Eamon Hannan – College Principal

Lenten Reflection

In the Lenten Reflection this week the focus is on the Healing Vision. We are asked to think about our lives at the moment. How does our sharing of the Eucharist challenge us to move out of perceived closed and set ways of living?

This is the fourth week of Lent in which Sunday’s gospel is about when Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath. Jesus is criticised by the Pharisees for healing on the Sabbath which is the Jewish day of rest. The Pharisees were blinded by their own self-righteousness and were unable to accept Jesus whilst the blind man is healed and is able to see Jesus for who he really is and believe in him and to worship him.

In the reflection by Annette Rowe she quotes Catherine McAuley (founder of the Mercy Sisters) – “If we open ourselves as much as we can to the friendship of Jesus and the warmth of human love, we will grow in personal maturity, in the serenity and grace of our ‘person’. This grace is ultimately, God’s transforming work within us.”

We are asked to explore ways of opening our eyes to our living family and to reflect on our attitudes, which will then allow us to understand and honour their spirit.

The affirmation for the week is “I will strive to fully recognise that my children’s spiritual connections are an integral part of their holistic development.

“… our good God understands each one of us better than we understand ourselves.” – (1877 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Mid-semester exams and Industry Placement for Year 12

Exams conclude on Friday and classes resume next Monday for all, with the exception of those Year 12 students participating in Industry Placement which continues for another week. The last two weeks of term are vital as classes will be continuing with work for the new semester.

Aquatics Carnival

The Aquatics Carnival is now on Thursday 14 April, the second last day of term. All students are expected to attend and are sure to have a great time. We are hoping that with extra time for preparation there will be more participants in the various events and that the synchronised swimming will be very polished.

Reports for Mid-Semester

Reports will be sent home on Friday April 15, the last day of term. The mid-semester report is a brief progress report. For more detail please consult with your student who should have records of performance in various subjects kept in their diary. Early in Term 2 (28 April) there will be parent teacher interviews. Details for how to book these interviews will be sent home with the reports.

Diocesan Principal’s Conference

This week I will be attending the Rockhampton Diocesan Principal’s Conference. At the conference there will be speakers discussing the national curriculum, leadership coaching, maintaining a child safety culture and developing school culture for teaching and learning.

Next Step 2011

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual statewide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2010. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers.

Any person who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive a telephone call or instructions to complete a web-based survey by mail, between March and May 2011. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2011. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

Last Saturday marked the feast of the Annunciation (it is nine 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: 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 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

Vale Dr William (Bill) Smith

It is with sadness we remember one of the first day students of St Patrick’s College – Dr William (Bill) Smith. After a distinguished career he has gone to his heavenly reward. We reflect with joy on a life well lived, a life given to God, education and to the Church.

“In 1940, in the Chapel of Propanganda College, Rome, Father William Smith was ordained a Catholic Priest at the age of just 22 years. His ordination was at the conclusion of six years study for the priesthood, which began in 1934, when he left Mackay to undertake preparation to be a priest.

Father Bill Smith returned to Australia in 1943 and after a brief time in parish life, began teaching in the Provincial Seminary at Banyo in Brisbane. This Seminary prepared and ordained hundreds of priests for the state of Queensland and continues today under the title ‘Holy Spirit Seminary’ on the same Banyo site. Dr Bill Smith began a long career teaching in the Seminary in Brisbane, which saw him take on the role of Vice Rector and eventually Rector. Many Queensland priests have fond memories of his lecturing and formation and would speak of his supportive and pastoral advice. Dr Smith concluded his time at the Seminary in 1974 and took the role of Parish Priest at Yeppoon, West Mackay, Walkerston and St Patrick’s Mackay. Declining health prompted a move to St Francis of Assisi Home where he took on the role of Chaplain.”
(Jan Mussig The Review Feb. 2011)

Dr Bill Smith died on Sunday at the age of 92 years. He was cared for in a wonderful way by the Franciscan Sisters and the staff of the St Francis of Assisi Home.

