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## Principal's Message



On the Feast of St Joseph, late last Term, Matisse Jacobs (College Captain) and I represented the College at one of the Sisters of St Joseph sesquicentenary celebrations. The Sisters founded Our Lady's College in 1964 responding to the invitation of Monsignor Kelly, then Parish Priest of Annerley.

150 years ago, St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Penola, South Australia. Julian and Mary saw a need for support, education and care in remote Australian communities. The congregation spread rapidly and now ministers throughout Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Brazil, Ireland and East Timor.

The House values of justice, service, compassion and integrity, are the hallmark of Josephite education. We challenge the girls to embrace these values as part of who they are so that their interactions with others and the attitude that they bring to their learning are positive and proactive. We know that these values and this approach to education is why you have chosen to educate your daughter(s) at Our Lady's – and we take this responsibility very seriously.

This Term we celebrate our **Open Day on Saturday, 14 May from 10am to 1pm**. We always have many willing students to assist us on the day by running activities, ushering and performing. It is a day that really celebrates the giftedness of girls in our community. Please share information about the College with friends and relatives who are looking for a secondary school for their daughter(s) and invite them to share in the festivities of day.

Please be aware that enrolment circumstances have changed for Our Lady's. **We are accepting enrolments now for girls currently in Years 2 and 3 for commencement at the College in 2020 and 2021.** If you have a daughter in these years (or older), I urge you to contact Ms Basia Vreugdenburg in the College Office for an enrolment package this Term. The College Leadership Team in conducting **enrolments for girls entering Year 7 in 2020 (Year 3) shortly.**

Shalom

**Paula Goodwin**  
**Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully the holiday was an enjoyable and restful one for everyone within the community. This term is always very busy and culminates in the last week with Week of Excellence and the Year 12 Formal evening.

### Electronic world

The College provides digital copies of text books to students when they are available to lighten the load in students' bags. Often, electronic copies provide additional resources for students that paper simply cannot provide. Also, it is a scary time as we move away from a full exercise book being the measure of progress in classes towards real life activities, which may not require copying and handwriting as the major form of data collection. Of course, while the reality is never all one-sided, subjects rely on handwritten notes in books as well as electronic contributions, all playing their part in preparing students for their place in a society where forms are filled in online: banking, online magazines and reference material, instructions and manuals, booking accommodation, buying takeaway, booking a taxi for tomorrow and even keeping contact with their friends and family online. The majority of people reading this article are doing so electronically.

At the end of last Term, Interim Reports were provided to parents electronically as well as in paper form. You would have read that the End of Semester Reports will only be provided

electronically unless a paper copy is specifically requested. The report is available via the Parent Portal, which also has the link to make bookings for the Parent Teacher Student interviews. As well, the portal has the ability to store the last 2 years' worth of reports for your daughter. There are other features, such as absence statistics and timetables which parents would find useful.

Students have moved away from file storage on their laptops to a more reliable format used in the "cloud" provided by BCE. This ensures that, should a catastrophe occur with the laptop, student files and assignments are safe in a location where they and their teachers have access and no important data is at risk.

The latest version of LIFE, our BCE Learning Management System, is providing an efficient venue for the presentation of curriculum information to students. There are future plans for parent's access to some of this information through the portals. Parents have already commented favourably on the information available in the portal and the new phone app by BCE.

## QCS Preparation

Students in Year 12 are busily preparing for the QCS Test next term. After exam block, students in Year 12 will undertake two full-day practice sessions for the QCS during Week of Excellence. This gives the College a unique opportunity to receive feedback about our students' abilities in time for final preparations in Term 3. As well, our Year 11 students will commence their preparations for QCS by sitting an introductory test to gain specific information about their strengths in order to prepare for their targeted lessons commencing in Term 4.

## Parent Teacher Student Interviews

All parents should now have the specific log-in details for parents to book interviews for the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Wednesday May 4. The logon procedures have been automated through the access to the student portal system. Access to the portals provides a tremendous amount of information, forms, and links that are simply not possible via paper. As well, we have a more convenient process that gives parents maximum flexibility and convenience.

