time assessment of Literacy and Numeracy for which the girls are prepared.

QCS Test: Call for Chief Community Representatives

The QCS Test runs on Tuesday September 1 and Wednesday September 2. Each year the QCAA calls for Community Representatives to assist in running and supervision of these tests. Our College will have one Community Representative located here at Mary MacKillop and one located at another school.

Chief Community Representatives are required at the school two weeks prior to the test for 30 minutes, one week prior to the test for 60 minutes and then on the days of the tests from 8:10am until 3:10pm.

These are paid positions. The QCAA pays $457.43 to Chief Supervisors for this role.


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

Resurrection as Hope
Welcome to Term Two after a relaxing time over Easter, a time filled with family, friends, reflection and even solitude. The celebration of Easter is a clear signifier of new beginnings and fresh starts. It is a celebration of hope and the theme of our Easter Liturgy on the last day of the term. So often when things seem hopeless, hope can be found. Jesus’ suffering and pain on the cross is symbolic of all our suffering. With his death, the suffering was released. Now all that was left was hope. On road to Emmaus Jesus told his disciples to “Go into the world and spread this news of hope, for I am with you always to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20). There is no need to worry now.

Jesus is our anchor and as another message from the bible says – “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19). Having this type of anchor makes all the difference. Think about the image of the cross, if you turn the cross on its side it becomes an anchor.

Anzac Day
Last Term, two of our Year 9 girls, Mikayla Patterson and Matilda Bourke approached me about the Year 9 ICT class project they are entering for Department of Veteran Affairs. They asked if they could centre their segment round the Anzac Day Assembly. Mikalya and Matilda have researched, interviewed and visited various sites. On Thursday 23rd April, they represented the school at an Anzac Day Ceremony in the city. These two young women led the College Assembly last Friday. They were keen to highlight the traits of Anzacs that we should try to emulate so that we could in some small way honour their sacrifice. These qualities are very recognisable in our Gospel values. Through commitment and persistence we show our understanding, care and responsibility to our fellow humanity.

War has ravaged our world for as long as humans have been in existence. Tribes, Clans, empires, dynasties and nations have sent people in to battle to fight for numerous causes – protection, freedom, to conquer. Mothers have continued to lose sons and daughters to such causes. The world has witnessed many a horrific battle, honoured the fallen, so in commemorating Anzac Day we should remember as well that we share this type of ceremony with our fellow humanity past and present. An ancient Greek leader, Pericles well over 2000 years ago, long before the first ANZAC Day, but only a stone’s throw from the place we know as Gallipoli, said this about those who died in war. He spoke directly to mothers, fathers, family and community:

Each has won a glorious grave – not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined. For the whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes. Monuments may rise and tablets be set up to them in their own land, but on far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced; it graven not on stone or brass, but on the living hearts of humanity

(A.S. Way’s translation from Pericles’ Funeral Oration, 2.43.2-4)

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

Stamps Initiative - Mary MacKillop International and Mary MacKillop College

The Sisters of St Joseph have been living and working in Peru since 1981. The ministry began with 4 Sisters from Australia and New Zealand.

Currently there are 10 Sisters in Peru, living in both rural and urban communities – Tarma, Iquitos, Lima, Motupe, Jicamarca and El Pacifico. Because each community has unique strengths and needs, the work of the Sisters varies greatly.

Through Mary MacKillop International, the Sisters aim to facilitate lasting change through health, livelihoods and education initiatives. This includes promoting greater access to community health services for children and adults with a disability, developing the skills of women to earn an income and building the skills of teachers to provide effective and engaging educational opportunities for their students.

Latest Initiative – Environmental Education in Tarma

For a number of years, Mary MacKillop International has been working closely with the staff and students of Fe Y Algeria School in Tarma to help promote environmentally and financially sustainable for the school. Led by the principal, Sr Patricia Day, the students grow vegetables and alfalfa on the school grounds. Families with children at the school are able to buy the vegetables at half price, allowing them to have access to healthy and affordable food, while giving the school community a steady stream of income for maintenance and resources.

Our Initiative – Our Help – Your Help

For many years, Mary MacKillop College has been supporting the work of the Sisters by collecting stamps and preparing them for auction. In the 12 months of the 2013 – 2014 financial years, over $18,000 was raised for work in Peru – not just from us, but throughout Australia.

We need your help to continue this vital financial support. We are beginning with Fitzroy families for the next 5 weeks. Stamps packs can be sent home with your daughter.

At present we have hundreds of stamps that need to be prepared for auction. The preparation involves trimming around each stamp, leaving approximately 1cm.

The stamps are then packaged up and sent to Sydney.

It is a relaxing, easy job in which the whole family can participate.

If you would like to offer your assistance by trimming a bag of stamps, we would love to hear from you. A bag will be sent home with an example of how the finished stamp is to look and upon completion of the bag, just return it to school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and participation in this initiative. And of course, if you would like to contribute stamps to the cause, they are always welcome. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Bowring (Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission) BowrinC@mmc.qld.edu.au

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From the Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission cont.

Year 10 Retreat (16th & 17th July)

Year 11 Retreat (15th to 17th July)

Details and any payment required is to be completed by Friday 15th May on www.trybooking.com

Consent forms to be handed in to Student Reception ASAP

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Members of our community wishing to donate to the Appeal through Caritas can do so using the this link. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Cath Rodden
Assistant Principal Religious Education and Mission
Hello Everyone – Welcome to Term 2!

