Eamon Hannan - Principal

This week we celebrated St Patrick’s Day with a college mass. We had a number of invited guests, particularly past teachers and staff who were at the college when Fr Stephen Hanly attended. Guests included Mr Peter and Mrs Berenice Wright, Mrs Dorothy Robinson, Mr Ken and Mrs Margaret Cherry, Mrs Connie and Mr Jim Young, Mr Vince and Mrs Doris McSherry and Mr Barry Waddington. Miss Leesa Jeffcoat and Fr Grace sent their best wishes and apologies due to other Diocesan commitments.

Fr Stephen Hanly, Fr Rod de la Rosa and Fr Johnson Mathew co-presided our mass celebration.

St Patrick’s Day is a worldwide celebration of a great saint and a wonderful nation whose people have emigrated all over the world. On Monday we celebrated our patron, and our Irish Celtic heritage. The Irish have a great love of learning, art and artistry. Famous examples of this include the Book of Kells which is a beautifully illustrated Latin version of the gospel.

The most famous prayer of St Patrick is called the Breastplate of St Patrick. It is a prayer that when you first hear it is very repetitive.

Part of it was reprinted on our mass booklet is –

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I believe this prayer is like a mantra of protection – reminding our hearts and minds that Christ is the centre of our being. As we journey through life there are times when we feel weak, times when we feel strong, times when we feel lost, and times when we have a lot of work to do. This prayer reminds us that Christ works in us – and that that is what we are all about.

On Monday we also celebrated a special son of St Patrick’s College. Fr Stephen who led our celebration will later this year be celebrating his silver jubilee as a priest. Fr Stephen was ordained at St Francis church 25 years ago. He is a past student, past chaplain and parish priest of St Patrick’s so it is fitting that we all raised our right arm and prayed the Irish blessing for Fr Stephen on our patron saint’s day.

We thank Fr Stephen Hanly, Fr Johnson Mathew and Fr Rod de la Rosa for leading us in our mass on Monday. We also thank Ms Fraser, Ms Regan and staff and students who were involved in the organisation and music for mass.

Patty our leprechaun mascot was also a very active participant and no one will forget the final song “And the Father will Dance”.

Dates to remember:

March 2014

20 Aquatics Carnival
24 Industry placement commences
27 Mid-semester exams commence

April 2014

2 P & F Meeting, 6:00 pm
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
3 Russia trip departs
4 End term 1
22-24 Year 11 Orientation Camp
25 ANZAC Day

May 2014

3 End of term 1 reports posted home
7 P & F Meeting, 6:00 pm
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
8 Dazzle
9 Dazzle
10 Dazzle
15 Parent – Teacher evening
23 Catholic Debutante Ball
29 Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Michael McCarthy

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19 March 2014
Student representatives, staff and invited guests had a morning tea where Fr Stephen’s jubilee was celebrated with the cutting of a cake and a small presentation.

Industry Placement
Our Year 12 Vocational students begin placements next week. This is always an exciting time for our young people as they get a real taste of industry and opportunities that often lead to apprenticeships and traineeships. Students are reminded that they are to do their exams on the evening indicated on the exam timetable as their work placement is their first priority.

Mocktail
Congratulations to all Year 12 students involved in Mocktail last Friday night. The students presented very well and the night was a great success. Special thanks to Mrs Janelle Agius who was on the organising committee and the many staff who supported the event.

St Patrick’s Day Activities
Congratulations to the SRC for their organisation of the various activities on St Patrick’s Day. Students and staff organised a sausage sizzle, boat races, sack races and a photo booth. All had a great time celebrating St Patrick’s Day and raised money for Caritas – Project Compassion.

Swimming Carnival
We have our swimming carnival tomorrow. Students should remember to be sunsafe – sunscreen, hats, shirts and sunglasses for this event. We have serious sport and serious fun at this event.

Academic Awards Evening
On Monday night we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 students in their studies last year. Below is a list of the students and the awards they achieved below. The students are to be congratulated. We hope that these awards will serve as encouragement for them to continue to work hard as they complete their final year of school. Thank you to Ms Galvin and Mr Gibbs for their organisation of the evening.

