Eamon Hannan – Principal

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Malcolm Fraser early Friday morning. He came to the prime ministership under divisive circumstances with the dismissal of the Whitlam government. It was a mark of the capacity of both men that Whitlam and Fraser became staunch friends in later life. Fraser is mourned by both sides of politics which is not something that would have been imaginable in 1975.

I was struck that until recently I did not know the complete context of the “Life wasn’t meant to be easy” quote which is strongly connected to Fraser and his prime ministership in popular memory. Fraser later explained the full context of the quote from George Bernard Shaw.

"Life wasn’t meant to be easy, my child, but take courage: it can be delightful!"

In these times of exams and assignments coming due I am sure that many of our students are not finding times “easy” but I think we can remind our young people to take courage and persist because life and success in studies and whatever we work at can be truly delightful.

Clearly in the loss of Malcolm Fraser, Australia has lost a great leader, visionary, true patriot and humanitarian. He worked tirelessly for a more compassionate, humane and independent Australia. Vale Malcolm Fraser.

Industry Placement

Our Year 12 Vocational students are undergoing their first work placement for the year. This is their first priority. If they have exams during the exam block period they are required to attend their exam in the evening as indicated on the timetable. Students are not allowed to leave their work place to attend an exam during the day.

Aquatics Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Michael Comerford, staff and students for a very successful Aquatics Carnival on Friday. Students in particular are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm, participation and cooperation on the day. Special mention must also be made of Chain Petts and Slater Sammut for their initiative in bringing music to the carnival. The staff teams were successful in the Triathlon and in the relay. Congratulations to Colin house (Year 12 boys) who won the day.

St Patrick’s Family

Congratulations to past students Georgia O’Brien and Hayley Giles (Year 12, 2014) both of whom have been notified that they are the recipients of bursaries to assist with their tertiary studies. Georgia has received an Aspiring Teacher Grant which aims to promote teaching as a career path. The grants provide a one off cash incentive to high-achieving Year 12 school leavers who are starting their teaching career and undertaking an initial teacher education program at a Queensland higher education institution. This grant is awarded to 25 students state-wide and is worth $1500.

Hayley is the recipient of a Queensland University of Technology Vice Chancellor’s Academic Scholarship. The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship is QUT’s premier offering for high achievers. The university awards over 180 scholarships annually, worth $4.2 million. In addition to the financial support, the program assists students to make the most of their QUT experience through extra development opportunities, which build their leadership skills and professional networks.

Readings at Mass, Sunday 29 March 2015, Palm Sunday

First reading, Isaiah, 50:4-7 ... I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed. Psalm, Psalm 21:8-9; 17:20; 23-24 ... My God, My God, why have you abandoned me? Second reading, Philippians 2:6-11 ... He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high. Gospel, Mark 14:1-15:47 ... The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Today we mark the feast of the Annunciation (it is 9 months before 25th December) - when the angel visited Mary, announcing that she was to be the mother of Jesus: “You will conceive and bear a son, and you must name him ‘Jesus’. He will be the Son of God.” Mary asked the angel: “I am a virgin, so how can this come about?” “The Holy Spirit will cause you to conceive,” the angel told her. And Mary replied: “Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.”

The Annunciation of the Lord often falls during the season of Lent. This seems fitting, because this solemnity of the Annunciation is all about the Incarnation and in taking on human flesh, Christ became capable of suffering as we suffer. He made himself vulnerable as we are vulnerable.

Let us pray:

**Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.**

Jesus said: Come to me, all you who have heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Peace is what I leave with you - my own peace. Do not be worried or upset; do not be afraid.

Let us pray:

**Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.**

Jesus said: Be healed; get up and walk; unbind him; your sins are forgiven; be clean; go in peace and be healed of your trouble.

Let us pray:

**Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.**

Jesus said: I do not call you servants; I call you friends. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. When two or three come together in my name, I will be amongst them.

Let us pray:

**Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.**

Jesus said: I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper - the Holy Spirit, to be with you forever.

Let us pray:

**Fulfil in me, Lord, all that you have said.**

Jesus said: I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.

Amen

**Newsletter Reflection by Lucy Hamilton (Christian Leadership Chair)**

“A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table.” – Pope Francis

Over the last couple of weeks the Christian Leadership committee of St Patrick’s have been fundraising for Caritas Australia’s program of Project Compassion. This year the focus is on Food for Life, it throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. This program aims to change the lives of many people around the world but we were particularly interested in the story of Vinsen and his family from Indonesia.

Vinsen is a farmer from West Timor in Indonesia, farming was always difficult due to the poor soil quality and erosion but when weather patterns began to change drastically farming was made near impossible. To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen’s village, a
local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life, regardless of the changing weather. Because of Caritas, Vinsen and his village have been able to build stable livelihoods. Food for Life for the world’s poorest people 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 lack of food a thing of the past.

**Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum**

**Entry to Medicine**

Those students thinking of entering Medicine after school should be informed of the following organisation who assists students preparing for the UMAT. This organisation has assisted many students with their preparation and we have been asked to forward this important information. MedEntry provides resources for students and teachers, which can be accessed from a dedicated part of the www.MedEntry.edu.au/teachers website.