Walk on dear Father Bill
After a wonderful life
Lived for others
Which enriched all who knew you
You have gone to the
Land of Our Lord

Funeral details for Dr Smith:
A Vigil Service will be held at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Bridge Road on Wednesday 30 March at 7:00 pm.
Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Church, River Street on Thursday 31 March at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Mt Bassett Cemetery.
### Important Dates

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### Edna Galvin - Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

**Changing Subjects – Reminder**

NO subject changes are possible at mid-semester – the only area where some movement is possible is Maths. However, if your student has not been doing homework and revision on a regular basis – this may be the reason why they have not been successful at the recent Maths exam.

Some students seem to have a very busy part-time work life and social life. One CAN NOT work hours a week, party several hours a week and be successful at senior study. Those students who are doing that now will regret those choices next year.

St Patrick’s College is about serious senior study – for some of you it is reflection and commitment time.

**Non-OP subjects**

It seems a good time to remind students that all subjects require work, however, one should be doing subjects that are appropriate for your skills and future plans NOT what is easiest for you.

- Maths A is a subject all senior students should be capable of being successful in if homework and revision is completed.
- Prevocational Maths is a subject for those who really struggle with Maths concepts and need some basic Maths for their career – it is NOT for students who do not wish to work in class and at home on Maths A.

### Bianca Johnston - Cultural Coordinator

**Reminder:** All co-curricular groups / ensembles will recommence next week (week commencing 4 April).

**Performance opportunity**

The College Choir and Handbell Ensemble have been asked to perform at Holy Trinity Church Sunday Series Concert on Sunday 12 June. Please note this in your diary and calendar.

**New Zealand Cultural Tour:**

Thank you to the families and students that have paid their deposit and completed and returned their travel insurance forms and dietary forms. We appreciate your organisation. The payment plan is outlined below for all cultural travellers.

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**Cultural Tour Fundraising**

Congratulations to the number of students who have successfully sold the Rotary Raffle tickets. More tickets are still available. Please return ticket butts and money to the College Bursar. Please ensure money is counted and sorted BEFORE handling in the money.

To assist with the cost associated with transporting instruments and equipment, other fundraising events have been scheduled. Please take note of the following dates and venues. Volunteers and helpers will be required to run some of these fundraisers. Please watch out for letters and notices regarding these events.

- PORTERS Car Wash and Hot Dog Stall – Sunday 10 April
- THE GOOD GUYS Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 30 April

Watch this space for more information.

### Brendon Brauer – Sport Coordinator

**Capricornia Trials Success**

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Alex Hay who was recently selected in the Capricornia 19 years Touch team that will travel to Noosa for the state titles in May. Capricornia trials were held last week for 19 years rugby league, hockey, basketball and soccer. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Capricornia sporting teams and will now attend State Title events in the coming months.
Important Dates

March
31 Capricornia Trials – Rugby Union, Squash, Netball

April
14 Aquatics Carnival
29 Cross Country

May
5 Girls Soccer commences
30 Mackay District Cross Country trials

19 years Basketball (Brisbane 26 - 29 May)
- Jessica Healy
- Rachel McKenzie
- Joshua Eccott
- Callum Erickson
- Nicholas Andrew
- Justin Black
- Alex Jokovich

19 years Hockey (Brisbane 19 - 22 May)
- Lachlan Walker

19 years Touch (Noosa 6 - 8 May)
- Alex Hay

19 years Rugby League (Cairns 19 - 22 May)
- Brendan Mansfield
- Eamon Kelly
- Stephen Jones

Mackay District Open Girls Netball Competition
Round 1 of the MDSSN competition will be played tonight with all St Pat’s teams involved. Game times are as follows:

- 3.45 pm St Pat’s White v St Pat’s Green (St Pat’s Red to umpire)
- 4.45 pm St Pat’s Black v Sarina A
- 4.45 pm St Pat’s Red v Mirani A (St Pat’s White and Green to umpire)
- St Pat’s Blue v Mercy Firsts

Also, St Pat’s Black and St Pat’s Blue have an umpiring duty at 3.45 pm. Players are reminded to let their coach know if they cannot attend their game. Good luck to all teams playing tonight.