In this edition you are introduced to the wonderful young women of F5. I trust you have enjoyed seeing and hearing about our Fitzroy House Groups and situating your daughter in hers. F6 and F7 will be highlighted in the coming editions.

The message I have given to each of our young women to reflect upon this term and make their own is this:

'It is something worthwhile for each of us and may just help us to live each day with peace-filled hearts knowing we don’t have to be better than, as good, as successful, as powerful, as beautiful as the next person.

'I just have to live life being true to the best that is in me – and bettering that each day.’

Please remember that I am here to help support your daughter to be true to the best that is in her – and of course to support you in your parenting role. Don’t hesitate to contact me if I can be of help.

Blessings for this term to each of you and your families.

Mary Hilton
Pastoral Leader - Fitzroy House

Fitzroy 5 is an eclectic mix of personalities. We have had a very positive start to the year with many of our students taking a fresh approach to their time management and study strategies, as well as participating in extracurricular activities throughout the College. Our Year 7 and 8 students are settling well into their new environments and they enthusiastically made their debut on stage in the recent Culture Competition.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Our 2015 Seniors are Hayley, Taylah, Mushda and Naomi. They each have had a very productive beginning to their last year at high school. Hayley and Taylah are both balancing TAFE studies with school work, which is a challenge. Hayley is working on completing her Certificate III in Child Services and is currently on work experience across the road at the St Joseph’s Outside School Hours Care service. Taylah is working toward a Business Administration qualification to help give her a head start next year. Meanwhile, Mushda continues to be a model student in both the way she manages her time as Justice Representative, as well as her commitment to always doing her best academically. Finally, Naomi has taken to being a Senior with gusto and is now participating in volleyball, Arts Committee and Environmental Committee.

Our Year 11s are Adrienne, Ali and Tia, and they are all gearing up for leadership next year. Adrienne and Ali have joined our House Group this year and they are a delightful pair. Adrienne has made a renewed commitment to her studies and life as a student this year and is to be commended on the effort she is making. Ali has come from across the Tasman Sea to learn how to be an Aussie, and she fits right in with our little family. She is a friendly and calming influence in House Group. Finally, Tia is our ‘super-fish’ and House Councillor; she is also an exemplary student and all-round great person.

Our Year 10s are Anna, Sophie, Thirusha, Chloe and Lenora. Anna is future-focused and is plotting out her next academic achievements with a renewed focus on her studies. Sophie is also striving for excellence through her study strategies, and she is looking to the future with a positive attitude. Meanwhile, Thirusha brings serenity to House Group with her beautiful smile, while she studies diligently to succeed in her assignments. Chloe is one of our songbirds who shares her talents as part of the Vocal Attack singing group. Finally, Lenora is our athlete and we are very proud of her; so watch out McCormack and Penola, she is coming to get you next term at the Athletics Carnival.

Our Year 9s are Chantelle, Hayley, Olivia, Bella and Tannille. Chantelle is working hard on her study strategies and she is maintaining a positive outlook. Hayley plays indoor cricket for MMC and hockey outside school. Olivia is our other songbird, she sings beautifully in the Vocal Attack singing group and also plays Netball outside of school. Bella is trying hard to balance her school commitments with outside activities, particularly AFL on Wednesdays. Finally, Tannille is our sporty spice; she loves all things active, especially PE class and AFL.

Our Year 8s are Caitlyn and Grace. Caitlyn is quiet and very attentive; she displays excellent study skills which have resulted in some great success so far this year. Grace has joined the Year 8 debating team and has already bravely made her debut as Chairperson and Third Speaker.

Our Year 7s are Chloe, Destiny, Ella and Piper. Chloe is a talented swimmer, netballer and touch footballer; she is a delightful presence in House Group each day. Ella is another singer in our very talented group of young women. She is enjoying the independence that high school allows immensely; where half the population are unaware that she is a twin. Meanwhile, Destiny has settled into high school with great success and joy; she plays volleyball outside of school. Finally, Piper recently left the College to move to the Sunshine Coast and she will be missed (especially by Fitzroy, as she is a strong cross-country runner).
From the Heads of House cont.

It is my pleasure to be Fitzroy 5 House Group teacher. My name is Ms Sally Carr and I teach History to Years 7 to 12 and also Years 10 to 12 Study of Religion. I love being creative and, when I don’t have time to do that at home, I try to channel some fun into my teaching. My aim is to help my students to become strong and independent researchers, so they can have the confidence to strive for excellence at school and in life.

I have no doubt the talented students of Fitzroy 5 will continue to find great success as the year progresses.

Ms Sally Carr
F5 House Group Teacher

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Champions
Running
Overland
Spirit
Support

Ruby, Rachael, Tahlia, Kenlyn

Tahlia

Courage
Ours!!!
United
Nonpareil
Trophy
Remarkable

Ruby

Yellow

Dana and Justyce

Congratulations to the Fabulous, Fabulous, Fabulous Fitzroy. You ran, walked, cheered, supported and helped each other until the trophy was safely in the hands of Dana and Justyce – Fitzroy House Captains.

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

Special congratulations to our Age Champions:

- Kenlyn O'Brien-Webb
- Tahlia Fletcher – who was also overall winner of the carnival.
- Ruby Irons
- Rachael McLean

We are so proud of each of you.

Mary Hilton
Head of House
From the Heads of House cont.

MCCORMACK HOUSE NEWS

Term 2 started off successfully with the inter house event, cross country. All the girls within McCormack showed so much determination and spirit. Congratulations to all the girls who helped the event run smoothly, participated and cheered for the rest of McCormack.

