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Principal's Message



There have been a number of events for the girls in the past fortnight – Interhouse Athletics, Academic Assembly, “Just Sing It” and involvement in the Rosies program. School time really does allow enrichment physically, socially and emotionally as well as academically – all so necessary for the development of the whole person. Each of these events has been generously supported by our parent community and dedicated staff to ensure that each occasion was a special one.

The David Lawrence Workshop and Concert involved over 200 students from 5 schools. Thank you to Bianca Johnston for her attention to detail and commitment in planning for and producing such a wonderful experience not only for Our Lady's College but also for Mary Immaculate, St Sebastian's, St Mark's and St Laurence's College. Our P & F ensured that our visitors were well catered for and we enjoyed the support of the Queensland P & F Association as well. This event was an appropriate way for us to celebrate Catholic Education Week: the coming together of like minded communities celebrating the giftedness of their students singing songs of hope and inspiration.

We are again in the time of focus for Year 10 students as they discern options for their senior studies. These students tread a familiar pathway for an Overall Position (OP) or Rank and will continue to be well supported by our Academic Mentoring program over the next two years.

For our current Year 9s, 8s and 7s, the Senior School experience is an evolving landscape. The first year for the new system is Year 12, 2019. The College Leadership Team

attended a QTAC presentation to school leaders on 19 July – revealing the most up to date information in relation to the new system known as ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank). The details are summarized below for your information. As further information is decided by the Ministerial Task Force, be assured that we will communicate it to you.

What is the ATAR?

- Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – a simple measure used by universities for entrance.
- It is used in other States. The ATAR is a single fine grained number to 2 decimal places that is portable across States
- Its purpose is ranking students for entrance into tertiary institutions.
- It is expressed to 2 decimal places from 99.95 to 0 – in other words there are 2000 possible fine grained rankings available.
- 30 is the lowest ATAR awarded (30 and under will be recorded as 30 – no numbers less than 30)
- Subjects will be scaled against each other in the calculation of the ATAR.

There are 3 agreed elements:

1. 5 subjects – contribute to the calculation of an ATAR. These subjects may contain SAS's and Cert 3 or higher; Cert 3/Diploma will not have a stand alone ATAR Rank . Only one VET qualification is likely to count: the combination will likely be 4 Authority subjects, one VET or one SAS possibly – not yet signed off by the Task Force.
2. Scaling of subjects – recognizes relative merit of subjects. The measure for establishment of the scaling requires additional exploration – aim is to ask how easy is it to achieve a VHA in one subject compared with another eg Maths C vs Maths A.
3. Literacy requirement is part of the ATAR calculation as strong literacy is viewed as a foundation to

tertiary success. This means that passing for 4 Semesters of English is mandatory.

In the next fortnight we will celebrate our College Feast Day, continue formation in leadership experiences for our Year 11 students, preparation for the Catholic Music Festival for our ever expanding choral and instrumental program and a day of rest for the RNA Show (Ekka) on Wednesday 10 August.

Shalom

Paula Goodwin
Principal

Teaching and Learning

Recently, our College Assembly celebrated the academic successes of many of our girls. The huge number of impressive results, both in effort and academic achievement, is testament to the good work that is happening in every class at Our Lady's College. It was lovely to catch up with parents who attended the morning tea following this award ceremony. At the end of this article, look for the lists of Academic Certificate recipients.

This week, Year Ten students and their parents attended the Year Eleven for 2017 Subject Information Evening after the Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews. Again, it was good to be able to meet and talk with so many parents as they begin the SET Plan journey for their daughters.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

This award is given to those students who have achieved the highest grading all of their subjects at the end of Semester One 2016.

Year 8

Blessy Mathew.

Year 9

Paige Mackie.

Year 10

Summer Stiller and Tram Tran-Pham.

Year 12

Matisse Jacobs and Morgan Lynch.

High Academic Achievement

This award is given to those students who have achieved the highest grading in more than half of their subjects at the end of Semester One 2016.

Year 7

Esther Abiya, Pippa Barling, Emily Dodd, Grace Hill, Lillian Jones, Thu Le, Mi Le Nguyen, Ngan Nguyen, Charlotte O'Shea, Rafaela Rodriguez-Hannouf, Ruby Tenorio, Lucia Vu and Hannah Woinarowski.

Year 8

Beth Allen, Ella Gilbert, Zara Limmer-Rhodes, Jordan Moss, Cathy Ngo and Isabella West.

Year 9

Natasha Lai, Adriana Lokhorst, Trinity Nguyen and Duli Salgado.

Year 10

Alice Hill, Jada Kynoch, Toni Matakatea, Ruby Parker and Anna Vu.

Year 11

Kaitlin Evans and Grace O'Donohue.