These important discussions give more information for parents to be able to support the education of their daughters. Popular questions are, "My daughter seems to be working very hard and studying all of the time. Is this reflected in her grades?" and "What can I do at home to ensure appropriate use of the new laptops?" Other questions involve homework, test preparation, specific subject skill sets etc. In the recent reports, teachers indicated with a tick or cross whether an interview was necessary. If an interview was not "necessary" at this point, please know that they are always welcome.

It is important to remember that students will be dismissed from the College at 12.27pm (the beginning of lunchtime) on this day in order to allow all to prepare for the interviews. Whilst we do try to be flexible, often, teachers are fully booked and longer conversations will need to be conducted outside of these interview times.

## Contacting Specific Teachers

Other methods for contacting teachers involve email and telephone calls through the office. A complete list of emails is provided on the College Parent Portal website under the heading "School Directory". As mentioned before, your daughter's teachers' names are available on the BCE app. The best option of these two is email, as often a teacher will be in class for most of the day and will be unable to take your call. If they are off the property, they may still be in email contact if the situation allows.

## Student Emails

All students have a school email account and we encourage them to use this address and to check regularly as this is the most efficient way to ensure that messages are conveyed. Teachers can send instructions and resources directly to their classes with ease using this medium. Lists are maintained by the school timetable program so students will not miss out on important information this way.

Students have a single sign-on process which gives them the same passwords for login, email, portal access, access to LIFE, printing etc.

## NAPLAN

This month, the Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This has been designed to test the skills of students in literacy and numeracy in order to report to parents/carers and schools and to accommodate the assessment of students against the national benchmark standards. However, these tests only form part of the assessment taken by specific students during the course of their schooling life. When the feedback and results are supplied, they should be analysed in conjunction with school-based assessments and read in partnership with individual student reports prepared by the College.

There are great number of events happening and the whole community is indeed very busy – often handling multiple things at once. It is important for us all to take a breath every now and then and realize that not all stress is bad, and that often we can be energized and inspired by those who take a moment to notice the tremendous efforts of our parent community, students, teachers and leaders.

**Anthony Stevens**  
**Deputy Principal (Acting)**

## Community Matters

Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully the holiday was an enjoyable one with lots of time dedicated to Easter celebrations and relaxation. This term has many special events for our students but the one event Year 12 is very much looking forward to is their Formal Evening in the last week of term. Years 7-11 also are fortunate enough to end the term with the exciting activities of Week of Excellence.

## Student Supervision

Please be aware that whilst staff are vigilant in observing student safety and behaviour in and around the College at all times, there is no official supervision of students before and after school in the College grounds. However, the College library is open for students at 7.30am and until 4.00pm in the afternoons.

## Uniform Expectations

At the beginning of the term it is a good time to be reminding both parents and students about the correct wearing of the College uniform. The only bag/s that should be carried to school each day are the regulation Our Lady's College schoolbag in the backpack or side bag form. Acrylic and gel fingernails are never allowed to be worn at school and the same applies for make-up of any sort (that includes foundation, eyeliner and mascara). The Our Lady's College socks are the only socks that must be worn with either the formal or sports uniform. Only brown leather school shoes form part of the formal uniform and the sports uniform is to be worn correctly as per the information in the school diary. The school hat should be worn at all times whilst in uniform and when outside a room—that includes around the College grounds and to and from school. For those students who are wearing the new uniform, when students are cold, only the new College jumper or the new blazer must be worn. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our young ladies present an image in public that is supportive of the College and reflective of the pride that they demonstrate as students of this College.

**Dona Archer**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Student Wellbeing (Acting)**

## In the Tradition

### PHOTOS

College Photos will be taken in Term 2 on the 5th and 6th May. Information regarding ordering and costing has been sent to you last term via email and copies of the order form can be found on the parent portal. The photo sessions include PC group photos and individual photos as well as some College groups. For students in Year 10-12 it is recommended if you have a new dress uniform to wear this, instead of the top and skirt. A schedule will be put out this week.

Photos can also be ordered directly online. Please go to the link below and this will take you to a page that has both the paper order form and a link to online ordering. Please register, select and include payment details.

