Eamon Hannan – College Principal

We are an Easter people. All the Sunday church readings at the moment are about the resurrection stories. The disciples have all been terrified and depressed with what they have seen happen to their leader of whom they expected great things. Interestingly, often when they meet the risen Jesus they do not immediately recognise Him. In the stories such as on the road to Emmaus we find the disciples welcoming and entertaining a stranger who explains the whole story of Jesus to them. It is only when they break bread together that the disciples realise that it is Jesus present with them.

It is an incredible story how a group of frightened and demoralised disciples are inspired through meetings with the risen Jesus and the testimony of those who saw Him to found a church that still flourishes today. Perhaps one of the meanings we can take from the Emmaus story is to be listening for Jesus’ voice in our lives because He is likely to be speaking to us through people where we do not immediately recognise Him.

The readings for next Sunday’s mass are First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6, Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25, Gospel: John 10:1-10
Read more: http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm#15#ixzz1LtsVQ5aG

Hamilton Island Camp
We take our Year 11 students to Hamilton Island for our induction camp at this time every year. It is an essential component of our pastoral care and curriculum initiatives with Year 11 students. At St Patrick’s College we spend a great deal of time particularly in this first semester of Year 11 encouraging students to grow up and to start preparing for the adult world. This camp has a variety of inputs and opportunities to enable students to become young adults and to get serious about their vocations, their relationships and their studies. For many of our students it is not only a highlight of Year 11 but a turning point.

It looks like the weather for our students and staff on Hamilton will be enviable. As well as learning about themselves we hope that the students all have a great time. I would like to publically thank Mrs Janelle Agius who has been the college’s chief negotiator with all the various agencies on Hamilton Island and the person who has done the majority of the organisation. Mr Sean Gagehegan, Ms Lesley Fraser and the pastoral team have also been very involved in the organisation of activities, prayers and input with students.

Year 12 QCS preparation and Prepare for Work Group
The Year 12 students get to stay at school and work really hard practising for the QCS test and or spending three days in activities to get “work ready”. Ms Edna Galvin has structured an excellent preparation for the QCS test and these three days are just part of a year-long programme.

Queensland Catholic Secondary Principals Conference
Last week I was fortunate to participate in the Catholic Secondary Principal’s Conference in Townsville. The focus of the conference was Education for All. There were sessions about personalised learning, about mathematics learning (from prep right through to high school), Trade Training Centres, school initiatives and caring for mental health in students and staff.

Men Alive Retreat
On the 21st and 22nd of May there will be a Catholic retreat that is open to all men. If you are needing a spiritual check-up or boost I can personally thoroughly recommend this retreat. It will be held at the college over the weekend (after next). The cost of the weekend is $50 which includes materials, BBQ dinner and lunch on Sunday. There will be opportunities for Reconciliation on Saturday and Mass on Sunday. Please feel free to ring me at the college for more information.

St Patrick’s Family
We welcome back Mrs Jan Barnett from Long Service Leave where she visited Europe. We are looking forward to hearing what she learned from the book fair in Paris that she visited.
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

**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

**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

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Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

This week the Year 11 students along with 29 teachers are on camp at Hamilton Island. During the morning reflections we will look at the founders of the two Year 11 houses, Catherine McAuley and Edmund Rice. Both of these, decided to help people in need. St. Patrick’s College embraces Social Justice and encourages students to make a difference in this world. The key value of Social Justice involves promoting a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity. It is based on a belief that all people share a common humanity and therefore have a right to equitable treatment, support for their human rights, and a fair allocation of community resources.

Mother Teresa was someone who lived and breathed Social Justice every day. She told a story just before she died which is very thought-provoking and inspiring. “When I pick up a person from the street, hungry, I give them a plate of rice, a piece of bread. But a person who is shut out, who feels unwanted, unloved, terrified, the person who has been thrown out of society – that spiritual poverty is much harder to overcome. Those who are materially poor can be very wonderful people. One evening we went out and we picked up four people from the street. And one of them was in a most terrible condition. I told the Sisters: ‘You take care of the other three; I will take care of the one who looks worse’. So I did for her all that my love can do. I put her to bed, and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hand, as she said the words: ‘Sister I am going home to God’ – and she died. It was so wonderful to see the greatness of that woman who could speak like that without blaming anybody. Like an angel – this is the greatness of people who are spiritually rich even when they are materially poor...