Year 12

Georgia Canal and Kym Mationg.

Outstanding Achievement in Work Practices

This award is given to those students who have achieved the Consistent grading in all of the Work Practice dimensions for all subjects at the end of Semester One 2016.

Year 7

Pippa Barling, Emily Dodd, Grace Hill, Thu Le, Mi Le Nguyen, Lola Myles, Ngan Nguyen, Charlotte O'Shea, Jo-Ann Pham Nguyen, Justine Reyes and Hannah Woinarowski.

Year 8

Beth Allen, Ella Gilbert, Zara Limmer-Rhodes, Jordan Moss, Florence Seumanutafa, Anna Tran and Sarah Vaughan.

Year 9

Tobi Agbejule, Celine Aswad, Kenisha D'Souza, Mohaba Ibrahim, Natasha Lai, Adriana Lokhorst, Paige Mackie, Trinity Nguyen and Duli Salgado.

Year 10

Olivia Anderson, Jorja Horton, Toni Matakatea, Jessica Morgante, Ruby Parker, Summer Stiller, Tram Tran-Pham and Anna Vu,

Year 11

Ruby Evans, Ashleigh Hatchman, Nhi Le Nguyen, Mikaela Marsden, Grace O'Donohue, Kate O'Loughlin and Amaya Salgado

Year 12

Memory Chala, Jessica Dang, Rachael Gore, Olivia Hammelswang, Matisse Jacobs, Catriona Loxton, Morgan Lynch, Charlotte Macknish, Kym Mationg, Nhu Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Mi Mi Pham, Mikaela Prodanov, Paulina Ratukula, Laura Spenceley, Lillian Tagaloa Fa'aleaga, Ruby Warren and Kayla Yarrow.

Have a great week,

Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal (Acting)

Community Matters

Last week began with our school Athletics Carnival. It is always lovely to see our girls engaged in and achieving success in the many different options available at the college. We are fortunate to have many talented athletes who were able to excel and share their gifts with the community. Congratulations to MacKillop House on an outstanding performance and to John Boumford and the Health and Physical Education Faculty for an enjoyable day. On this day we also welcomed students from Yoshiwara High School in Japan. Thank you to the many families in our community who are hosting a student; hopefully the exchange of cultures will benefit all involved.

This week is Catholic Education Week and we recognise the many wonderful things that are a part of being a Catholic school. This year we celebrated in House groups and intertwined the recognition of this special characteristic with our preparation for our Mary MacKillop feast day later this term.

This morning we held our annual Visitors' Day, which is another significant even in our calendar for Term 3. I would like to thank our senior leaders and some of our Year 7 students who did a wonderful job welcoming our visitors. The A Capella group and College Choir provided superb entertainment on the day. Mrs Holland and her Year 11 Hospitality students also deserve thanks for their organisation of the delicious morning tea we all enjoyed.

Since the end of the school holidays there has been a lot of talk in the media about Pokemon Go and the new app Musical.ly. Below are some links to information about both of these apps and tips for parents to be more aware of the dangers such as interacting with strangers through these apps.

YouTube Clip from Internet Safe Families educating adults about Musical.ly

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-amfp7HT9q0>

UK based tips about using Pokemon Go safely

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Dona Archer
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing (Acting)

In the Tradition

Rosies

This week we had our last Rosies Street Outreach night for the year. Thank you to all the Year 12 students who supported this program and the teachers who generously gave up their Sunday nights to escort the girls. Thank you also to the parents who donated blankets at the office; these were most welcome. All the girls were very positive about their experience and learnt a lot about homelessness and the people who suffer from it. It can be a daunting experience to talk to adult strangers in an

unfamiliar environment, but our girls were outstanding with their friendliness and welcome. The girls developed new skills and broadened their views about our city and its people.

Year 11 Reflection Day

Year 11 students will spend Thursday 4 August with Michael Fitzpatrick, an experienced presenter. This day connects to their leadership process and introduces the concept of servant leadership. All girls in Year 12 are called to Leadership as Seniors and this day is another opportunity to develop the skills to lead our College in 2017.

JJAMM Day

JJAMM Day is fast approaching! The 8 August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and is a day of celebration for Our Lady's. The day begins with a combined prayer service with Mary Immaculate Primary who are also a Josephite school. Students have a one hour social justice program during the day to focus on the Mary MacKillop value of service. As well the Houses are busy with the JJAMM House Relay and JJAMM House Singing Competition. McKnoulty points are up for grabs. The Benenson Society coordinates some activities on the day and fundraises with a Sausage Sizzle while our Vinnies group run a Sweet Stall. It is an exciting and fun way to celebrate our Josephite heritage.