Maddie and I are extremely proud of every single member of our house as they all put their greatest effort in leading to McCormack winning the Rubber Ducky trophy, for the most spirit and cheering. We were thrilled to receive the Rubber Ducky from the MMC community as it was definitely a close call between houses. A big congratulations to Fitzroy, taking out first place and Penola, taking out second; it was definitely deserved.

We’d like to extend our gratitude towards Mr Messer for running the event, all the teachers who contributed to the successful day and Ms Culpepper, Ms Hilton and Ms Richardson for their ongoing support and organisation leading up to the event. Great job to the age groups which were won overall by McCormack and another big congratulations to the age champions for their sensational performance.

All girls who ran and walked did a wonderful job, gaining more points for McCormack, especially those who came in the top 10, making the MMC Catholic school girls team. Overall, the Mary Mackillop College cross country was a tiring but memorable day bringing not only McCormack together as one but also the College community. Both Maddie and I are looking forward to the next MMC event, the Athletics Carnival at the end of the term.

Ellie Hunt
McCormack House Captain

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
News from McCormack Four

McCormack Four is the first place I have called home as a teacher and I feel incredibly privileged to be surrounded by young women who are kind and enthusiastic. Each of the students in M4 have something incredible to offer and have done many wonderful things. As a group we have decided to share with you FOUR interesting things from each year level.

Year Seven (Charlotte Christensen, Natasha Gonclaves, Zelaikha Sultan, Annalain Mape)
FOUR things we like about MMC:
1. The energy and atmosphere
2. The ability to continue making friends
3. Morning and afternoon House Group
4. And of course… The Tuckshop!

Year Eight (Sarita Manasampong, Paige Beven)
FOUR things we are looking forward to:
1. Movie Night with the Year Twelves
2. MMC Social
3. New Electives
4. Athletics Carnival

Year Nine (Emma Shannon, Angela Kis, Margaret Watson, Carly Francis-Crawley, Ayuen Deng)
FOUR cities we cannot wait to visit:
1. Paris
2. Tokyo
3. New York
4. Rome
From the Heads of House cont.

Year Ten (Isabel Forrest, Adriana Rivera-Cruz, Emily Barnett, Eliza Landles)
FOUR movies we really enjoy:
1. The Hunger Games
2. The Notebook
3. Miss Congeniality
4. 10 Things I Hate About You

Year Eleven (Brianna Reye, Mais Al-Yassiry, Brooke Watego, Rhiannon Hage, Chloe Mortimer):
FOUR songs we really enjoy:
1. ABC- Jackson 5
2. Best Song Ever- One Direction
3. See You Again- Wiz Khalifa
4. Bills- LunchMoney Lewis

Year Twelve (Ashley Woods, Karley Cousins, Hannah Meek, Chloe Farry)
FOUR things we will miss about MMC:
1. Seeing the same faces everyday
2. The Tuckshop
3. Having a structured routine
4. Being a senior!

As their House Group teacher, I would say there are certainly more than FOUR words I would use to describe this group of young women. If I had to choose I would say caring, humourous, intelligent and unique.

Nidean Dickson
House Group Teacher
Welcome back to Penola for Term Two!

**Cross Country**

Term one was an absolutely amazing term with 10 weeks of Penola magic! We celebrated an awesome swimming carnival, followed by cultural competition and we also took part in the Easter liturgy, and this was a perfect time for reflection and to give thanks.

There is a massive congratulations in order for all of the Penola Ladies who participated in the Cross Country last week! Everyone did an amazing job by having a go and cheering others on. It was great that girls stepped out of their comfort zone; everyone’s result made a massive contribution to us placing 2nd. Our house goal following the swimming carnival was to increase participation within our house and take second place and we were able to achieve this. Also a massive congratulation to **Amelia Bryan** for winning age champion for 16 years. As a house we wanted to congratulate Fitzroy on their victory and extend a big thank you to **Mr O’Connor, Mr Brown, Mr Horne, Ms Meredith, Mr Messer** and all the staff who made this event run with such ease.

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

Congratulations

It has been so lovely to hear and see the wonderful successes and achievements of Penola ladies over the last month. We have seen students from our house participating in a range of activities from debating to AFL and representing our College at a large number of community events.

Today we wish to acknowledge the achievements of Emily Ballard in equestrian. Emily recently travelled to Bowral with her family to compete in the PCANSW State Dressage Championship and was successful in winning her two tests with outstanding percentages. We congratulate Emily on these achievements and applaud her commitment and dedication to her chosen sport.

Do you know of someone else who is excelling within our house? Please email richarc@mmc.qld.edu.au with the details and a photo so we can feature you in the MMC News and Views.

Mothers' Day

If you were asked to describe your mother (or a significant female carer) in three words what would you say?

Over Term 2 we as a house are focussing on the theme of “gratitude and thanks”. As we move towards Mother’s Day on Sunday 10th May, our house is taking time to give thanks for the important female role models we each have in our lives - our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters and carers by partaking in a range of activities within our house.

Below are the three words used by Year 9 Penola students to describe their mothers. We challenge each of you to find the time to give thanks for the important woman or women in your life.