MedEntry was initiated as a result of a generous grant from the government body the Foundation for Australians and have a commitment to helping disadvantaged students achieve their goals.

**QCS**

While the Year 11 students are on Leadership Camp on Hamilton Island the Year 12 Groups will be doing intensive QCS or Prepare for Work training. Please ensure students know what group they are in and know what materials they require so these days are used most productively. Material required for QCS:

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**Four Steps To Employment**

1. **Review your online presence.**
   Most employers today check out applicants on the Internet and Social Media sites. What they find out about you will either increase your chances of being hired, or eliminate you. Recruiters, employers and hiring managers say that over 30 percent of the applicants they review are rejected because of what they found out about them online with Facebook and YouTube postings as the main sources for rejection.

2. **Don’t rely on advertised positions.**
   One of the biggest mistakes employees make is to focus on advertised positions. The vast majority of employment opportunities today are never advertised and learning how to find them is a skill you must develop.

3. **Focus on small companies.**
   Most employment opportunities are to be found in small companies, which include self-employed people who have more work than they can handle. Increase your chances of being hired by emphasizing that you’re open to part-time, temporary, and contract work.
4. Learn how to sell yourself.
   Many graduates are very uncomfortable with this area but it’s a skill you must develop. The good news is anyone can learn how to do it. You’ll be pleasantly surprised at how effectively you can sell yourself once you understand how the process works.

**Change of date for Year 11 Science 21 EEI**
Year 11 Science 21 students - please note that the EEI which was due on 4 May is now due to be submitted on 11 May.

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**Sean Geoghegan – Assistant to the Principal: Student Welfare**

**Brilliant father – brilliant son**
One of the hardest things to accept as a teacher is that levels of curiosity among students vary so significantly. It’s an issue because curiosity is a much better catalyst to learning than necessity. One particular story comes to mind: One day at the age of 17, Woodrow Wilson, (probably the most influential US President of the 20th Century) in one of his regular conversations with his father told him that he had experienced a “Eureka!” moment, that he had “found it” at last. When his father inquired what he had found, he replied, “A mind, sir. I’ve found I have an intellect and a first-class mind.” He explained he had been reading an abstract book, “and the ease which he mastered it convinced him that he had a mind.”

What stood behind the development of Woodrow Wilson’s remarkable intellect, and later influence, was a caring and involved father. Woodrow or ‘Tommy’ as he was known to his family was born during the American Civil War of the 1860’s when schooling in the Southern States had been suspended. Tommy was still learning his letters at age nine and would not learn to read until he was eleven. (Today he would be diagnosed with developmental dyslexia.) With the family gathered around, Tommy’s father would read aloud and deliver dramatic renditions of narrative poems along with Dickens and Sir Walter Scott. Dr Wilson let Tommy embrace language on his own, never pushing him or humiliating him for being so slow in learning to read. Dr Wilson had no faith in dogmatic education, believing that information had to permeate in order to penetrate. Tommy used to accompany his father on his rounds. On any given day, they might visit a munitions plant or foundry, a mill or a cotton gin. Afterwards his father would drill him on what they had seen and challenge the way he expressed himself. “What do you mean by that?” Dr Wilson would ask his son when he spoke in incomplete sentences. After the boy explained, his father would reply, “Then why don’t you say so?”

A number of things stand out here. Firstly, although Woodrow (Tommy) Wilson would later receive a formal education at Princeton, his early education had been driven by a parent. Secondly, it had also been driven by reading, initially by his father, which had so excited Woodrow’s imagination and curiosity that he continued to read, even in the face of enormous personal difficulty. Thirdly this father had constantly engaged his son in conversation, refining Woodrow’s ability to express himself. And this is where we come to the crucial piece of information. The facility with language which Woodrow’s father helped him develop, unlocked his remarkable intellect.

*Ms Lesley Fraser with students at Saturday School last weekend:*
### Michael Comerford – Sport Coordinator

**Netball Draw for Wednesday 31 March 2015**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

In Mid 2015 Mark Gibbs retirement from Catholic Education is official. To acknowledge Mark’s contribution to Catholic Education, Catholic Parishes, Sporting Clubs, Cultural Groups etc.

**A Celebration Dinner**

Will be held at

**St Patrick’s Hall**

On Saturday

**13 June 2015 at 7.00 pm**

More information will follow and Tickets will be available from St Patrick’s College Reception early in Term 2.
## 2015 Term 1 Year 11 & 12 Exam Timetable

Students are asked to note the exam timetable below and see Mrs Agius 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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CHILDREN’S DAY
FREE ACTIVITIES

3 MAY (10AM-1PM)

Come and join Sister Cities Mackay in celebrating Children’s Day at Canelands shopping centre. We will be set up at the front of Target with many different FREE activities for the children to enjoy. Hope to see you there!

Make a Mother’s Day card
Traditional Dress Ups
Origami
Face Painting
Calligraphy
Japanese craft activities
KENDO

SISTER CITIES MACKAY
Canelands Shopping Centre
Sunday 3 May
10am - 1pm
MERCY COLLEGE PRESENTS

“A big musical for big kids”

Bugsy Malone

April 30, May 1 & 2
@ 7:30pm

Play by Alan Parker
Words & Music by Paul Williams
An amateur production by arrangement with Warner/Chappell Music Limited