In God's love,

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Religious Education



Campus Minister

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK...is being celebrated across Queensland from 24 - 30 July this year.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

There are 300 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ 19,000 teachers and staff, and this week we celebrate and share how they are 'opening doors of mercy' for others.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR PLASTIC BAGS

There is now a more sustainable alternative to disposing of the kinds of plastic that can't go into the normal recycling bin. These soft plastics can be dropped into the recycle collection bins near the checkouts at 480 Coles and 100 Woolworths stores around the country. A rule of thumb for suitable bags is: if the plastic can be crunched into a ball you can recycle it in the supermarket bins. What happens to it? It is blended with rigid plastic to form a material viable for use in the manufacture of new recycled-plastic products, such as outdoor furniture and signage.

YOUTH VOCATIONS EXPO 2016

This year's expo will engage 30+ dynamic Catholic Ministries! Enjoy Live Music, cultural sweets and souvenirs, food and drinks...plus a free BBQ courtesy of Vocation Brisbane.

Sunday 7th August, 10:00am - 3:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. 12noon Vocations Mass celebrated by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge. More Information is available at this website.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1598054530523377/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day began in Krakow, Poland this week... a Catholic Church event initiated by John Paul II held every two or three years.

For more details of activities and to hear Pope Francis' message to young people click below.

<http://www.krakow2016.com/en/>

Follow and support the Australian pilgrims below.

<http://bnewyd16.weebly.com/>

PRAYERS PLEASE...

We pray for the Australian pilgrims to World Youth Day that through their journey they will be transformed in mercy.

As we commemorate the centenary of the western front battles of WWI we honour in prayer those whose lives were claimed and pray for a culture of peace to permeate our hearts, and thus our world.

May the staff and students in our Catholic schools continue to be blessed in their mission to make a difference for others.

Blessings

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Guidance Counsellor

Making Career Decisions

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" is a common question that young people are asked from the time they start formal education. For senior students this can be an overwhelming question, particularly when they have no clear answer. It is helpful to think about a career as a journey rather than an end point, with each decision being made as a single step on this journey rather than a decision for life. Some of these steps are taken in high school; with subject selection in Year 10 and applications for tertiary study in Year 12 being two major decisions.

To make well thought choices, it is important that students undertake personal reflection and research. Year 10s had the opportunity to practice this when they participated in a series of career workshops at the end of last term. It is helpful to consider the following:

1. Interests and Values: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? What are you interested in? What is

important to who you are and the way you want to live your life?

2. Skills and Abilities: What subjects have you performed well in in the past? What training have you done? What further education would you like to do?
3. Goals: What careers interest you? Do you have any other short term or long term goals?
4. Research: Students are encouraged to make the most of the information and resources available to them to find the best pathway to reach their goals. These include: attending university open days, talking with family and friends, booking an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor, participating in work experience, exploring university and TAFE websites, investigating the myfuture.edu.au website, reading career related emails, finding out about labour market trends, looking at the noticeboard and talking with teachers.

Making choices about your career involves much more than taking a test that tells you what occupation suits you. A decision based on just one aspect (e.g. interests) without taking into consideration other factors may restrict career options. Keep an open mind and ask lots of questions!

Career Information and Resources

The College recently subscribed to the Options Career Information Bulletin. This fortnightly publication written by an experienced career practitioner provides current and informative career opportunities for students. To access the most recent publication click on the link below:

<https://extranet.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/ourladyscollege/ourschool/Pages/online-school-services.aspx%20>

Queensland University of Technology Open Day

The QUT open is this Sunday 31 July. This is a great opportunity to see the university and hear from QUT staff and students about experiences in different areas. Follow the link for more information and to plan your day:

<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day>

Anna Wallace
Guidance Counsellor

Middle Leaders Report

Religious Education

Religious Education as a subject is a very engaging subject that covers content about religion and ethics as well as practical experiences. At any given week students across the year levels will be exploring a variety of interesting topics.

Here is a current snapshot:

Year 7

Year 7 students are exploring moral issues and cardinal values. The girls will create a storybook to teach some of the key themes they have studied.

Year 8

Thanks to Ms De Git and Mrs Holmes, students in Year 8 have been learning about the rosary and were able to understand the concept better through practical experience. Using a variety of bronze, silver and pearl beads and plastic crosses the girls make their own individual rosaries.

Year 9

This term the girls are exploring morality and social justice and part of the program is experiencing service. Mrs Holmes has organised our Modern Marys program in which Year 9 students assist Mary Immaculate students on Thursdays with their reading program.

Year 10

Year 10 students are exploring religion and key historical issues of the last 100 years. The Holocaust is one key focus and the girls look at the issue through the concept of victim, bystander and rescuer.