Carly Richardson
Pastoral Leader—Penola House
richarc@mmc.qld.edu.au

My mother in 3 words

Beautiful
Kind
Amazing
Piper Sutton P3

Loving
Supportive
Selfless
Matilda Bourke P6

Caring
Loving
Supportive
Mary Darben P4

Forgiving
Dedicated
Loving
Emily Ballard P1

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From the Sport Department

Cross Country
Despite the holidays having only just finished, the College is well and truly back into the swing of things. The first week back saw the running of the Inter-House Cross Country at Kalinga Park. Due to the issues with wet weather last term we held the event on the first Wednesday back after the holidays. A massive congratulations goes to Fitzroy for their effort in winning the carnival and to Tahlia Fletcher who was the outright winner of the event. The ‘Rubber Ducky’ award for spirit was awarded to McCormack house for their spirited participation and house pride.

A large thanks goes out to those staff members who were instrumental in the putting together of the carnival. Namely Dennis O’Connor, Paul Brown, Wayne Horne and Tania Meredith. The effort that you put into organising this event was very much appreciated and went to the running of a very smooth event.

Electives
This week also sees the start of the electives for the junior and intermediate grades. These electives are being held around or nearby the College and are being undertaken during the school day each Wednesday until exams. These elective sports were nominated by students and help to expose students to activities that they would otherwise not have tried. This term these include: Cross Country, Athletics, Netball, Zumba, Squash, Yoga, GoHealth, Walking and Ultimate Disc.

Grand Finals
This is also the final week for the Trimester One CaSSSA rotations, with 4 teams making the Grand Finals. The next trimester sports begin May 20th, please encourage your daughter to pay attention to the notices for trialling dates for Netball, Soccer and Jnr Volleyball that will be coming up in the next fortnight.

High Achievers

Poppy Clements (Y7 F4) was very successful at the recent Sandgate Swim Club Championships, taking out the Girls 11yrs Age Champion.

At presentation day she was also the recipient of the Coaches Junior Inspiration Award for 2014/15. Congratulations Poppy!

Sam Klose (Y12 F1) is preparing to fly off to Perth next week to compete in the AFL Nationals competition, representing Qld. Good luck Sam, we hope it all goes well.
From the Sport Department cont.

On Saturday 11th April Rahni O’Dea (Y8 F6) competed at the Taekwondo Queensland Open Championships.

Rahni achieved 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal in the following events:
- Gold - Individual Traditional Poomsae (Female under 13)
- Gold - Pairs Traditional Poomsae
- Gold - Team Traditional Poomsae (4 team members)
- Silver - Family Traditional Poomsae

A wonderful achievement Rahni - congratulations on your success.

Matthew Messer
Head of Sport
Welcome back to Term 2 in what promises to be another busy term in the Maryvale Resource Centre. We currently have a number of writing, public speaking and poetry competitions running in the library with the opportunity to win cash prizes! Please read the daily notices and see Mrs Strickland in the library for more information and entry forms.

ANZAC Day
Saturday 25 April was ANZAC day (http://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac/) as well as the centenary of the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli. As well as a display of war books, the library had a number of activities where students could read a picture book about ANZAC Day or do a wordsearch or crossword about the significance of ANZAC day.

Mothers’ Day
Sunday, 10 May is Mother’s Day. To celebrate the day, the Library Committee will be hosting a competition featuring our MMC College staff mothers. Prizes will be awarded to entries with the most correct responses! Watch the daily notices for further details. Entry forms will be available in the library next week.

Harry Potter Quiz
On Tuesday 26 May during lunch, the Library Committee will be hosting a ‘Harry Potter’ team quiz with questions based on the ‘Harry Potter’ series by J.K. Rowling which have also recently been made into films. Prizes will be awarded to the best character costume and the student with the most quiz questions answered correctly. So why not enter the quiz (see Mrs Strickland in the library beforehand to register your team) and come dressed in your as your favourite wizard from ‘Harry Potter!’ Costumes need to adhere to the school’s uniform policy. More details will be available in the daily notices and from the Library Committee in upcoming assemblies.

CBCA Book of the Year Awards shortlist
The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has announced the ‘Book of the Year’ shortlist for 2015 and winners will be announced at the start of this year’s Children’s Book Week (Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August) for which the theme is ‘Books light up our world’. Categories include Younger Readers, Older Readers and Picture Books as well as Early Childhood and the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books. To see a full list of the shortlist, visit the website at http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm
**From The Resource Centre cont.**

**QLD BILBY Awards**

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 view the 2015 shortlists then vote for your favourite Younger Reader’s or Older Reader’s title? [http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html](http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html) (This link is also on the Library Moodle page). Voting closes 15 June 2015 with winners announced on 22 June.

**NEW TITLES, STUDENT REQUESTS AND OTHER LIBRARY NEWS**

Don’t forget to come to the library and visit the Research and Resource Centre Information Moodle page to check out the new fiction and non-fiction titles available for you to borrow as well as details of upcoming events, competitions and displays in the library!

Some new titles on display in the library including some non-fiction and picture books to commemorate the 100th anniversary landing at Gallipoli for Anzac Day as well as some requested titles from the library suggestion box, located at the front of the library) are:

- *The Anzacs* by Patsy Adam-Smith
- *A Chaplain at Gallipoli: the Great War Diaries of Kenneth Best* by Kenneth Best
- *The Beach They Called Gallipoli* by Jackie French (Picture book)
- *Lone Pine* by Susie Brown
- *An Anzac Tale* by Ruth Starke
- *Laurinda* by Alice Pung
- *Vampire Diaries The Salvation: Unmasked* by L.J. Smith
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker (Graphic novel)
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (Graphic novel)
Students can now also borrow eBooks and audiobooks by finding the title in our Oliver catalogue, clicking on the BCE Digital library web address and entering their library code (the ‘s’ code on their student ID card) to download the eBook to their netbooks. See Mrs Strickland in the library or Mr Webb for assistance.