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St Patrick’s / Mercy College Rugby League Program (Mr Kevin Blakey)
Welcome to 2011 St Patrick’s Rugby League season. This year begins a new phase in Rugby League with the merger of St Patrick’s College and Mercy College to promote a stronger Rugby League base. This year St Patrick’s College will be fielding two teams in the local competition and from these two teams, St Patrick’s College will select a team for the Super 8 competition and Confraternity team.

We would like to welcome Mr Maurie Fatnowna as the coach for the Red Team, as well as being the Super 8 and Confraternity coach. Mr Kevin Blakey (St Patrick’s College Rugby League and Gym Coordinator) will be the Manager for this team. Our Blue Team will be coached for another year, by Mr Barry Vella and managed by Miss Swaleha Ali. Our trainer this year will be Miss Nicole Banney, who is a past student and has the credentials of a personal trainer which will assist the players in fitness, skills and personalised programs for the gym.

Our aim for the Rugby League program this year is to create:

- A student that is well rounded academically and sportingly by achieving goals in their schooling lives;
- An active healthy student;
- Identify individuals with Rugby League ability and talent and nurture it over the period of the program;
- Behaviour and school marks / effort are linked to the individual being permitted to play football;
- Create a universal weights and dietary plan, athletic and skills ability tests that can track the individual and show progress;
- Create a healthy football culture within the school, having the whole school take ownership of the team and its achievements;
- Formulate a way to assess the progress of the team and program structure on a yearly basis to ensure we reach our end goals and the program has the ability to change and evolve;
- Create a goal and a time frame to achieve that goal;
- Win Confraternity Shield within 5 years;
- Reach finals of NQ Cowboys Super 8’s competition in U15’s and Open.

To achieve these aims we need all stakeholders (parents, students, sponsors and school) to actively participate in their son’s dedication to both education and Rugby League through growth and good conduct.

St Patrick’s College requires its students to perform academically (at least to a Sound Level of achievement) and adhere to college rules and procedures both in the classroom and on the sporting field. Student’s selection for the Super 8 and Confraternity teams relies on the following:

- Completing all assessment and classwork for their chosen subjects;
- Behaviour and Code of Conduct;
Commitment to the Rugby League Program (which includes attending compulsory gymnasium sessions (at least 2 sessions per week), attending all training sessions (regardless of injury), attending all school functions and attending all games) and displaying leadership and growth from the Rugby League Program;

Reliability to both coaches and team members;

Consistent playing and training ability in the local competition.

St Patrick’s College would like to introduce the two teams for the 2011 Rugby League season. Congratulations to all the players on their selection. Special congratulations to the students that have been chosen in the Leadership Team. They will assist coaches during the 2011 season. They are: Eamon Kelly, Brendan Mansfield, Ayden Daniel, Stephen Jones, Jake Fortescue and Josh Ingram. The following teams were selected equally as a requirement for the local competition.

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The local competition will commence on 6 April and a full draw will be issued to all players shortly. The Super 8’s competition will be conducted on the following dates 10 May, 31 May, 8 June and the Final will be held on the 15 June. Confraternity will be held at St Brendan’s College Yeppoon this year from the 27 June to 2 July 2011, which is the first week of the school holidays.

For the Rugby League Program to be successful, we need support and assistance from all parents, students, teachers and administration. If you wish to find out any further information please contact me at the College on 4944 7200. See you all at the games this year.

Rugby League Fundraiser:

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Edie Weiss – Guidance Counsellor

Women in Hard Hats

Recently a group of 9 female students attended a ‘Women in Hard Hats’ workshop at CQ University. A range of speakers encouraged them not to be afraid to enter the traditionally male careers of mining, construction and engineering. Through their own success stories they demonstrated that girls can do anything! The girls came away with a determination to follow their dreams to be diesel fitters, mechanics, electricians and engineers.