<http://www.purplemoonphotography.com/OLC/>

Paper orders are due at the school by Friday 29 April and on-line orders by Monday 2 May.

## TEMPLE EXCURSION

Year 11 students need to return their permission forms for the visit to the Chung Tian Buddhist Temple this week. Forms can be returned to the R.E. teacher or the office. This excursion is an opportunity for the girls to explore sacred spaces and

practices of other religions. A copy of the permission form is on the parent portal if the original copy has been lost.

## ROSIES STREET OUTREACH

A number of Year 12 students have already completed their Rosies City Outreach roster and they have found it a very rewarding experience. If any families would like to donate toiletry items (e.g. deodorant, toothpaste, razors, feminine products) they will be taken in with the groups who are rostered throughout this term.

Also could you consider donating any blankets you are considering throwing out? As the cold weather approaches these are in great demand.

In God's love,

**Linda Brandenburg**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Religious Education**



## Campus Minister

### EASTER

This week at assembly 12M led us in prayer reminding us of the Easter message that Jesus is alive and present in our world. We considered how we recognise his presence around us in creation, relationships and the positive encounters we experience. During this Easter season let's look for the presence of God and celebrate 'Jesus alive – alleluia!'

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

Yesterday ten girls represented the college at the St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Day held at Clairvaux MacKillop. They participated in activities and workshops to support their work in social justice in our community. Thank you Ms Gates for accompanying them and Anh, Nhi, Laura, Amaya, Patricia, Ainah, Jessica, Mi Mi and Nhu for representing our college so well.

## MARY MACKILLOP AWARDS

At our college assembly this week six girls were honoured with Mary MacKillop awards. Congratulations to Charlotte Macknish, Mohaba Ibrahim, Shannon Lee, Elsie Roberts, Toni Matakatea and Britney Manson who received their awards for their integrity and service during the recent swimming carnivals or showing compassion and support to other members of the college in a number of ways.

## CARITAS

Kelly House and 7 Kelly were named as the most generous house and class for their contributions to Project Compassion this Lent. Thank you to all girls for your contributions and support of this fundraising. We will present a cheque to Mr Joe Foley from Caritas at our next assembly on 26 April.

May the blessings of Easter be yours throughout the season

**Kay Holmes**  
**Campus Minister**

## Guidance Counsellor

This term Our Lady's College welcomes Jo Bassett from headspace to run programs with our Year 8s, 9s and 11s. The aim of this headspace program is to build students self-leadership skills so they can be clear about what brings them joy, make the best possible choices, and build habits for happiness in their real (and often stressful) lives.

We often hear expressions like "Life's too short not to be happy" and are overwhelmed with images in the media of the latest iPhone or beauty product that is equated with making us happy. Although material things may provide us with fleeting happiness, it is important to explore how to cultivate a deeper and more abiding sense of wellbeing.

Jo opened the first session with the Year 8s and 9s talking about making happiness a choice that individuals can "act on and experience moment to moment". Jo advises taking time to notice and savour everyday experiences, such as the warmth of the sun on our skin and the fresh smell of gardens after rain. Choosing to behave in a way that is consistent with your values, life aims and the person you want to be helps to create long-lasting contentment and joy. Next fortnight Jo will address obstacles to happiness, such as stress, and building a wellness muscle to help manage stressful times.

## Wellbeing Information and Resources

**Free and confidential counselling service for young people.** headspace provides support, information and advice for young people aged 12-25 years. There is a headspace centre in Woolloongabba and Inala. Drop in or telephone one of the centres to make an appointment. The Woolloongabba centre also has a Youth Only zone where you can chill out. For more information and to find the headspace closest to you go to

<http://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/>

## Career Information and Resources

### Mater Education Open Day

Mater Education offer courses including the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing. This open day is an opportunity to see the learning facilities and speak with current students and educators about the courses available.

Saturday 16 April, 10am – 2pm (you can arrive and leave at any time).

