Welcome to the St Patrick’s College community of 2014. The year has begun very positively which is a great tribute to a number of staff involved in preparations for the New Year. We offer a special welcome to all the new families and of course all year 11 students and a number of new Year 12 students this year. I hope everyone has returned from holiday breaks refreshed and ready for a great year.

The newsletter this year will be available on the college website each Wednesday. We will also email parents and students the current newsletter each Wednesday.

How parents can be involved in the college
There are a number of ways that you can become involved in the life of the college.

- All interested parents are also invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association on Wednesday 5 February at 6:00 pm in St Patrick’s College Board Room, in the Administration Building on the corner of Gregory and River Streets. The P & F meets monthly and is an opportunity for parents to have input into college life and assist the college with disbursement of the funds collected through the P & F levy.

- All interested parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting and Inservice of the College Board on Wednesday 5 February at 7:30 pm in the St Patrick’s College Board Room, in the Administration Building on the corner of Gregory and River Streets. The College Board serves an important function, writing policies and having input into the finance and future planning of the college as well as acting as a sounding board for the principal.

- We also have a Meet the Teachers and Success in Senior Schooling night coming up on Tuesday 11 February. The evening begins with a barbecue at 6:00 pm where parents have a chance to meet all the staff followed by a seminar at 7:30 pm about ways to help your student achieve in their senior studies. The venue for both the barbecue and seminar is St Patrick’s Hall on River Street.

- The Opening Mass will be on Friday 14 February at 9:00am. The investiture of our college leaders takes place at this mass. Upon conclusion of the mass we will be presenting the McGarry Bursaries for 2014.

St Patrick’s Community
We welcome five new members to our teaching staff – Ms Rose Bolton (English and RE), Mr Warren Bolton (Industrial Arts), Ms Sarah Regan (HOD Performing Arts, Music and Mathematics), Mr Matthew Schulze (PE and Mathematics) and Ms Sinead Williams (Assistant Performing Arts Coordinator, English, RE).

Congratulations to Mr Gibbs on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophia Shona, on Monday night.
Weekend Masses

**Southside Cluster**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
- 6:00 pm St Francis Xavier
- 6:00 pm St Mary’s

**Sunday**
- 7:00 am St Patrick’s
- 7:00 am St Therese’s
- 9:00 am St Michael’s
- 9:00 am St Francis Xavier
- 9:30 am St Francis of Assisi
- 6:00 pm St Patrick’s

**Walkerston**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
- 6:00 pm St John’s

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am Eton

**Marian**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
- 6:00 pm Holy Rosary

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am Mirani

**Northside Cluster**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
- 6:00 pm St Joseph’s
- 6:00 pm St Brigid’s

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am St Brendan’s
- 9.00 am St Joseph’s

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**Senior Results of 2013**

The Seniors of 2013 have continued to maintain the high academic standard of the college. Thirty-six students achieved in the OP 1 to 6 range.

- **Four** students received OP 1,
- **Six** students received OP 2,
- **Seven** students received OP 3,
- **Five** students received OP 4,
- **Five** students received OP 5,
- **Nine** students received OP 6.

Students receiving an OP in the 1 to 5 range will be eligible for McGarry Bursaries if beginning tertiary education this semester. The McGarry Trust has indicated that students will share $33,000 of bursaries this year.

We are currently compiling a destination survey of our seniors. Academic results tell only half the story – we have a very large number of our students who successfully obtained apprenticeships, traineeships and full-time employment on completion of year 12 last year.

**Fees and Concessions**

School Fees will be issued in the next few weeks. Those families who were entitled to fee concessions in 2013 need to reapply for concessions to continue in 2014. Please contact Mrs Deanna Hurley for the appropriate forms as soon as possible. Those families who were paying for fees using direct debit will have to organise their payment unless they have a continuing arrangement. Once again please contact Mrs Deanna Hurley regarding any queries.

