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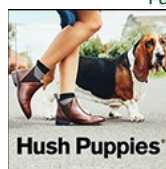
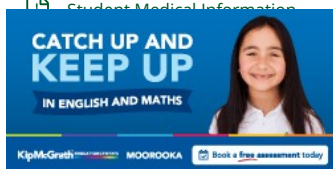
IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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Our Lady's College P&F invites you to join us for



Father/Daughter Breakfast



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A wonderful turn out this morning for our Father Daughter Breakfast to celebrate Fathers' Day. We are thankful for all fathers, step-fathers and father figures who all share something...

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A wonderful turn out this morning for our Father Daughter Breakfast to celebrate Fathers' Day. We are thankful for all dads, fathers and father figures who all share something special with their daughters' and took...

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We look forward to seeing many of you there

Principal's Message



In the past fortnight, we celebrated our Feast Day, known as JJAMM Day, honouring St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Our shared liturgy with Mary Immaculate is always a highlight as we share Mary's story and message in a contemporary and meaningful way. Mary lived in a time where education was not readily available to all. Recognising that education transforms society, the courageous and bold Mary MacKillop set about ensuring that an excellent education was available to all – especially the most vulnerable. Perhaps Mary's most well-known quote is "Never see a need without doing something about it". In Mary's time, the need was quality education. Practical, egalitarian and pragmatic, Mary wants us to find the needs of our society today and to put our passion behind it as principled people. Perhaps the single greatest quality underpinning Mary's actions is that of kindness. From our choice of language and expression through to our interactions with others, as people living the Josephite tradition, we are reminded at this time of Feast Day celebrations to speak respectfully, be welcoming and inclusive of all, and to be helpful in our actions.

Mary MacKillop's great gift to the Church and Australia was that young people come to know the love of God and have the opportunity of an excellent education. It was fitting then that the Brisbane Catholic Education Excellence in Teaching Awards were held on the eve of Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. We are proud of our two nominees for these prestigious awards. Congratulations to Bianca Johnston and Paula Geraghty – two very deserving educators.

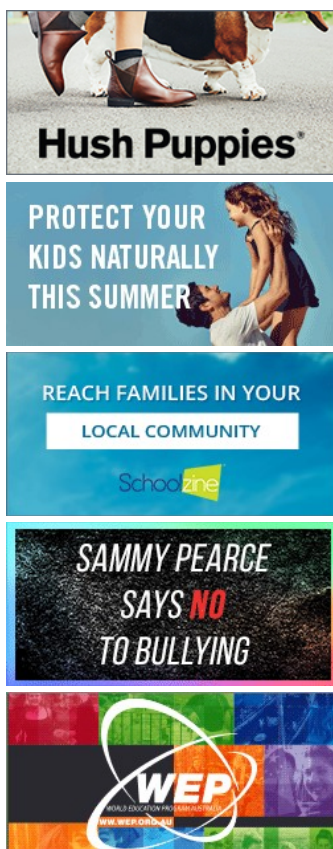
An enjoyable morning was had by all at Grandparents Day this year. We were delighted by the beautiful tones of the choir and acapella groups, happily engaged in learning many exciting things, and treated to a scrumptious morning tea prepared by our catering students. Thank you to our student leaders, Ms Archer, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Holland for organizing a special morning. This day also provided an opportunity for our musicians to have a rehearsal ahead of the QCMF Competition held across this weekend. We wish all of our groups well.

Recently, Jahriah Masefau from Year 12 was selected to attend the 2018 Design Tracks Creative Pathways Mentor Program at GOMA. The program brought together young creative minds from across Queensland and northern New South Wales schools to learn about Country, indigenous culture and to hear from creative mentors who have navigated their own career pathways in the creative industries. Spending time together in the relaxed setting of the Design Tracks program encourages students to feel proud of their own abilities and enables them to meet other young

Date Claimers

2 September – Sunday	Fathers' Day
4 – 5 September	QCS Test
5 September Wednesday	Rd 2 Sport – BB; STF; JN
7 September – Friday	Brisbane Writers Festival Word Play
10 – 14 September	Year 11/12 Exam Block
11 September – Tuesday	SET Plan meetings 3:30 – 6:30pm
14 September – Friday	Year 11 Social
18 September – Tuesday	P&F Meeting Boardroom 7:00pm
19 – 21 September	Year 12 Retreat
19 September – Wednesday	Rd 3 Sport – BB; STF; JN
21 September – Friday	End of Term 3





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At the end of this month, Year 12 students will sit their QCS Exam. This can be an anxious time for all parents and families, and (obviously) for the students themselves. It is important to note that stress is very much a relative event. In that, some students deal well and thrive on the stress to push them to greater heights, while others allow the stress to overwhelm and diminish their capacities. Just like enjoying a good thrill ride at the EKKA, the loudest explosion of the fireworks display, the scariest movie etc., people who embrace the stress and direct it for their own good can use this as a resource rather than a liability.