Melinda Strickland
Librarian

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

1. **International House - Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp**

   Applications are now open for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in grade 10-12 to attend the fourth Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC) happening at International House at the University of Queensland. The camp goes from Monday 29 June to Thursday 2nd July 2015 and is free.

   The Camp is a great opportunity for aspiring and ambitious high school students to experience residential and university life and improve their personal and professional skills in a variety of areas. Please visit the Careers Office for an Application Form to be filled out by parents/guardians by Friday 10 June 2015.

2. **Bursary**

   Empowering Community Strategy & our sponsor Murphy Pipe and Civil would like to give one Year 11 or 12 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student an opportunity to receive a $2000 bursary to assist with their studies for the year.

   To be considered you are required to write a 500 word essay covering:

   - Tell us about yourself.
   - What traits do you have that will enhance your education and future employment?
   - Why do you need this Bursary? What a bursary would mean to you and your family.

   PLEASE EMAIL TO: accounts@empoweringcommunity.org

   ENTRIES ARE DUE BY: 11TH MAY 2015

3. **St George Bank** is seeking interest from current Year 11 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students interested in a school-based traineeship in Business. This traineeship will kick-start your career in banking and finance by teaching you banking skills and customer service. Interested students need a resume and cover letter. Make an appointment with Career Office if you would like to apply.

4. **By 2019 over 1.1 million Australians will be employed in Education**

   Education and Training is the fifth largest employing industry in Australia, employing 931,600 workers or 8.0 per cent of total employment nationally as of August 2014.

   The profession has experienced strong growth over the past decade, with employment in the industry increasing by 234,300 (or 33.6 per cent) in the 10 years to August 2014, making it the third largest growth industry in Australia over this period.

   Education and Training has the second highest share of female employment of all 19 broad industry groups, with female workers accounting for 69.8 per cent of the workforce (compared with 45.9 per cent across all industries) in August 2014. Female representation is particularly high in Preschool Education (92.7 per cent) and School Education (74.5 per cent).

   The workforce is highly skilled. Nearly two out of three workers (63.4 per cent) held a Bachelor Degree or higher, the largest share of all 19 broad industries and significantly higher than average across all industries (28.4 per cent).

   The largest contributor to employment in Education and Training is the Education sector, employing 516,000 with growth expected to rise 10% or 51,000 jobs by 2019 to 567,000 employees. (from http://lmip.gov.au)
From the Careers Office cont.

5. **Does this sound familiar?**
   - I want to help my child plan for their future.
   - My child doesn’t know what they want to do when they leave school
   - Where can I find information on courses and training providers in our local area?
   - Where can we speak to someone working in the industry my child is interested in?
   - I don’t understand my child’s chosen career path.
   
   For the answers to all these questions and more visit www.myfuture.edu.au.
   
   You will find a range of resources such as occupation videos, labour market information
   and the new myfuture forum, a tool allowing you to talk to people working in a range of
   industries.

6. **Are you in Year 11 or 12 and wondering how you can use your love of Science and Maths in an exciting career?**
   - Want to meet like-minded people who share you passions?
   - You need to be at QUT from July 8—10, 2015
   - Join us for three days of hands-on engineering projects where you’ll work with QUT and
   industry engineers.
   - Work in project teams to solve real engineering problems!
   - Discover what engineering is REALLY like (and how fun and fulfilling it really is!)
   - Work in world-class facilities with world-class engineers!
   
   **EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF ENGINEERING**
   Extend the maths and science you learn in school
   World-class facilities and resources
   Work in groups solving hands-on engineering problems

7. **Latitude Global Volunteering**
   
   Our Information Nights are a great way to learn more about where you can go and what
   you can do with Latitude Global Volunteering. Latitude staff, returned volunteers and
   parents of returned volunteers gives short presentations at these sessions and are then
   available to answer any questions or further discuss options afterwards.
   
   Latitude staff provides an overview about the organisation and volunteering program,
   returned volunteers speak about their experiences and parents share their perspective
   about Latitude and the development they have seen in their son or daughter. Bring along
   family members and friends and ask as many questions as you like!
   
   The session run for approximately 90 minutes on
   Thursday 7 May Brisbane 6.30pm Cavendish Road State High School
   
   If this date does not suit, they also run a series of interactive online sessions during April
   and May. During the sessions Latitude staff will talk through our volunteering program,
   with some sessions focusing on particular countries or regions, and a returned volunteer
   will share their experience. It will run for approximately 30 minutes and can easily be
   accessed through your computer, smart phone or tablet.
From the Careers Office cont.

8. How Facebook Can Help (or Hurt) A Student's Job Prospects

Teenagers share a wide range of information about themselves on social media; indeed the sites themselves are designed to encourage the sharing of information and the expansion of networks. In fact teens are sharing more information about themselves today than they did a few years ago. Older male teenagers share the most.

Facebook is huge – 1.3 billion users worldwide. In Australia 9 million people use Facebook every day. Employers will often check out a student on Facebook before they hire them. Many are looking to verify resume details while others look to find out more about the student and some, for reasons to count them out!