Life is...
Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realise it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is costly, care for it.
Life is wealth, keep it.
Life is a love, enjoy it.
Life is mystery, know it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
Amen

Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

QCS

Last week the Year 12 QCS students were given a ‘Student Information Bulletin – all you need to know about the Queensland Core Skills Test’, a publication from the Queensland Studies Authority. This has been used in class but the students now have it to keep for reference and study at home. They were also reminded to make sure they had the correct equipment outlined in this book and in class for the tests this week. They have been very good at doing this but we have included the list below for parents to be aware of as well.

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- Ruler
- Approved calculator
- Highlighter
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- Any other items, eg paper, protractor, drawing compass, electronic devices

### Short Response
- Pens (black ink)
- Pencil
- Protractor
- Drawing compass
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Approved calculator
- Transparent container for equipment
- Other approved items as permitted by the chief supervisor
- Any other items, eg paper, electronic devices

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1. A special note on electronic devices: No mobile phones, iPods or translators are permitted. No form of personal computer is permitted, eg laptop, notebook, hand-held organiser, pocket PC.
2. The calculator you use is to be hand-held, battery operated, noiseless and not attached to a printer. The calculator must not have a spell-checker, dictionary, thesaurus or translator functions or Computer Algebra System (CAS) facility. It should be able to perform basic functions, including powers. Items for the test are developed so that using a calculator that has more advanced functions, such as those of a graphics calculator, should not constitute an advantage or disadvantage for a student. Therefore, graphics calculators (without CAS facilities) may be used. Since mobile phones are not permitted, you should not depend on using the calculator function on your phone. Become proficient at using the calculator you will take into the test.

### Winter Uniform
Just a reminder to students to ensure they have purchased the correct uniform for the cooler months ahead.

### Debating
Good luck to all our debaters as the end of the competition approaches.

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**Bianca Johnston - Cultural Coordinator**

**New Zealand Cultural Tour:** Thank you to the families and students that have made payments and returned their travel insurance forms and dietary forms. All touring students must now have a passport. Please ensure a colour copy of the identification page is given to Mrs Johnston. We appreciate your organisation. The payment plan is outlined below for all cultural travellers.

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### Tour Meeting:
A tour meeting has been scheduled for all touring students and parents on Thursday 26th May at 6:00 pm in the Common Room. This meeting will highlight all aspects of travel and the tour. The touring team look forward to working with you and your families.

### Upcoming Performances:
The College Choir have recently received information regarding singing at the Daly and Styles Wedding on Saturday 11th June. Singers and members of the Handbell Ensemble have also received information about the performance at Holy Trinity Church Sunday Series Concert on Sunday 12th June. Students must return their permission forms to the College by Monday 16th May.

### Cultural Group Uniforms:
It is important all performers of the college groups organise their performance uniforms for these events! Uniform requirements are outlined on the next page.
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**Mackay Eisteddfod:**
Get your entries in! There is only one week until entries close! All entries for the annual Eisteddfod close 5:00 pm Wednesday 18 May, 2011.

**Upcoming dates and events:**
- *Thursday 19 May:* NZ tour payment 4 due
- *Friday 27 May:* All tour fundraising must be finalised
- *Friday 3 June:* Cultural Night (tour preview concert) TBC
- *Monday 6 June:* NZ tour payments to be finalised
- *Saturday 11 June:* Choir and Mass Singers perform at Wedding
- *Sunday 12 June:* Choir, Handbells and music students perform at Holy Trinity Church Concert Series.
- *Sunday 3 July:* New Zealand Cultural Tour departs

**What’s on in the Community:**
A number of students have expressed interest in attending the preview performance of Mackay Musical Comedy Players’ new show “Monty Python’s Spamalot”. This performance will be held at the Mackay Entertainment Centre at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 18 May. Students are required to bring $10 on the night and meet Mr Peter Scott and Mr Dean Andric in the MECC foyer between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm. All students are welcome to attend. If you’re interested please see Mr Andric.

Tickets are available at the MECC for all public shows. (Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 May).