Minimising unhealthy stress is important at this time. Discuss with your daughter ways of shutting down the social media accounts until holiday time, managing time efficiently, setting short-term goals to bring about long term results and prioritising good sleep patterns. We can't avoid the QCS exam, but we can move the unnecessary stresses out of the way to allow students to embrace this opportunity to demonstrate their very best. Our main contact for QCS questions in the College is Mr Graham Tilbury. In preparation for the QCS test, Mr Tilbury and the team have been engaging with external markers to ensure that our preparations and practices have been the very best possible. Shortly after this event, we move into exam block for senior students, so there is little time to "down tools" and refresh. This highlights the impact of the advice above about priorities and planning.

Assemblies over the past few weeks have included the presentation of certificates for students who have worked commendably over the first semester or who have received outstanding academic results in their subjects. The number of certificates has been staggering and is testament to the excellent approach to studies that profiles the typical Our Lady's College student.

Recently, we have held our Year 11 for 2019 Subject Information Evening and the Parent / Teacher / Student Interview Evening. It was pleasing to see such a good turnout for both of these events and many parents commented on both nights about how rewarding they found the respective evenings. Thanks go to the Curriculum Leaders and teachers for their preparation for these evenings.

There is still some limited time for students to consider the TAFE options for those students in Year 10 and 11 interested in studying external certificate courses throughout next year. Please see Ms Geraghty if you are considering these alternative pathways.



Enjoy the weeks ahead.

Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal

Community Matters

Grandparents' Day

Last Friday we hosted over 60 grandparents. The grandparents were joined by their granddaughters and together enjoyed a prayer service, performances by our A Cappella students, a tour of the school, some time in a lesson and a delicious morning tea. Special thanks to Marion Holland and her Hospitality students for their efforts in creating a morning tea that was highly commended by the grandparents. The grandparents were equally impressed by the polished performance by the A Cappella members. Campus Minister, Kay Holmes and the Year 12 Student Leaders did a marvellous job of welcoming our visitors with pray. We look forward to meeting up with the grandparents of the community on this day next year. Until then we hope to see many of them at other key celebrations here at school.

Twilight Open Day

On Tuesday evening we held our inaugural Twilight Open Day that was very well received by our visitors to the school. Many thanks to the staff and students who worked diligently to prepare activities and welcomed potential families to engage in in what they had prepared. They conversed about their curriculum areas, which supported in providing families with a broader understanding of the many opportunities on offer to the students of OLC.

Dona Archer
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

JJAMM Day





Last Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop with a range of activities. Our combined prayer service and play with Mary Immaculate students, reminded us of Mary's mission of service and the importance of love. In the play, students were particularly enthralled by the appearance of our own "Manu".

The House Relay proved again that students of Our Lady's College know how to cheer. Such was the competition, that there was a tie between 1st and 2nd, as well as 3rd and 4th. The House Singing competition lifted standards to a new high, with Woods winning unanimously from the judges.

During the day students also had opportunities to focus on social justice and service opportunities. The Year 7 and 8 students heard from Sister Chris Symonds and started on their community service planning. Year 9 students explored homelessness with the help of students from the Benenson Society. Year 10 students listened to Sr Mel Dwyer, a former Our Lady's girl, tell about her experience as National Javelin Champion, her call to vocation and her work in Malawi. Year 11 and 12 students worked with Anthony Forshaw from Vinnies, who was informative and interesting.

Thanks go to the Benenson Society and Mrs Gates for their Sausage Sizzle sale at lunch and the Vinnies students and Mrs Penrose for their outstanding effort with the Sweets Sale at Morning Tea. Funds raised support Refugee initiatives and Vinnies Support a Student. The Social Justice committee ran an affirmation session allowing our community to reflect on the positives in our lives.



Finally thank you to the JJAMM Committee and the staff and students who helped make it such a fun and rewarding day!

In God's love,

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Religious Education



At the college assembly last week, the following six girls were honoured for their emulation of the virtues of Mary MacKillop. *Ruby Park, Cassie Dennis, Fariala Ndaya, Ashlyn George, Nylow Ajing and Laura-Lye Kauffman*

received their awards for their generous and selfless support of others, dedication to their studies or service to college extra-curricular activities. Congratulations girls!