Here are 5 reasons employers look at a student’s Facebook (and other social media sites):

- What sort of image their online profile portrays
- Clues about personal, social and work style preferences
- How they interact with people and share views
- What are their Interests, passions and accomplishments
- To verify resume details and qualifications

Employers often use social networks to see if there are any 'red flags'. The reddest flags for most employers seem to be:

- Provocative or inappropriate images
- Information about drinking or using drugs
- A candidate bad-mouthing a previous employer
- Poor communication skills
- Discriminatory comments related to race, gender or religion
- A candidate who lied about qualifications

Careers Advisers can address the transition from teenage student to teenage employee and make sure their social profiles are 'job ready'. Employers want 'professional and responsible' which for many is the opposite of being a teenager.

The transformation as the teenager morphs into an adult is determined by how people view the evidence of a past life. Teenagers need to start by shedding their child persona. The first thing to do is clean up their online profiles.

Here are three essentials.

- Lose an inappropriate email address. hotlips@yahoo is OK at school for mates but not quite the email address to use on your resume or to communicate with an employer.
- Change your phone message. If it's silly, humorous, or adult rated change to be more professional.
- Edit your Facebook page. Go to Google and search your name. Your future employer will do just that. If there’s anything that you don’t think appropriate, get rid of it.

(Nathan Chanesman CEO MyCareerMatch)
9. **The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF)** is a five-day live-in conference which provides students in years 11 and 12 the opportunity to investigate careers and pathways in the aerospace industry. The forum is designed to showcase the various university and industry opportunities available to students upon completion of secondary school.

   Date: 29th June - 3rd July 2015  
   Location: Brisbane, QLD  
   Inquiries: ayafbris@ayaa.com.au  
   Applications opened in late March.

10. **Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) short courses**  
    AFTRS will offer ‘An Introduction to Television’ at the Queensland State Library in Brisbane on 16 May 2015.  
    This one day seminar will give you an insight into the structure of the TV Industry and explain the different jobs within the industry.  
    There is a 10% discount for early bookings.  
    View other AFTRS courses at http://www.aftrs.edu.au/

11. **Career tool on the ACU website.**  
    In the ‘Future Students’ section of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) website there is a free career questionnaire that can help you discover your strengths, abilities and personality style and the jobs that match these.  
    It links the jobs with ACU courses.  
    Go to http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate and click on ‘Discover your dream career’ and register to do the questionnaire.  
    Shortly after completing the questionnaire, you will be emailed a comprehensive report.

12. **Musical Theatre Audition Workshop**  
    Applications are now open for this workshop which will be held 6 – 10 July 2015 at the Griffith University’s Woolloongabba studios.  
    The workshop is for performers in Years 11-12 and beyond who want to develop auditioning skills in Musical Theatre.  
    Find out more at http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs

13. **Need help to prepare for a music audition?**  
    The Open Conservatorium, within the Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University, offers a range of different programs for all ages. One of the programs of interest to students wanting to go on to study music at tertiary level is the tertiary preparation workshop.  
    This workshop is designed to prepare students for the theoretical and practical aspects of the audition process.  
    The workshop will be held from 29 June – 3 July 2015.  
From the Careers Office cont.

14. **Health Taster Day**
   Nursing, Aged Care and Health related fields
   Date: Tuesday 19th May
   Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm
   Year 11 rank students who are interested in finding out more about a certificate course starting in Semester 2 with Careers Australia, please see Mrs McPherson to find out more details.

15. **SAVE THE DATE - Think Design Open Day!**
   The THINK Design faculty, combining the expertise of Billy Blue College of Design and CATC Design School are putting on a jam packed schedule of creative activities, students’ exhibitions, industry presentations, amazing giveaways and course and enrolment information about our flexible creative courses in:
   - Graphic and Communication Design
   - Interior Design
   - Photo Imaging
   - Branded Fashion
   - Digital Media
   - Digital Media Design

   The Think Brisbane campus is located right on the cliffs overlooking the Brisbane River, just a short walk from the Brunswick St Mall, close to galleries, laneway cafes and easily accessible from Fortitude Valley Station which is only a five minute walk away.
   Meet our lecturers, current and graduate students and experience the buzz of our creative culture at our Open Day.
   If you can't make it to our Open Day but would like to explore the campus and chat with a Course and Career Adviser, then why not come along to our Open House event.
16. ‘START QUT prepared me for university like I could never imagine. Because I had already completed two units, the jump from school to uni was very easy.’ Matt Edgar

Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

Students will soon be able to apply for START QUT in Semester 2 2015. Current Year 12 students can apply to study one QUT unit alongside their senior studies. Students need to meet academic requirements and have the approval of their parents/guardians and school. Applications close on 14 May 2015. Students who are continuing with the program from Semester 1 do not need to re-apply.

For further information about START QUT please visit the START QUT website. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Jana Penshorn on 07 3138 3181 or email startqut@qut.edu.au.

17. The Careers Noticeboard has a list of Bond University Experience University Life programs which range from one hour to a day to a whole semester, giving students the chance to explore campus, meet current students and teachers, attend lectures and become involved in university life.

18. The Australian Musical Theatre Workshop is a series of events where students will meet, interact with and learn from renowned Australian performers, directors, choreographers and producers including Jason Coleman (So You Think You Can Dance) Rhonda Burchmore, Julie Anthony, Verity Hunt-Ballard (Mary Poppins), Val Lehman (Prisoner) Rob Mills, John Wood and many more.

More information is available at www.musicaltheatreworkshop.com.au. Brisbane from 29 June to 10 July at the Hayward Street Studios in Stafford.

19. A local School of Hair and Beauty would like the opportunity to visit the school to talk with interested students on how to embark into an exciting career in Hair, Nails and Beauty. Please give your name to Mrs McPherson if you would like to attend a lunch hour information session.