**Sunday’s Mass Readings**

**First reading** - Malachi 3:1-4 ... For he is like the refiner’s fire and the fullers’ alkali. Psalm - Psalm 23:7-10 ... Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory. **Second reading** - Hebrews 2:14-18 ... Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, ... **Gospel** - Luke 2:22-40 ... "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

**Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education**

As we start this new school year, looking both backwards and forwards, we can think of the new year as a gate - an opening - to what we choose to do in the future. This new beginning is an opportunity to reflect upon the joys and challenges of what has gone before us, and to envision our hopes and dreams for the journey we now commence as the community of St Patrick’s College. Once again we are drawn into the unknown. We do not know all the joys and sadness, the blessings and challenges that await us. And so we turn to our God and pray that God will bless us in all that we need for life in this coming year, both personally and as a community,

*Lord of New Beginnings, Stretch our souls and move us into new awareness of the human family, their needs and their longings.*

*Make these into our needs, our longings so we move more confidently from our small selves to a deeper sense of community where our resolutions reflect our interdependence.*

*Help us recognize the possibilities you have offered to us as a people, so we can commit to practice the Hope that happens when we gather gratefully in your Name and we hold up to you this fragile, precious world.*

*Grant us all the grace in this year ahead to sow the seeds of justice and to gather peace in our day. Amen.*

We ask for your thoughts and prayers for all families new to the College in 2014. We wish you a warm welcome and we hope your time with us here at St Patrick’s is rewarding and beneficial. To all those returning to the College, it is great to have you back with us.

**An Open Invitation to the St Patrick’s School Community**

As is the tradition at St Patrick’s College we will come together as a school community through the celebration of Mass on Friday 14 February commencing at 9:00 am at St Patrick’s Church. I hope as many parents and friends as possible will come along to be with the students and staff.
as we ask God to bless our endeavours during 2014 and we welcome our new student leaders and award the McGarry Bursary recipients. Parents are invited to join the student leaders; McGarry Bursary recipients and staff in St Patrick’s Hall for Morning Tea after the Mass.

Investiture Mass
Friday 14 February at 9.00 am
St Patrick’s Church
Followed by Morning Tea for parents, staff and student leaders in St Patrick’s Hall

Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

Welcome
Welcome to all our students and parents to 2014 at St Patrick’s Senior College. We are very happy with both the academic and vocational students’ results from 2013. The staff members are certainly very keen for another successful year in delivering effective senior curriculum.

Subject Changes
Please attend to these by the end of this week so classes can be finalised. This is very important so that time is not missed from the new subjects.

Queensland Core Skills
Those non-OP students not sitting the Core Skills Test must return the required form before they can join the Prepare for Work group. Reminder some employers prefer the students to have a result on this test – so make the decision wisely as it can also be a pathway to university if the student changes their mind about further study. Many non-OP students completed the QCS test last year and this increased their final career options.

Uniform
Please ensure the uniform is worn as indicated in all our enrolment procedures and meetings. There is no discussion about these – they are simply to be followed as one is required when following the dress code in a place of work. As a reminder, our uniform requirements follow:

Please read the following information very carefully
ONLY OUR SUPPLIERS HAVE THE CORRECT UNIFORM. (These are standard sizes and so alterations may be required to achieve the correct length, fit etc). Our uniform supplier in town is Uniform Solutions, Corner Alfred and Sydney Streets. Our uniform supplier in Canelands is Lowes.

Please purchase your WINTER uniform ahead of time – ORDER YOUR JUMPER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. You must have a winter uniform.

FEMALE ACADEMIC UNIFORM

- Academic dress to be covering the knee
- Shirt covering midriff
- Tie at top of shirt collar with all buttons done up
- Skirt to be on the waist and covering the knee
- Jumper / track top / blazer
- Standard short white socks - NO ankle socks
- Blue or black stockings / tights may be worn
- Black leather lace-up traditional school shoes (no joggers; slip-ons; Mary Janes etc) – Workplace Health & Safety / School rule
- Hat – to be worn to and from school and class as well as anytime student is in the sun
- One pair of small matching ear rings may be worn – one in each ear lobe
- No other piercing including tongue rings
- A simple Christian symbol on a plain chain may be worn inside the shirt
- A watch, a plain ring, a plain metal bracelet (no plastic bands)
- No makeup or coloured nail polish
- No tattoos of any kind
Hair to be neat / adornments to be in college colours (ie white, gold, light blue, red, silver, yellow, orange, dark blue, black, cream), cut / colour to be conservative and not to draw undue attention

**MALE ACADEMIC UNIFORM**
- Shirt tucked in at all times
- Tie at top of shirt collar with all buttons done up
- Shorts / Long grey trousers (for winter and formal occasions) to be worn appropriately
- Jumper / track top / blazer
- Long blue socks to be worn up at all times with shorts (under knee, not mid-calf)
- Short black socks to be worn with long grey trousers
- Black leather lace-up traditional school shoes (no joggers, slip-ons etc)
- Hat – to be worn to and from school and class as well as anytime student is in the sun
- No piercing of any kind including tongue rings
- A simple Christian symbol on a plain chain may be worn inside the shirt
- A watch, a plain ring, a plain metal bracelet (no plastic bands)
- No tattoos of any kind
- Hair to be neat. Long hair must be tied back. Cut / colour to be conservative and not to draw undue attention. Face needs to be clean shaven.