*Brendon Brauer – Sport Coordinator*

**Mackay District Cross Country Trials**
St Pat’s was represented by 11 students at Monday’s Mackay District Cross Country trials that were held at the Pioneer Valley Golf Club. Unfortunately some late withdrawals resulted in our team having substantially less participants than recent years. The behaviour and efforts of our students was appreciated by the cross country coaching staff. Our eleven runners demonstrated outstanding school spirit in their willingness to represent the college and in their effort at the event. They managed to record some outstanding results on the day with six students qualifying for the Capricornia trials which will be held at Emerald on Monday May, 30. Students who would like to attend this event must return their medical form and levy to the college bursar by Monday, May 16. The successful students are as follows:

- 17 years Boys: Riley Adair (2nd), Jackson Buchanan (4th)
- 17 years Girls: Jenna Bugeja (2nd)
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**Edie Weiss – Guidance Counsellor**

**Australian Defence Force Gap Year**

The ADF is offering their Gap Year programme in 2012 for the Army. Students go through the normal entry procedure for the ADF but only sign on for one year. Application is online and starts on [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au).

**Seize the Day Study Awards**

Cancer Council Queensland offer financial scholarships to help with the costs of post-secondary education. Students who have experienced cancer personally or with a close family member are encouraged to apply. For more information call 131 120 or visit [www.cancerqld.org.au](http://www.cancerqld.org.au).

**St Leo's College Information and Interviews**

The principal of St Leo’s College will be at St Patrick’s on [Wednesday 18 May](#) to meet with year 12 boys interested in staying there next year. It is highly recommended that any interested students attend this meeting, and they need to sign on at the Counsellor’s office. Below is some information supplied by the St Leo’s.

**St Leo’s College**

St Leo’s is the Catholic Men’s Residential College set within the grounds of the University of Queensland, providing accommodation in 2011 for 215 young men, 88% of whom come from rural/regional Queensland and northern NSW. Enrolments for 2012 will close 31 August 2011.
Conducted by the Christian Brothers, the College provides for individual living within a Catholic academic community. Life at St Leo's improves one's chances of success at University. The University of Queensland Vice Chancellor Professor Paul Greenfield AO has praised the work of St. Leo's that functions effectively as a microcosm of learning and discovery within the larger university community. St Leo's students perform above average in studies ranging from Medicine, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Science and Engineering to Music, Arts, Law, Education and Business/Economics.

With costs comparing favourably to a rented house, all meals catered, free car parking, rooms cleaned weekly and tutorials provided free in any subject required, a full sporting and cultural competition, the Leo's gym, a tennis/basketball court and free access for Leonians to the UQ Swimming Pool, Track & Field, Tennis & Squash facilities, each resident is encouraged to study hard whilst enjoying himself in the young adult community of College life.

St Leo's College always performs at the top level in the Inter-College Sporting Competition. St Leo's is a College of both the creative and performing arts. The regular formal dinners include musical performances. St. Leo's has a grand piano, three upright pianos, music practice areas, full drum kit.

Upon entry, St Leo's offers Music and Equity scholarships. For full details of St Leo's scholarship program, see the website. The College website www.stleos.uq.edu.au provides more detail and pictures.

2011 Catholic Schools Community Race Day Wrap-up
A great afternoon trackside was had by all in the Catholic School Race Day Marquee on Saturday 7 May. Entertainment by Brian Grundy and Nicola Byrne, food by the Railway Hotel Marian and of course the Turf Club adequately kept the drink supplies up to meet the demand of our group. Flowers by Lisa provided elegant table decorations for us once again and Blue River Ice supplied us with eskies and ice.

A complementary glass of champagne at the marquee entry welcomed 350+ race goers, along with the biggest Fashions on the Field so far! Thank you Stewart Bagley and Edna Galvin for judging the tough competition!

Thank you to our cash sponsors: Bold, Spantech, AE Smith and Mackay First Aid Supplies.

We have started planning next year’s event and look forward to another afternoon socialising. A very big THANK YOU to our extended Mackay Catholic Community for your support!

Mackay Catholic Schools Race Day Committee

MenALIVE Weekend Retreat for Men is SOON. It is happening on the 21/22nd May in Mackay. Like 1600 other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God’s purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from Brisbane will be running the retreat. There is still time to register. Forms are available in the church foyer, or phone Alan Zamp 0400 395 867, Brett Comerford 0407 647 654, Des Crowe 0409 052 700 or Eamon Hannan 4951 0058.