Eamon Hannan – Principal

Congratulations to all involved in the CATS musical last month. We had a series of “Thank You” celebrations for staff, students, parents and members of the wider community involved in the production over the weekend. Students were able to see a recording of their Friday night performance. It was great to see the students singing along and applauding each other as they watched the show. The weekend was capped off by our musical making the front page of this week’s Catholic Leader – a statewide publication.

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Exams start shortly (the Year 11 Maths A exam is on Friday this week); with the main exam block beginning next Thursday. Students are encouraged to have an organised study timetable to work through the exam period.

Year 11 Work placement

We wish our Year 11 students who are participating in Work Placement last two weeks of term well. This is a great opportunity to explore future work options. For our students it is as much about ruling future careers out as finding careers that they will really enjoy. All students are expected to make attending work every day their first priority. For this reason exams for students on work placement are scheduled in the evenings during the exam period.

Get the most out of your brain

Brain research would indicate some key factors that help our brains to work more effectively. John Medina in a recent publication *Brain Rules* outlines twelve rules for our brains. I would like to share several of them here with you.

The first of these is **exercise**. Research findings are very clear that at any age exercise improves brain function and the effect begins with even moderate amounts of exercise. Our brains whilst around 2% of our body mass use up to 20% of our body’s energy. The brain receives its energy via the blood stream and waste products are removed the same way. The healthier our cardio vascular system is the better our brain function will be.
Another rule is that each of our brains are “*wired*” differently. What we do and what we learn wires our brain so that no two brains are alike. We have a great many ways of being intelligent.

Another important rule especially around exam time is that our brains can only give the “spotlight” of *attention to one thing at a time*. That is, our brains do not learn whilst multitasking. We are better at seeing patterns and abstracting meaning than we are at recording detail and emotional arousal and connection to the learning helps us to learn.

During exam time especially we should know that our short term memories work best with *repetition*. The more elaborately we encode a memory during its initial moments the stronger that memory will be.

Long term memories are strengthened with *time and repetition*. To make long term memory more reliable, incorporate new information gradually and repeat it in timed intervals. That is, careful revision on a regular basis rather than cramming is best for long term memory. In the exam block plan your study to have time to go over work and repeat it each day. That is, build up to exams rather than just do all your major study for an exam the day or evening before.

The last I will share with you today is *Sleep well – Think well*. Our brains show vigorous rhythmical activity while we are asleep processing what we have learned. Loss of sleep hurts attention, executive function, working memory, mood, quantitative skills, logical reasoning and even motor dexterity. We all need different amounts of sleep. Adolescents who are growing their bodies and brains need significantly more sleep than older adults. To be at your best during exams get the right amount of sleep *for you*. Late night studying at this time of year can be very disruptive to your sleep patterns and have a very damaging effect on your ability to perform.

**South Africa Trip**

We all were envious as we saw the travel packs and itinerary that Mr Geoghegan has organised for the travellers going to South Africa over the June holiday break. The group had an important briefing on Monday night. We are grateful for the energy and expertise that Mr Geoghegan brings to the St Pat’s tours each year. We wish them bon voyage.

**St Patrick’s Family**

Ms Amarlie Carroll has returned to Mackay following her surgery last month. She wants to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and various expressions of support. At present she is getting stronger in her recovery from surgery and has as you would expect a very positive outlook towards the further treatment that is required. This treatment will begin in Brisbane later in July and she will need our ongoing support and prayers.

Congratulations to Mr Brendon Brauer who competed successfully in the Cairns Ironman on the weekend. Mr Brauer completed the 3.8 km swim, 180km bike ride and 42.2 km marathon run in a time of 9 hours 46 minutes. He was 43rd out of 899 competitors and 7th in his category. With these excellent results Mr Brauer has qualified for the Hawaii Ironman later in the year. He is a fabulous role model as a physical education teacher and sports master.

**Mass readings for Sunday**

**Sunday readings – Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)**

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi. Catholics are invited to participate in a Corpus Christi Parade from St Joseph’s Church to St Patrick’s Church this Sunday afternoon. There is more information regarding this parade at the end of this newsletter.