Year 11

Study of Religion students are exploring Christology and Jesus in art, song and film. Religion and Ethics students are tackling a unit on Good and Evil and have used Harry Potter characters to explore whether people can be wholly evil or wholly good.

Year 12

All Year 12 students are currently exploring Ethical issues. Classes have had vibrant and interesting discussions on topics such as Euthanasia, Gender Inequality, Poverty, Refugees etc. Both classes have an assignment on an area of interest.

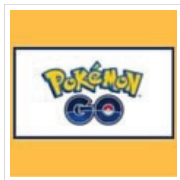
Linda Brandenburg

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Ad Altiora Place

Ad Altiora Place

'more than just a library - a learning centre of information, instruction, immersion, inquiry and innovation'.



What's all the fuss about Pokémon GO?

Pokémon GO is a new free app that uses virtual reality technology along with a mobile device's GPS and camera to bring Pokémon to the player's real-world surroundings. It's a great social game that gets people out and moving and is quickly becoming a worldwide phenomenon. The game enables Augmented Reality which means the Pokémon can appear in "real life". Using the GPS and clock on your device, the app identifies where you are, and creates Pokémon animations (which you view through the camera on your device). As you walk around, the location and time determine whether different Pokémon 'appear'. The aim is to use the ball on the screen to 'catch' each Pokémon until you catch them all. The more Pokémon you catch, the more you can level up and earn experience points all of which can help you battle for gym domination.

College Awards on display in Ad Altiora Place

Our College academic and sporting awards are now on display in Ad Altiora place. You are welcome to come and view the display which also includes information about each award.

Reading Hour August 16, 6pm – 7pm

Spend an hour as a family reading together. Reading is an activity that improves literacy better than anything else. Read an old favourite or discover something new in our library to borrow and read for the Reading Hour. More information can be found at the link below.

<http://www.readinghour.org.au/>

Week of Excellence author Rebecca Sparrow

Author Rebecca Sparrow was our guest speaker during Week of Excellence this year. On Thursday 23 June, Rebecca presented to our students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12. For more information about Rebecca Sparrow and her work visit her website at the link below.

<http://rebeccasparrow.com/>

Children's Book Council Short-list for Book of the Year 2016

the short-list for the 2016 Book of the Year has been announced and can be viewed at the link below.

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016>

Join your local BCC Library

Council libraries provide a wide range of services including book clubs, reading programs, computer training and events and workshops. There are many benefits for our students in also being a member of their local library. As a member students can access a wide range of online resources from home that will add to what is already available from our College library. Free wireless access is also available at BCC libraries.

Digital books and audio books

Our College library has a wide range of digital books and audiobooks available for students to borrow using their school laptops. Any student who is unsure of how to access and downloads these books can visit the library during break time for assistance. A brief tutorial on how to access this digital collection usually takes about 10 minutes.



BCE Connect – Now available

BCE Connect is our new mobile app now available free from the app store for your mobile device. The app gives you mobile access to the parent portal including that latest news and announcements. Parents can log into the portal via the app and notify the college of absences or detail changes while on the go. If you need any assistance in setting up or using the app please contact Maureen Twomey by email on mtwomey@bne.catholic.edu.au



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Maureen Twomey
Teacher-Librarian/eLearning Middle Leader

St Laurence's College STEM Tour

For families of girls who will be involved in the STEM tour to the USA, please be advised that St Laurence's College will hold the second STEM tour meeting on **Thursday 4 August, 6pm in Lab 1 at SLC.**

This meeting will be to discuss the trip in further detail, introducing the school that will be visited in Orlando, and other particulars that may arise.

We hope that you can all attend. Any further questions, please make contact with:-

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Griffith University Program

Program for Parents experiencing anxiety

'Facing the Fear' is a nine week group therapy program designed for the treatment of a range of anxiety disorders. Sessions are held weekly, and are approximately two hours in length. Therapy sessions are run by provisionally registered psychologists who are completing post graduate training at the Mt Gravatt campus. Therapists are supervised by Dr. Leanne Casey, who is a clinical psychologist at the university. The program covers topics such as understanding anxiety, developing strategies for dealing with anxiety, and implementing these strategies across situations. The sessions are held at the Mt Gravatt campus, and free parking is available at the clinic. There is also public transport available to the campus. We are flexible with the timing of sessions, and try to schedule them to fit in with availability of group members. So far we have been finding that weekday evenings or weekends have worked best for most people. There is a per person fee associated with the therapy sessions, which is used to support the running of the program. However, fee reductions are also available for students, concessions, pensioners, and individual circumstances.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the program, the next step is to have a brief 10-15 minute chat with team member over the phone. If you would like to go ahead with this, please call the office at your convenience on 3735 3348 or email facingthefear@griffith.edu.au . You will also find more information on our website:

<http://www.facingthefear.net/>