Students receiving an Academic Effort Award
Sarah Buchanan, Claudia Catania, Emily Davies, Isaiah Derdziak, Angela Dimarucut, Josephine Dodds, Hannah Kelly, Kaitlyn Kelly, Eliza Laird, Zachary Lairor, Jacob Pace, Ebony Smith, Jack Streidt, Savannah Taylor, Kyle Wright

Students receiving an Academic Merit Award
Rachel Allingham, Ryan Atkins, Chloe Barnett, Jordan Bell, Christopher Brown, Zoey Catania, Edward Croker, Ethan Cunningham, Jordan Davies, Kira Follett, Alysha Gilotti, Kenneth Goodall, Sara Graffunder, Jack Hassett, Ben Hinton, Andrew Hyde, Ashleigh Lawson, Brittany Lipman, Holly Lovatt, Demetry Malahoff, Travis Mansfield, Rebecca Moore, Jade Murphy-Vaughan, Trent Parfitt, Julia Walker

Students receiving Academic Effort and Academic Merit Awards
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Students receiving an Academic Excellence Award
Logan Ahern

Students receiving Academic Effort and Academic Excellence Awards
Campbell Aprile, Homya Bolla, Daniel Fitzmaurice, Susannah Menzies, Georgia O’Brien, Rachel Price, Rodan Prinsloo, Ashleigh Vella

Students receiving a Subject Award
Meghan Blakeney, Early Childhood Education Jamaiah Hutchinson, Pre Vocational Maths
Jake Lawson, Pre Vocational Maths Tristan Vincent, Recreation Studies
Briar Walker, Home Economics

Students receiving Academic Effort or Academic Merit and Subject Awards
Justerina Arriola, Film, Television & New Media Lauren Burt, Visual Art
Teneal Galea, Hospitality Practices Tahilia Micallef, Accounting
Carl Story, Industrial Graphics

Students receiving Academic Effort, Academic Merit and Subject Awards
Brianna Brett, English, Science 21 Jesse Dingle, Pre Vocational Maths
Riley Forde, Aerospace Studies Eleanor Fordyce, Maths A
Demi Giannangelo, Furnishing Jemima Hazell, Geography
Andrew Ruhl, Industrial Graphics Sophie Tulloch, Music
Celeste Veitch, Japanese and Religious Education

Students receiving Academic Excellence and Subject Awards
Mitchell Dunn, Construction and English Communication

Students receiving Academic Effort, Academic Excellence and Subject Award
Tyler Andersen, Engineering Mikyla Colleton, Study of Religion
Emily Comin, Marine Studies Laura Gordon, Music
Brodie Madden, Modern History Luke McCarthy, Chemistry
Natalie Mullins, Economics Isabella Poos, Modern History
Weekend Masses

Students receiving Academic Effort, Academic Excellence and two or more Subject Awards
Nicholas Buckeridge  Information Technology Systems, Information Processing and Technology
Monica Erba  Geography, Business Communication and Technology
Tegan Mackenzies  Information and Communication Technology, Business Procedures
Brodie Nicholas  Maths B, Physics
Kate Richards  Ancient History, Drama
Hayley Giles  Legal Studies, Biology, Religious Education
Jonathan Grech  Maths B, Maths C, Physics, Physical Education, Graphics

Readings for this Sunday 23 March 2014

First reading, Exodus 17:3-7  ... You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink. ...  
Psalm, Psalm 94:1-2,6-9  ... O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading, Romans 5:1-2,5-8  ... Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God...

Gospel, John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42  ... but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again...

Fr John's Pastoral Letter for Lent

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Diocesan Administrator  05 March 2014

LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER - 2014
VERY REV FATHER JOHN GRACE

My dear People

Last weekend, as I browsed through the Specials for the week ahead, in the advertising brochure of a National Supermarket Chain of Stores, I noticed one page which featured suitable purchases for Lent. They were mainly different types of fish products geared to the Abstinence aspect of Lent. Already, as you enter a Supermarket other Christian symbols associated with Easter, the other end of Lent, like Hot Cross Buns and Decorated Eggs, greet you.

Securing sales, rather than sowing seeds of salvation, lies behind these commercial practices. Nevertheless, displaying our sacred treasures in the market place is very praiseworthy. It enables, in an unsolicited way, imparting the truths of religion in a society somewhat afloat from Christian Faith.

Living faith with personal commitment and dedication vastly improves any static signs of religion. Persons always shine ahead of things. Every honourable Christian strives daily at self-improvement and to clothe life with the best of values.

The Church’s Season of Lent, which began last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) is value time, flush with fresh opportunities to seek God and to allow ourselves to be found by God. Lent joins the human spirit to the divine spirit. Prayer and Penance are the tested and proven connectors.