2019 TOUCHING COUNTRY PILGRIMAGE

The technology gods were smiling at assembly this week, and I was able to show the promo video for our Touching Country trip during the June/July holidays in 2019.

If you would like to receive any more information about this trip, please email me at kholmes@bne.catholic.edu.au. Application forms will be sent this week to those who have received information booklets. These will be due with a \$400 deposit by the end of the month.

ASSUMPTION

On Wednesday the Church honoured Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the feast of the Assumption. Mary, our first role model, the first disciple, has much to teach us about life with Jesus. Put in her situation would we, could we, do what she did with such holy confidence?

Each day we are called to say 'yes' to God, as Mary did, and declare through our actions the greatness of the Lord.

The following link provides a beautiful reflection on this theme using David Haas' Magnificat (*All That I Am*) supported with related images.



PRAYERS PLEASE...

We honoured grandparents at our Grandparents Day last Friday. Let's give thanks for the strength and wisdom that time and experience have gifted us through them.

We remember *Lilah Briant*, a Year 12 Seton College student, and past pupil of Our Lady's College, who died tragically at the weekend. May she rest in God's peace.

Blessings

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Guidance Counsellor

This week in Pastoral Care lessons, Year 7s and 8s participated in a Life Mapping exercise as part of the Mindfields Program. Students visually mapped out three positive and three challenging events that have happened in their life. This exercise encouraged students to reflect on the good



Wellbeing Resources

Headspace

Headspace is a counselling service for young people aged from 12 to 25 years that is free or low cost. There are a number of headspace centres near OLC including one in Woolloongabba and another in Inala. Headspace staff usually include clinical psychologists, psychologists, GPs and mental health social workers. For more information click on the link below:

Click here to view the Headspace website

<https://headspace.org.au/>

How to have important conversations with your teen

An article by Linda Stade (Education Writer) about how to talk with your child.

Click here to view the Article by Linda Stade

<https://lindastade.com/teen-speak-how-to-have-important-conversations-with-teenag...>

Youth Beyond Blue

This website provides a wide range of information on mental health issues that impact on young people.

Click here to view the Beyond Blue website

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

Growth Mindsets

A youtube video explaining the difference between a fixed and growth mindset:



Career Resources

Our Lady's College subscribe to the Options Career Information Bulletin. The Bulletin is a fortnightly publication that contains a wealth of career related information for students. Students have been emailed the latest Bulletin and it can be accessed here:

Click here to view more information

<https://extranet16.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/ourladyscollege/ourschool/olca-blog/de...>

Open Days

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JMC Academy Open Day

JMC produces skilled workers for the entertainment industry. It offers Diploma and Bachelor Degree courses in Animation, Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Contemporary Music and Performance, Digital Design, Entertainment Business Management, Film and Television



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Click here to view more information about the University of
Queensland, Gatton Campus Open Day
<https://future-students.uq.edu.au/open-day>

Anna Wallace
Guidance Counsellor

Middle Leaders Report

I was about to start by saying that it has been a busy time but that is stating the blinding obvious. Simply put, teachers are always busy. However, a significant part of our "busyness" has been getting our head around 2019 and the introduction of the new senior syllabuses for *Biology*, *Chemistry* and my baby...*Physics*.

I think I can speak for the other Science staff who teach the senior Sciences. Delivering the content is not the problem. Sure, I have to brush up on Quantum Mechanics, Particle Physics and the Standard Model but I see that as an enjoyable challenge (weird but true!). The key challenge for us is to ensure we have the time to teach the subject and that the assessment is designed as per QCAA requirements. I am happy to say these are things we are addressing.

But here is the extra bit and is something that we have never truly addressed.... ever.

This is ensuring that our junior courses from Years 7 to 10 are able to prepare our budding young Scientists for a, hopefully, seamless transition into the new Science courses. This is something that we have always tried to do but never in such a formal way as we are attempting now, and quite honestly, it's about time.

The key reason is "verbs". Let me explain.

Right from year 7, we are training students how to correctly respond to various "objective" verbs regardless of the assessment type. For example, we will show Year 7 students how to correctly respond to "define", "describe" or "explain" questions. As they progress through the year levels, they will learn to respond to more complex verbs such as "analyse", "justify" or "Synthesise". If we can get this right in the junior grades along with literacy and numeracy skills, then we are going a good way to obtain that "seamless" transition.

This may sound trivial but it's not. Mix this with engaging and challenging lessons and we might be doing our bit to produce the next crop of scientifically literate citizens and, who knows, maybe one or two scientists or engineers as well!