Senior students wear their academic uniforms for two full school years – they attend functions, mass, job interviews and senior graduation in these uniforms (it may be appropriate to have several).

**FEMALE / MALE PE UNIFORM**

Only students doing Physical Education / Recreational Pursuits need this uniform when doing practical work only.
- Shirt (females may select loose or fitted)
- Shorts on waist – females are not to alter these shorts
- White sports socks’ – need to be visible; NO ankle socks
- Hat
- Sports’ shoes (cross trainers – no volleys, high tops, overly bright colours etc - these to be appropriate footwear – the PE Coordinator reserves the right to refuse any footwear deemed to be inappropriate). Shoes will be checked when the students begin the subject to ensure Workplace Health & Safety requirements have been met.) Do not purchase expensive inappropriate shoes.

**IN ALL MATTERS OF UNIFORM AND GROOMING THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASK STUDENTS TO CHANGE OR ADJUST ASPECTS OF DRESS AND GROOMING.**

Sarah Regan – Cultural Coordinator

Welcome to 2014! This year will bring many exciting opportunities for students to be involved in the Arts’ at St Patrick’s College. It promises to be a very “creative” and fulfilling year as many students have already shown great interest in representing the college in the numerous different performance co-curricular activities.

The walls of St Patrick’s College provide a strong and safe structure for students to explore their passions and discover new interests. However, it is the student body that brings these walls to life.

This week, students have had the opportunity to sign up and register to participate in the Cultural Co-curricular activities. Such activities and co-curricular activities include (but are not limited to):

- **Ukulele Club** (rehearsal Monday lunchtimes 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm)
- **Choir** (rehearsal Tuesday mornings 7:00 am – 8:15 am)
- **Percussion Ensemble** (rehearsal Wednesday mornings 7:15 am – 8:15 am)
- **Handbells** (rehearsal Wednesday afternoons 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm)
- **Stage Band** (rehearsal Thursday mornings 7:00 am – 8:15 am)
- **Music Ministry** (Lead the music at 6:00 pm mass each 3rd Sunday of the month)
- **Musical Production** (performance in term 2, rehearsals T.B.A
- **Debating** (T.B.A)
- **Public Speaking** (T.B.A)
- **Instrumental Ensembles** (T.B.A)
We look forward to celebrating and creating many cultural moments and memories throughout the year.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the college or email me on sregan@stpats.qld.edu.au.

William Cassells - Diocesan Vocational Education and Training Coordinator

Work Experience
All Year 12 students who study four (4) or more non-OP subjects will participate in the Work Experience program this term from 24 March to 4 April. This is a mandatory part of their VET course. Applications were given to students at the end of 2013 and most received their placement information this morning. There are very few outstanding and these will be dealt with in the next week.

If your son/daughter is non-OP but studies less than 4 non-OP subjects or they were overlooked when applications went out, they will need to obtain an application from the office.

If your son/daughter has a school based Traineeship / Apprenticeship, they do not require an application and will work the two weeks with their employer. The college will contact the employer to confirm this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mr Will Cassells or Mrs Margaret Browne.

ACCOUNT AND DISCOUNT INFORMATION FORMS
Term accounts will be distributed in the coming weeks and to enable us to calculate your eligible level of discount on your 2014 school fees, the Account and Discount Information forms MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY to the college office. It is extremely important that you complete this form as tuition discount for each term in 2014 depends on this form. Even if you do not have any students at other Catholic schools, please check the data in Section 1, complete Section 2, sign and have your student return to Reception as soon as possible.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
Our Tuckshop Convenor, Mary Vassallo, is still looking for more volunteers to assist in the tuckshop. If you have any spare time and would like to help, please phone Mary on 4944 7226 or 0438 166 403. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Bree Sinn – Regional Indigenous Education Liaison Officer

Welcome to the 2014 school year. I hope everybody is feeling refreshed and ready for a busy and rewarding term. For those families who do not know me, my name is Bree Sinn and I work as the Regional Indigenous Education Officer for all Catholic schools in the Mackay region.