20. School-based Traineeship opportunity in Certificate 3 Hospitality at Subway The Gap. This opportunity is for Year 11 students who are motivated, well presented and customer focused. You will need a resume and cover letter. Please visit the Careers Office if you wish to apply.

Mrs Aime Culpeper
Careers Counsellor
Vocation and Training Coordinator

Mrs Beverley McPherson
Careers Assistant
Last term, on Wednesday, March 25th, the Years 11 and 12 Drama classes accompanied by
interested teachers attended Queensland Theatre Company’s adaptation of “7 Stages of
Grieving”, held at the Billie Brown Studios, West End.

This was certainly one performance that left all of us emotionally moved and reflective.

The 7 Stages of Grieving is a wise and powerful play about the grief of Aboriginal people and
the hope of reconciliation. In this one-everywoman show, Chenoa Deemal (Mother Courage
and Her Children) spins poignant stories of different people from different mobs – tear-streaked
tales of tragedy go hand-in-hand with jubilant celebrations of simple survival.

Funny, devastatingly sad, politically relevant and culturally profound as it traverses the phases
of Aboriginal history, The 7 Stages of Grieving is an invitation to face hard truths, to join hands
and grieve. It shares true and personal stories that need to keep being told. And perhaps most
importantly, it opens a dialogue about the issues that separate and unite Indigenous and
non-Indigenous people.

On the bus back to the College, there was much lively discussion and dialogue about the
production. One student summarised the experience beautifully, by stating:

“This play has changed my heart!” “Now, I get it!”
From the Drama Department cont.

“BRISBANE”

Qld Theatre Company is currently presenting a production entitled “Brisbane” at the Play House Theatre at QPAC. Last week, the years 11 and 12 students attended a performance of the play accompanied by Ms Fletcher, Mrs Bowring, Ms Hilton and Mrs Clarke.

“Brisbane” is based on the novel of the same name, written by Matthew Ryan, and was directed by Wesley Enoch. As a QTC premiere, the play drew on true stories from the eyes of the young 14 year old protagonist, Danny Fisher. Set in 1942, Brisbane was a big, country town in the shadow of war, and Danny’s experiences reflected the consequences of this, including losing his RAAF pilot brother in the bombing of Darwin, and befriending a ‘surrogate sibling’, one of the Americans stationed in Brisbane at the time, in his effort to come to terms with loss and his own identity.

The Year 12 students are now busily deconstructing “Brisbane” in order to respond to a written task which asks them to critically evaluate the Director’s choices.

Meanwhile, for the Year 11’s, attending this production gave them the opportunity to reflect on and analyse the QTC play for distinctive evidence of the success or failure of this production to live up to the QTC claim that it is a play with “moments of sublime comedy and a heartfelt tale…… a living breathing picture postcard from the time”.

For both Year levels, this production has made for some lively and interesting analysis and discussion.

Mary Fletcher
Drama Teacher
From the Mathematics and Commerce Dept

Now that progress reports have been issued it is important to follow up on any concerns that have arisen. To address these concerns, Parent/Teacher interviews next week are the appropriate place to start.

This term we are changing the timetable for Mathematics tutorials. Tutorials will now be every Thursday at lunchtime (1.10 - 1.40), after school (3.00pm - 4.00pm) and every Friday morning (7.30am - 8.15am). This is a trial to see if we can rationalize the numbers of students requiring help with the amount of time teachers are able to give for assistance.

During the first three weeks of Term 2, Year 7 and Year 9 students will be preparing for the NAPLAN tests. In each of their Mathematics lessons they will complete a 15-minute practice test as well as revise specific topics that are identified as needing extra work. Also, example tests have been uploaded to Moodle for students to complete.

“Meet the Business Leader” and “The Aspiring Women in Business Conference” are two upcoming events for students studying Business subjects (see details below). To register interest, students can either give their names to their Business teacher or Mrs Dolphin by Friday 8th May.

Trish Dolphin
Head of Mathematics and Commerce

“Meet the Business Leader”
Free event
Monday 18th May
3.15pm – 5.30pm
QUT Garden’s Point Campus

Your students’ potential is unlimited. So let’s explore their options.

Join us at CA ANZ’s ‘Meet the Business Leader’ event

Your students have big dreams. We want to help them get there. To do that, we’re assembling some of the most successful Chartered Accountants from across Australia, so they have the opportunity to explore the infinite options available to them if they pursue a career in business.

After all, the best way to find the path to success is to speak to those who have walked it. We’re calling it ‘Meet the Business Leader’. And we’re hoping you’ll bring your students along.

They’ll be able to ask questions like:

- Where’s the best way to kick-start their career?
- What skills should they be trying to develop?
- What advice do these business leaders wish they had received at the start?
- What they should study and where?

Prepare them for their first steps
The conference aims to immerse high-achieving young women from throughout Queensland in business. Facilitated by academics from UQ Business School, industry representatives and St Aidan’s, the conference is aimed at girls in Years 10 to 12 wanting to continue their Business Education.