As a follow up I accompanied two of the girls on a special all female tour of Hastings Deering CAT facilities at Paget. We were dwarfed by the huge machinery, but learnt that with modern lifting devices and Workplace Health and Safety rules, that strength and size is no obstacle, and that girls can do anything!

RSL Youth Development Program 2011 Grant Winner

Congratulations to Brittany-Elise Johansen for being a winner in the RSL Youth Development Program for the second year. To win this award Brittany-Elise had to demonstrate high achievement in areas of academic, sporting or community achievement. She also had to write an essay on the importance of the RSL and ANZAC values to Australia’s youth.
Current Year 11 students are encouraged to find out more at www.bond.edu.au/rslyouth/apply. Applications open on ANZAC day and close on November 11, two very significant days for the RSL.

Community Service
Whether you want to work for the mines, the defence force, in retail, business, hospitality, healthcare, construction or anywhere else, one common feature that prospective employers look for on a resume is some evidence of community service. This demonstrates that you don’t just think about yourself, but consider others less fortunate and are therefore likely to be a better employee and team player in the work force. It also gives the youth an appreciation of the wider community.

At St Pat’s we offer a variety of opportunities for students to participate and get the rewarding feeling of satisfaction that goes with doing something for no monetary reward, and often no formal thank you. Recently students ventured out to ‘Clean up Australia’ despite the rain. Others have been donating blood, and next term they will be able to visit the elderly on a regular basis. We have fundraisers for organizations such as Leukaemia Foundation, Caritas, Cancer Council, Bandana Day, World Vision with the Forty Hour Famine, the victims of natural disasters, and we also participate in door knocks. Students can also be involved in music liturgy and a variety of performance services. The list is endless, both within school and outside of school. Why not consider coaching a young team in your favourite sport, cut the grass for a neighbour, volunteer at an Op shop, raise money for a worthy cause. But don’t just do it because it will look good on your resume or get you a scholarship, do it from the goodness of your soul. “Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless”.

Jodie Zahmel - Hospitality Teacher
On 15 March the Year 12 Hospitality class visited the Mackay Tourism & Hospitality Expo at the MECC. Exhibitors were there to showcase the local tourism and hospitality industry. Students were presented a passport upon entry and encouraged to visit each venue and collect a stamp and answer a question from each stall. Completed passports were to be handed into the Mackay Tourism Stall to enter into the draw for a class set of tickets to ‘Circus Oz’ on Wednesday 10 August 2011 at 7:00 pm. Kirsten Jordan won the Passport Competition for the class and also received accommodation for two adults and up to three children at Club Crocodile Airlie Beach for two nights and a Cruise Whitsunday Great Barrier Reef Trip for two adults and three children. Another competition available on the day was two tickets to River Sessions. These were won by Jordan Farren-Price. The students witnessed coffee making demonstrations, cooking demonstrations where some students even tried snails, crocodile and kangaroo. Each student was given a gift bag upon entry and collected many items during the expo from USBs, swimming caps, calculators, mini spotlights and stationery. A very worthwhile and interesting event.

Mass of the Oils - 13 April 2011 at 7.00 pm
St Joseph’s Cathedral, Rockhampton
Calling for expressions of interest!
Would you like to join in celebrating the Mass of the Oils at Rockhampton? This is a great opportunity to join together as a Diocese to renew our Baptismal promises. If enough people are interested we may be able to organize a bus, or arrange carpooling for the event.

We are looking to leave Mackay not later than 3.00 pm on 13 April 2011, but are open to suggestion about the return trip. If you are keen to attend, please contact Angela to advise preferred travel times. Phone: 4944 7270 or 0413 562 652 or email alooby@stpats.qld.edu.au to register your interest by 01 April 2011.