Lent always features an array of prayer opportunities: Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, other Devotions, a Parish Penitential Service and the availability of the Sacrament of Penance. Project Compassion draws on our thoughtfulness to the needy, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. Joining in the Lenten Program, “Love one another as I have loved you”, will help sharpen our awareness to develop a more respectful attitude towards others. Fasting is a steadier on our behaviour and an appetite for more of God in our lives.

I recommend that you journey into Lent with a solid Catholic mind. As children of God through Baptism we are called to holiness in life throughout the course of life. Holiness is a condition of life distinct from Piety which is an expression of faith. Holiness embraces our whole life and is the reader for the fullness of life when God’s final call is heard.

Create some silent moments during Lent to allow God a gentle entry into your life. God’s calming presence may broaden attentiveness to those whom you love and all whom you serve. Come out of Lent better than you entered it and rise up at Easter. Thank God for this wonderful opportunity and enjoy the journey.

Yours sincerely

(Signed)

Diocesan Administrator

Very Reverend John F Grace
Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

_Dona Nobis Pacem_ (Latin for “Grant us peace”) was brought to light in Fr Stephen Hanly’s homily at the College Feast Day Mass of St Patrick. He regaled a story of a visit to Bosnia during the Bosnian War which lasted from 1992 until 1995. He spoke about being in a small village as enemy tanks were rolling down the main street and how one of the villagers started to sing _Dona Nobis Pacem_. One by one other villagers slowly joined in until eventually the singing could be heard over the rumbling tanks. These monstrous machines ground to a halt and the soldiers within clambered out and also started to sing. For a brief moment in time all were united with _Dona Nobis Pacem_—Grant us peace. Our mass musicians sang this canon as a reflection piece and many in the congregation were moved. Thank you to Fr Stephen for joining us in the celebration of our feast day.

On St Patrick’s Day the Christian Leadership Committee held a fundraiser - Patty Cakes for Patty’s Day. Thank you to all who baked and to those who bought. We raised over $500 which will go towards Project Compassion. This year our bake sale was supported by others in the community. Paul Ruhl (father of Andrew) managed to secure an order at his work place for four dozen cakes and a big thank you goes to Tia Hogan who with the help of her mother Robyn raised nearly $200 by baking and selling Patty Cakes at Robyn’s work place. We will be selling tickets in the magnificent St Patrick’s Day fruit made and iced by Kay Ruhl (mother of Andrew) at the aquatics carnival.

**Newsletter Reflection by Andrew Ruhl – Christian Leadership Chair**

The last couple of weeks the Christian Leadership Committee of St Patrick’s has been fundraising, for Caritas Australia’s program of Project Compassion. The committee will attempt to fundraise for the poverty stricken favelas of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Maristely is the face of Project Compassion 2014, she like many children in Sao Paulo live in harsh and inhabitable conditions of the city slums. Being thrown into the deep end the people of the favelas experience the effect of having no electricity, water or sewerages systems, and worst of all they have limited access to food and education.

The favelas themselves are confined, dark and unliveable. They are irregularly constructed, on acres of land that are unstable or prone to floods, landslides and in close proximity to train lines and streets. This is why Caritas Australia is involved as they endeavour to break the chain of poverty Maristely and people of the favelas are forced into. Clean water, connection to sewerage, electricity, a decent meal and access to education is the dream that Project Compassion attempts to fulfil. The Christian Leadership Committee would like to assist in this vision becoming a reality — helping make poverty a thing of the past.

Let us pray for those souls who are less fortunate than us:

> Our Loving Creator God, we bring before you this day, the burden the whole world carries, as it endures extreme poverty and hunger in every land.
> Stretch out your loving arms, we pray, to embrace the suffering women, men and children, whose bodies, minds and spirits are shrinking before our very eyes.
> Help us to look, really look, with clear eyes and open hearts, to see the pain and hopelessness in their bewildered eyes.
> Kindle within each one of us a flame of love and purpose, and enable us to channel our love into action, in every way possible.
> For this we pray. Amen.

Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

_Zonta_

Congratulations to Isabella Poots, Kate Richards, Eleanor Fordyce and Briar Walker who represented St Patrick’s College at the Annual International Women’s Day Luncheon held by the Zonta Club of Mackay on Saturday 8 March. Ms Fraser, Mrs Richards and Ms Galvin also attended the function with the students. Isabella, Kate and Eleanor also did a tremendous job representing the college in the Young Women in Public Affairs Competition for 2014 – this competition has just celebrated its 21st anniversary and St Patrick’s has won this prestigious competition the most times. It was wonderful to see past student Jessica Grima as a guest at the breakfast celebration. Jessica was an excellent student and has gone on to have a most successful career in marketing.
Lions
Congratulations to both Michael Goode and Isabella Poots who competed in the District Lions’ Youth of the Year Competition 2014 – an outstanding effort in all areas - the interview, prepared and impromptu speeches.

Awards Night
Congratulations to the many award winners from Monday night as part of St Patrick’s Day celebrations – special congratulations to the medal winners: Nicholas Buckeridge, Monica Erba, Tegan Mackenzie, Brodie Nicholas, Kate Richards, Hayley Giles, Jonathan Grech.

Sarah Regan – Cultural Coordinator
In the lead up to St Patrick’s Day, the musicians of St Patrick’s College have been busy rehearsing during lunch hours, at Sunday Mass and of course on Monday morning prior to our St Patrick’s Day Mass. The talent within this community is astounding, and the dedication from the staff and students never ceases to amaze me. My sincere thanks to everyone involved! It was particularly heart-warming to hear the gratitude of Father Stephen Hanly, as it was a special occasion for him - his 25th anniversary to the priesthood. Thank you again to those who helped by sharing their talents!

There is an opportunity for choristers to sing and represent the College this weekend at the KMEA Regional Choral Festival. This is FREE for all participating students. Choristers must come to the following rehearsals and performance. (Please wear full academic uniform at Monday’s performance)

| REHEARSAL: | Sunday 23 March |
| TIME: | 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm |
| VENUE: | Mercy College stage area of the hall |

| REHEARSAL and CONCERT: | Monday 24 March |
| TIME: | 5.30pm Rehearsal for a 7.30pm Concert |
| VENUE: | MECC Stage |

Tickets for the Monday 7.30pm concert are on sale at a cost of $15.00 for parents. You are urged to purchase these early as they sell out very quickly.

If you are interested in representing the school at the choral festival and learning from the very talented Anthony Young (musician/conductor from St Laurence College, Brisbane), please see Miss Regan ASAP and come to C23 at lunch time on Friday for a meeting/rehearsal.

In other wonderful news, ex-student Glenn Christensen (class of 2007) has been selected as a finalist for the ABC Symphony Australia ‘Young Performer of the Year’ Awards (see below for more information). Congratulations Glenn! We’re all thinking of you and we wish you all the best!
The 12 finalists for the 2014 ABC Symphony Australia ‘Young Performer of the Year’ Awards have been announced. They are:

Andrew Kawai (Oboe, VIC), Anna Da Silva Chen (Violin, NSW), Anne-Marie Johnson (Violin, VIC), Catherine Gregory (Flute, QLD), David Soo (Piano, VIC), Glenn Christensen (Violin, QLD), Grace Clifford (Violin, NSW), James Jae-Won Moon (Piano, NSW), Kiran Phatak (Flute, WA), Michael Li (Piano, VIC), Sujin Park (Violin, NSW), and Zoe Freisberg (Violin, QLD). The finals will take place in Adelaide, in three stages over 10 days from August 19th to 28th. The ‘Young Performer of the Year’ will receive $25,000.

Brendon Brauer – Sports Coordinator

St Pat’s Aquatics Carnival
On Thursday we will be holding our annual aquatics carnival. **Attendance at this event is compulsory for all students.** The carnival will be held at Pioneer Swimming Pool commencing at 9.00 am and concluding at 2.15 pm. Following a roll mark at the college, students will travel to Pioneer Pool by bus. At the conclusion of the carnival, all students must return by bus to the college unless prior arrangements have been made. Students will need to bring a note from home if they intend leaving from the pool.

The carnival events will commence at 9.15 am with the college triathlon followed by novelty and age championship swimming events. The Aquatics carnival is our first house event for 2014 and no doubt, competition will be fierce as each house team attempts to gain supremacy over their rivals. At present, Chisholm House (Year 11 girls) and will be hard to beat with more teams entered in the triathlon than the other house teams. There are 29 individual competitors and 57 teams entered in the college triathlon comprised of a 300m swim, 6km cycle and a 2.5km run.