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Price: $50.00 per person, includes speakers, morning tea and lunch
Location: St Aidan’s Anglican Girls’ School, St Aidan’s Way Corinda (next to Corinda Rail Station)
For more information visit www.aspiringbusiness.com.au or aspiringbusiness@staidans.qld.edu.au

Maths tutorials (Room 2)
Thursday lunchtime
1.10pm – 1.40pm
Thursday after school
3.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday morning
7.30am – 8.15am
Captain's Corner

Term 2 has commenced! The Student Leadership Team is very excited for the busy term ahead as we have many wonderful events planned. This term we are focusing on the JJAMM themes of stewardship and reconciliation. In order to experience what it is really like to live without, we have planned a ‘Day Without’ on the 10th of June. On this day students and teachers will move through periods one to four without technology. This means no lights, no fans and no computers. Not only will this event cut down on electricity usage, but will also show the girls how easy and simple it is to make a difference.

In honour of Reconciliation, we plan to not only honour the original custodians of this land during our College assembly and celebrate their culture during NAIDOC week, but we also plan to play Indigenous Australian music during MacKillop minutes. During this time students and staff would usually reflect on their own lives, but we hope that the change in music will prompt the community to think of others and of ways to change people’s thinking. The playing of this music not only opens up the girls minds to the beauty of Indigenous Australian culture, but it will hopefully make them think and reflect on how sacred our country is and allow us time to appreciate how the Indigenous Australians cared for our lands for thousands of years.

Last week we were also very excited to be spending the afternoon with our wonderful Year 7s and 8s as we shared in enjoying a movie in our pyjamas and eating pizza at our 7, 8 and 12 movie night! All of the senior and junior students were very excited about this wonderful event being organised by the Student Leadership Team in the hope of extending the bonds which were created during our many Cultural Competition practises.

This term will be very busy just like the last, especially because cross country was postponed due to heavy rainfall; however, the young women of this College have proven themselves capable of handling challenges that come their way. The Student Leadership Team is very impressed with the interactions between year levels and the strengthening of our community. We are more than certain that 2015 will be unforgettable and we are very excited for all that is yet to come.

Kayla Lawson and Casey Miles
College Captains
From The Justice Captain

Last week being Earth Week, I would really like the girls to be encouraged to look after the Earth every week as it is our only life source. It is a fact that 50% of the world’s trees have been cut down in the last 100 years...and what for? - Money and infrastructure. Our school’s initiative this term is Stewardship and in correlation to this, on the 14th-15th May, there will be a Clean out Your Closet day. We encourage the girls and their families to donate any unwanted clothes, bags, jewellery, books, hats and shoes (no lingerie or bathers) that will be sold for $1-$2. The funds will then go towards our local Environmental committee (Kedron Brook Revegetation) whose initiative is to abolish any feral plants and replace them with those that were common to the area 100 years ago. So please Reduce, Re-use and Recycle!

These few quotes by the very wise Native Americans, written as far back as a few hundred years, speak eerily with today’s society.

“When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money.”

~Cree Prophecy~

“Honour the sacred. Honour the Earth, our Mother. Honour the Elders. Honour all with whom we share the Earth:- Four-leggeds, two-leggeds, winged ones, Swimmers, crawlers, plant and rock people. Walk in balance and beauty.”

~ Native American Elder ~

“Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children.”

~ Ancient Indian Proverb ~

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.”

~ Chief Seattle, 1854 ~
From the Justice Captain cont.

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

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 Rajendran
Henna
1st June (Monday): Margaret Branbrick
Crochet

Can you give us your time and wisdom?

Cassandra Paulke
Justice Captain

From Joeys

Tuckshop Roster
Monday 4th May - Debbie Lindblom
Tuesday 5th May - Deb Visser
Wednesday 6th May - Help Needed Please!
Thursday 7th May - Moya Sankey and Fiona Stacheel
Friday 8th May - Irene Lata

Monday 11th May - Karen Singleton and Jerna Scott
Tuesday 12th May - Rebecca Hanlon
Wednesday 13th May - Daisy Rajendran
Thursday 14th May - Stephanie Ingeri, Jennifer Dwyer and Melinda Pahany
Friday 15th May - Irene Lata

Gina Koplick
Tuckshop Convenor

We acknowledge the traditional custodians, the Turrbal people.
Community Noticeboard

Celebrating and sharing stories of ‘GOOD WOMEN’

MC: Kelly Higgins-Devine (ABC radio and author)
Joan Hendricks (Acknowledgement of Country)

SPEAKERS FOR THE EVENING

Dr Kellee Slater
(Liver transplant surgeon and author and winner of 2014 Courier Mail Qld Peoples Choice Literary Award for her book ‘How to do a Liver Transplant’)

Dr Shannon Spriggs
(Research Fellow with the Violence Research and Prevention Program at Griffith University)

Prudence Melom
(19 year old Refugee and winner of 2013 ABC Heywire award)

Kathleen Noonan
(Journalist)

ENTERTAINMENT

Astrid Jorgensen

Combined Girls’ School Choir

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST SOUP & CHEESE PLATTERS FROM 6PM

VENUE
LOURDES HILL COLLEGE
86 Hawthorne Road
Hawthorne

TIME & DATE
Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7:00pm

ENTRY
$20.00 at door or charitydos.com.au/?eventid=8564

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News Release
St Mark’s Anglican Church, Bonney Ave, Clayfield.
Ladies Market Bonanza 2015
Bring your friends and enjoy a day out with the girls!
Held on 2nd May 2015 9am-1pm

In our hall on the corner of Bonney Ave and Bellevue Terrace, Clayfield.

We have a large range of local small businesses and crafts people showcasing their products, and offering special deals and discounts.
Enjoy a Devonshire tea, grab a bargain and have fun with your friends!

Entry is $5 per person including a Devonshire Tea, payable at the door.

For More details phone St Mark’s Church Office 3862 2221
8.00am – 12.00pm weekdays