Through my role I am available to offer assistance to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and teaching staff within each school community. It is important that you let the school office know if your child identifies as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent. This will ensure that you and your child receive support should you require it.

I will be meeting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and touching base with parents regularly during the term and am more than happy to discuss any issues in relation to improving outcomes in education and success in your child’s learning.

If students or parents would like any further information, I can be contacted by phone on 4969 4172 or 0488 180 031.
Mackay Catholic Debutante Ball
23 May 2014

Information / Application Forms will be available for intending debutantes and their partners, after a short meeting on Thursday 30 January at 1:00 pm in the Common Room (Room B2).

A compulsory debutantes’ / partners’ / parents’ meeting will be held at St Patrick’s Hall, River Street, on Monday evening, 3 February at 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

Community Notices

BOOK NOW FOR YOUR FREE
BREASTSCREEN 13 20 50 or 4968 3813

Available for women 40 years and over

Mackay Army Cadets

Vacancies for New Members

The Mackay Army Cadet Unit is conducting Public Information Sessions for new members and their parents on Monday 3, 10 and 17 February 2014. The sessions are to be held at the Army Cadet Barracks, 400 Shakespeare Street, West Mackay, commencing at 6pm.

Persons wishing to join must attend one of the sessions, which are designed to give an overview of what Army Cadets is all about.

Minimum Age: must turn 13 in the year of joining.
Maximum Age: must not have turned 17 prior to joining.
ENQUIRIES WELCOME - PHONE 040 767 9432
(after 5pm daily or anytime on weekends)
Enrolments close on Tuesday 18 February 2014.

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Choir Performance
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Broadway classics
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Spiritual
Standard choral songs

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
4:30pm—6:00pm
The Ken Martin Choral Centre, Mackay Choral Society
Snow Wright Court, BEACONSFIELD 4740
CONTACT:
Jennifer Bee: 0404 163 097 | Email: achord.pitch@gmail.com

Music Teachers Online
Community Sporting Events

Mackay Junior Touch is running a Junior Touch Competition on Friday afternoons, for Boys and Girls in U6 through to U16. For more information go to: www.mackaytouch.com.au under Junior tab.

MACKAY JUNIOR GOLF SIGN ON/TRIAL DAY
Where: Mackay Driving Range, Beaconsfield
When: 8-10am Sunday 2nd February
For Who: New members, old members and anyone just wanting to have a go!!!

FREE RANGE BALLS AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
For more information, call Leagh 0413288058

Mackay Athletics Club

Sign-on and Information Day
Saturday 22 February 2014
from 10am-2pm
Mackay State High School,
Via English or Penn Sts, Mackay
Ages from 5 to Masters
1st club day, Saturday 1 March
Trial period only $10.00 for two weeks
www.mackayathletics.com.au
for more information or call
James on 0431 973 129
New members to bring a copy of Birth Certificate for sighting.

Sonya Brazil Memorial Women’s Only Triathlon

COME AND HAVE A TRI !!!
** Flippers, floats, anything can be used to get through the swim**

DATE: Sunday, 16 February 2014
LOCATION: Mirani Pool
TIMES: Registration 7:00am
        Race briefing 7:45am
        Race start 8:00am
DISTANCE: 200m swim, 8km ride, 2km run
PRICE: $10 members (Juniors $5)
       $25 non-members (Juniors $15)
       $30 member teams
       $40 non-member teams
REGISTRATION: Online (www.mackaytri.com.au) or on the day
CONTACT: Email - mackaytri@gmail.com
          Phone - Judi on 0422 442 756
BBQ AND RANDOM DRAW AFTER EVENT

The Sharkies in 2014
A1, A2, A3 & A4 Men & Women
Masters MENS – WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Masters Women – TUESDAY NIGHT
TRAINING – THURSDAY NIGHT

JOIN THE SHARKIES IN 2014

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WWW. SOUTHSHOCKEYMACKAY.COM.AU
CONTACT: TIM MARSDEN 0419 724462 OR
STEPHEN GOODSON 0419 790023
e-mail: secretary@southshockeymackay.com.au

BROTHERS NETBALL CLUB

2014 SIGN ON

Saturday, 1 February 2014
3pm to 6pm – Mackay Netball Courts
Casey Avenue, Mackay

For further information contact
Brette 0438251193 or Melissa 0438737696
Email: brothersnetballmackay@gmail.com
www.mackaybrothers.netball.com.au

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