Cyclists must arrange for their bikes to be dropped off at the pool from 7.30 am - 9.00 am. This is the preferred way of getting bikes to the pool. Bikes can be picked up from 11.30 am - 2.30pm. Outside these times, staff will not be available to look after bikes. If parents intend dropping off bikes before 7.30 am, please leave bikes inside the pool complex and if possible, chain them to the fence.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours and the dress **theme for the day will be ‘Fanta-Sea’**.

Students are reminded to bring sunscreen, hats, suitable sun safe clothing (house colours) and a towel. Students are reminded that there is to be no coloured zinc worn in the pool. This is a request from the pool staff. Lunch (Pizzas - limited numbers) will also be available for students at their own expense.

Good luck to all house groups.

Capricornia Rugby Union and Netball Selections
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Capricornia 18 years Rugby Union and 19 years Netball teams following last week’s trials;

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Important Dates
20 March          St Patrick’s College Aquatics Carnival
21 March          Capricornia Surfing Trials (Agnes Waters)
2 May             St Patrick’s College Cross Country
Deb Millar - Indigenous Teaching Assistant

National Close the Gap Day 20 March, 2014
On average, Indigenous Australians die 17 years younger than non-indigenous Australians. Indigenous infant mortality is also three times that of other Australians. Australian governments have at last committed to close this life expectancy gap within a generation. But there is still much to be done to achieve Indigenous health equality within 25 years. Please go to link below and register your support

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Mr Schulze will be participating in the Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave this Saturday 22 March. He is aiming to raise $500 for this worthy cause. If you would like to support Mr Schulze in this worthy fundraising venture, click on the link below to his personal fundraising page.

Every 46 minutes, someone in Australia gets the news they have blood cancer.
The money you give funds emotional and practical services to help lessen the impact of diagnosis and treatment.

All Leukaemia Foundation’s services are provided free of charge.
Your donation helps to keep it that way.

Blood cancer research is urgent and vital.
Blood cancer is Australia’s second biggest cause of cancer death. The money you give will also help fund leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma research.

To donate to Mr Schulze online
Click on this link to his personal fundraising page.

Dazzle photos: Audition Day ~ Hard work commencing~ Excitement!
First Aid

Over the past three days, approximately 200 students from Early Childhood Education, Recreation and Marine and Aquatic Practices have completed their First Aid training as well as some students updating their Resuscitation training.

The pictures show the students from Early Childhood Education participating in resuscitation techniques and the use of the defibrillator machine.
Students are asked to note the exam timetable below and see Mr Gibbs for alternative times if they have an exam clash. All students are required to be in attendance at least 15 minutes before the start of the exam with all materials.

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1. Read your exam timetable carefully and note all exams. This is YOUR responsibility.
2. Turn up in plenty of time – half hour before most exams or at 8.25 am for morning exams.
3. Wear academic uniform.
4. Phone the college if you are going to be late or are ill. Illness will usually require a medical certificate to be presented when you return to school. You will still be required to complete the exam.
5. Bring all necessary equipment – spare pens, calculators, rulers, erasers, extra batteries etc in a clear container. You will **not** be allowed to borrow anything during the exams. Do not bring other materials into the exam.
6. When called over the PA, line up in classes in alphabetical order so that rolls can be marked. This order is also the order that you will sit in for the exam. Follow teacher directions.
7. Dispose of any study notes before you enter the exam room.
8. Once you enter the exam room you must remain silent and not communicate with any other student in any way. **TO DISRUPT AN EXAM IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF THE COLLEGE BEHAVIOUR CODE.**
9. During perusal, you may **not** write your answers, but, in some subjects, you may be able to write notes on the exam. Remember perusal means read thoroughly, **not** skim.
10. Read the whole paper during perusal and ask questions at that time.
11. Do not ask teachers how to answer questions – they cannot tell you and it wastes your valuable time.
12. At St Patrick’s you may not leave the exam room until the set time, ie the end of the exam.
13. No food is to be taken into exam rooms and water bottles must be kept on the floor.
14. If you wish to speak to a supervisor you must stand in your place. Do **NOT** raise your hand.
15. MP3s, Ipods, Mobile Phones etc are strictly forbidden in the exam room at all times.
16. We are under State and National requirements for the qualifications gained by senior assessment including exams – these require the college to conduct exams under strict, secure, ethical conditions.
17. Rearranging an exam can only be done under very exceptional circumstances which **MUST** be disclosed to the Administration of the college – it is not desirable because of the reasons stated above.
18. **SCHOOL NOTICES** will be posted on noticeboards each day. Please check these for any important information.