Mater Education, Level 4 Duncombe Building, Raymond Tce, South Brisbane

To register follow this link:

<http://matereducation.qld.edu.au/About-Us/Our-facilities/Open-Day>

### Gold Coast Careers Expo

RACV Royal Pines Resort, Benowa  
Thursday 5 May, 9am – 7pm

<http://www.studygoldcoast.org.au/gold-coast-careers-expo/>

## Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo

The Expo provides information for school leavers to choose career pathways and improve their employment prospects. There will be interactive seminars, apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May 2016

<http://careersemploymentexpo.com.au/brisbane/show-overview-information/show-overview/>

### Start QUT

High-achieving Year 12 students have an opportunity to extend their studies in their final year of school by completing one or two university units. On successful completion students will receive credit for these units that counts towards a related bachelor degree at QUT.

Applications open on the 1 March and close in May.

<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut>

### FEAST in 2016

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a 5-day residential program designed to inspire and inform high school students of the range of science careers in these industries.

The camp is on during the June school holidays. Registrations close 24 April 2016.

<http://www.science.uq.edu.au/feast>

**Anna Wallace**  
**Guidance Counsellor**

## Middle Leaders Report

### Humanities Department

The Humanities Department has hit the ground running once again this year, with students reading, writing and researching their way through a highly successful first term. A few of the many projects on our radar at the moment are NAPLAN preparation, organisation for the upcoming commemoration of ANZAC Day and the recent introduction of elective Geography for students in Years 9 and 10.

Under the astute guidance of their dedicated teachers, our Year 7 and 9 students have already spent many hours in first term sharpening their skills for the NAPLAN testing that will take place in the middle of May. Three out of the five tests that students will sit that week are targeted assessments of their literacy capabilities, hence the importance that we place on preparing them appropriately. While the skills being assessed are undoubtedly intrinsic to the English program that they are already studying, and indeed are embedded across the entire curriculum, we also place a high priority on developing students' test-readiness, specific to this form of testing. This term, our preparations continue, in the hope that our students will be able to achieve results reflective of their true level of proficiency, and strive ever higher in their literacy goals.

Another important date that is fast approaching is ANZAC Day. Here at Our Lady's College we have a proud tradition of

commemorating the Australian war effort with powerful and thought provoking material, often highlighting the less well-publicised contributions of ordinary Australians to the defence of our country. This year's presentation will once again be testament to the dedication and prowess of the AGORA committee. Under the leadership of Ms Kim Brett, they are planning to enthral us with the little known story of Australian War Horses. We will even have the pleasure of a visit from a special guest that will ensure an unforgettable experience for our College community.

Finally, this year we are pleased to offer Geography for the first time as an elective for our Year 9 and 10 students. The benefits of studying Geography are broad, and include:

- Improving literacy and numeracy skills through examining the significance of spatial distributions
- Improving numeracy through mapping, graphing, charting, data collection and collation
- Processing, analysing and interpreting data
- Using spatial technologies
- Understanding structured ways of exploring, analysing and explaining
- Developing curiosity and wonder about diversity
- Developing the inquiry approach, and the collection and evaluation of data

Last term, the students studied 'Biomes and Food Security' where they built a wealth of knowledge and skills around the complex task of balancing the nutritional needs of the increasing global population and maintaining a commitment to environmental sustainability. This term, our focus is on 'Environmental Change and Management' where students will examine the processes, both natural and human-induced, that are responsible for the change in environments over time. They will learn about specific environments in Australia and the world that are experiencing significant change, or in some cases destruction, and explore current management practices and what more could be done to preserve fragile ecosystems. The introduction of this rich and dynamic subject to our Year 9 and 10 program has far-reaching benefits for our students, both in terms of their academic trajectory and as they endeavor to become informed and highly-skilled women of the twenty-first century.

**Danielle Moore**  
**Humanities Middle Leader (Acting)**

## Ad Altiora Place:

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

Welcome to Term 2 - We are thrilled that our library has been included in the Australian Library and Information Association's Honours List for Queensland as a Great School Library. Thank you to our staff, students and the wider community for their support. We look forward to working to continue to improve our services for our students.