Graham Tilbury
Middle Leader - Science

Ad Altiora Place:

With CBCA Book week approaching all library eyes focus on the announcement of the winners of the Book of the Year Awards. We are lucky in Brisbane this year, that this event will be held at The Terrace at The State Library of Queensland and students have an opportunity to be involved. Blessy Matthew, Year 10 OLC student, has been invited to attend and will read out the Older Reader Short List, and then will announce the winner and honour book recipients. We are sure that she will represent Our Lady's College with pride. Congratulations Blessy.

As part of the book week celebrations, SLQ will host a day of authors and illustrators on the following Saturday, free for children of all ages. I have been asked to chair a panel of YA authors, and will be discussing the topic 'Authentic YA Voices'. It will be a great day, and a fantastic opportunity for girls to hear 4 amazing authors talk about their work. A link to the free ticketing is [here](#).

During Book Week here at school, St Elizabeth's students will join us for our second book club where this time, we will discuss our favourite fantasy reads so far in 2018. So, reading is thriving at OLC.



Pathways News

TAFE AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who have completed their TAFE courses of study. Some of the qualifications they have gained have been in Justice, Screen and Media and Sport and Fitness.

Enrolments for TAFE 2019 are now open for current Year 10 and 11 students.

Please refer to the TAFE at School 2019 Course Guides for course outlines, these can be also be found online can be found by visiting the website below and clicking on "Greater Brisbane" to download the guide. Hard copies of this booklet are available from student services.

Click here for More Information

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/courses/ways-you-can-study/tafe-at-school.html>

Please note:

At this stage TAFE are unable to confirm or provide prices or delivery days. As soon as these are available I will be advised and I will publish these.

Enrolment offers will be made to approved applicants from mid-September 2018.

Applications on the 1 February 2019 and commencement of study is the week beginning Monday the 4 February 2019.

Remember, TAFE are happy to help and provide any additional information. **Please do not hesitate to contact the TAFE at School team by phone 3244 6123 or by email schools.brisbane@tafe.qld.edu.au.**

To make an application:

Students will need to have USI and LUI numbers available. (USI numbers can be obtained via the link below (use your family Medicare card as ID) / LUI numbers are available from the staff at student services).

Click here to get a USI

<http://www.usi.gov.au>

Click here to Apply

<http://www.tafeapply.com>

Enter the code: **TQB1901**

Complete the details on the application form and press submit.

Please note:

- **USI and LUI numbers must be supplied on application.**
- Delivery Days are subject to change.
- Some courses have Prerequisites.
- Enrolment offers will be made to approved applicants from mid-September 2018.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience applications have closed for the September holidays. Placements will be sent to the College on Thursday 5 September and I will be in contact with students to collect the paperwork from me after that date.

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Our Lady's College has a long association with SCIPS (School, Community, Industry Partnership Service). They have programs for students who have left school also.

Are you a Queensland, aged 15 years or older, no longer at school and need help to secure a job?



Phone

1300 731 783

Fax

3010 1187

Email

admin@maketherightchoice.com.au

Or check out their website

[Click here to view the Scips Website](http://www.scips.org.au)

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

Paula Geraghty

Business and VET Middle Leader

From the Business Manager

From the Business Manager

For parents who have not yet accessed the new Our Lady's College On-Line Shop, please see instructions below on what you need to do.

[Click here to download the Get Started Instruction](#)

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Should you experience any problems what so ever at any time, please contact the system administrator, **Monitor** on the **Parent Support Line on 1800 940 804**

Vince McDonald

Business Manager

St Sebastian's Primary School News

St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School will once again be hosting their biennial Art Show this year. For more details see below:



Fees and Levies

[Click here to download the 2018 Fees & Levies Information](#)

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College Newsletter and 2018 Calendar



Important Dates and Deadlines

16 – 19 August	QCMF Villanova College and St James Parish Coorparoo
21 August – Tuesday	P&F meeting – Boardroom 7:00pm
24 August – Friday	CaSSSA Inter-School Athletics Carnival QSAC, Nathan
27 August – Monday	Year 11 Biology Excursion
29 August – Wednesday	Trimester 3 Sport begins – Rd 1 BB; STF; JN
31 August – Friday	Father Daughter Breakfast – Ad Altiora Place
2 September – Sunday	Fathers' Day
4 – 5 September	QCS Test
10 – 14 September	Year 11/12 Exam Block

Absentees

Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily

Email Link: www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au

Absentee Email: absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au

Or via the Parent Portal