**Laptop Operating System upgrade** – We are currently upgrading all student laptops to Windows 10. Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are now operating under Windows 10. This term we will be upgrading the operating system for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. All students are reminded to ensure that their laptops are in good repair. Any issues with batteries, software or physical damage need to be dealt with as soon as the issue appears. Repair services are available before school and during break times.

**Book Week 2016** – This year we will be celebrating Book Week during our Week of Excellence. The theme for 2016 is 'Australia: Story Country'. More details of events to follow.

**AAP BookChat** - Our book club meets face-to-face each term and also holds book discussions and sharing of book reviews through our group on GoodReads. The titles we are currently reading for discussion in Term 2 are *The Ocean at the end of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman and *The Girl Most Likely* by Rebecca Sparrow. Our Term 2 meeting will be held on Monday, 16 May.

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

**Reader's Cup 2016** – A dedicated team of students from Year 7 and 8 have nominated to be part of the team for the Reader's Cup competition this year. The students will begin reading the allocated books this week in preparation for the competition which will take place on Wednesday 15 June at 6.00pm at Brisbane Boy's Grammar.

**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 download 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](mailto:mtwomey@bne.catholic.edu.au)



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**Maureen Twomey**  
**Teacher-Librarian/eLearning Middle Leader**

## Business Manager

### FLEXISCHOOLS - Important Update

We have received the following advice from Flexischool's regarding an increase in their fees.

## Top-Up Fee Changes

Account Holders using accepted Credit Cards, namely VISA and Mastercard, or PayPal to increase the balance of an account or immediately pay for goods and services will incur a Credit Card/PayPal Surcharge of 15c + 1%. Previously this fee was 29c for Credit Cards and 35c for PayPal.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to increase the balance of an account will continue to be fee-free.

The above changes are a fairer approach to surcharge recovery and the free EFT option remains in place for Account Holders.

## Service/Order Fee Changes

The standard Order Fee on food orders will increase by 4c to 29c per order.

## When will the changes apply?

The changes outlined will be effective from Saturday 16 April 2016 and Flexischool's will communicate these changes to Account Holders prior to the changes taking effect on their account.

## Want to know more

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Flexischool's Sales Team or Customer Service Team on 1300 361 769 or via sales@flexischools.com.au or help@flexischools.com.au .

**Vince McDonald**  
**Business Manager**

## Yoshiwara 2016 Homestay

Students from Yoshiwara High School will be visiting with us again this year from 18 July to 5 August.

We are looking for host families for these students. Please open the link below for further information.

## Parents & Friends News

### P & F Working Bee

We will be holding our first Working Bee for the year on Sunday 17 April, commencing at 8.00am – 12.00noon.

The purpose of this working bee is to plant out the new Home Economics vegetable garden.

Please come along and help us green our school.

For further information please contact either myself (0433 845 307) or Jacque Boon (0412 443 020).

Or register your interest by emailing the College – sannerley@bne.catholic.edu.au

The next P & F meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 April, commencing at 7.00pm

**Steve Weier**  
**President – OLC Parents & Friends**

## Past Pupils News

Attached please find your invitation to Our Lady's Past Pupils Association Fashion Parade to be held on Sunday 17 April at 2:00pm in the College Hall.

## College Newsletter and 2016 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2016 College Calendar via the College website –

<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/>

## Important Dates and Deadlines

16 April – Saturday	Rd 6 Tennis (draw on website and Parent Portal)
17 April – Sunday	Parents & Friends working bee in the morning Past Pupils Fashion Parade – Afternoon Event
18 April – Monday	Inter-House Cross Country
19 April – Tuesday	Parents & Friends meeting 7.00pm
20 April – Wednesday	Rd 7 AFL/IC/SVB/JT (draw on website and Parent Portal)
22 April – Friday	Yr 11 Temple Excursion, Priestdale
23 April – Saturday	Rd 7 Tennis (draw on website and Parent Portal)
25 April – Monday	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
27 April – Wednesday	Rd 8 AFL/IC/SVB/JT (draw on website and Parent Portal)
30 April – Saturday	Tennis Semi Finals

## Absentees

**Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily**

**Email Link:** [www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au)

**Absentee Email:** [absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**Or via the Parent Portal**