- **First Reading:** Exodus 24: 3-8
- **Psalm:** Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-18
- **Second Reading:** Hebrews 9: 11-15
- **Gospel:** Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26
Lesley Fraser - Assistant to the Principal: APRE

Jesus promised that when two or three would get together in his name, then he would be with them. Let’s take him at his word today, and remember that he is present with us, and looks on us with love...

Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen (27 March 1845 – 10 February 1923) was a German physicist, who, on 8 November 1895, produced and detected electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range today known as x-rays. The discovery of X-rays (seeing deep within people) soon led to great developments in medicine. From that time on, doctors would be able to see what was below the surface of the skin without needing to perform operations to do so. We are going to use for our prayer one of the psalms from the Bible. We reflect on God seeing deep within us, always looking on us with love:

Let us pray:

Lord, lover of life,
you know the depths
of my innermost self,
and you understand me.
You protect me on every side,
shielding me from all harm.
When you put me together carefully
in my mother’s womb,
you knew all about me.
I thank you for the wonder of myself
and I stand in awe
at all that you have made.
Guide me in your ways.
Amen.
(from Psalm 138/9)

Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

WRITTEN EXAM – ALL STUDENTS

During the exam block all students, with the exception of the Year 12 Industry Placement group, will be completing a written test. For the Year 12 QCS group this will be important practice for the Core Skills test as well as feedback to the QCS staff to see how the students are progressing. For ALL other students it is a most important check on their written literacy. The students have already undertaken a test on their reading literacy and this is the next step in collecting data to assist our students to write and communicate more effectively. Literacy remains a most important aspect of all workplaces – regardless of what technologies are invented in the future, literacy will remain a most vital life and workplace skill.

Exam Rules

As exams are just around the corner – please ensure that students are now increasing their study. Exam rules for Year 11 and 12 are quite strict. Students must be in attendance at the correct time or provide a medical certificate. The college exam requirements are as follows:

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 full 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.

Mark Gibbs – Assistant to the Principal: Administration

Adolescents and the Truth (a reprint from a 2009 comment)

As we are all aware, teaching involves much more than creating academic learning opportunities. We often have cause to congratulate students for their achievements, and sadly we also at times have cause to castigate them for minor and major transgressions.

Sometimes those offences require communication with parents/guardians. When contact is made, every effort is made to present the relevant facts consistent with a fair interpretation of the situation.

Unfortunately, there are occasions when the school’s version of the situation is flatly rejected on the basis of “She couldn’t have done it, because she said she didn’t and I believe her because she doesn’t lie.”

The young people in our care are developing into adults, and part of that process is the creation of an independent identity. Misrepresentation of the facts is sometimes a statement of that independence as adolescents make their own decisions about where they should be, who with, and what they should be doing. That adolescents feel forced to conceal or misrepresent facts is indisputable. Anecdotal evidence as well as academic research clearly indicates that communication between adolescents and adults is punctuated at times by misleading communication, including omission/concealment of facts, half truths and outright lies.
It is both unrealistic and counterproductive to blindly defend an adolescent based on a childhood history of honesty, because adolescents are driven by different imperatives, and the importance of parental approval is often not as important as peer approval. It is that conflict that causes the “need” for dishonesty at some level and at some times. This is a source of pain for parents, because it highlights that the child they love dearly is beginning to separate himself from their control by asserting the desire to make his or her own rules.

Of course, no one would suggest that adolescents are fundamentally dishonest, least of all the young people themselves. There does, however, remain a need for a sense of balance, and a willingness to let the evidence speak for itself when our young people make mistakes, because it is by accepting the consequences of those mistakes that they grow into adults of whom we can be proud.

**Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator**

**Co-Curricular Arts Music Camp:**
Over the past semester students have been learning and exploring different techniques and music that have created the musical sounds of 2012. To further enhance the talents of each group, a Music Camp is being held from Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July at Halliday Bay Resort. This is a great opportunity for students to get to know other students, prepare music and ensembles for upcoming events and celebrate the musical talent within our school community.

**Camp information overview:**

**Venue:** Halliday Bay Resort  
**Date:** Thursday 19th July – Saturday 21st July

Students are required to meet at St Patrick’s College **by 3:30pm** and be ready to depart the College by bus at **4:00pm** to ‘Halliday Bay Resort’. (**All students must travel together in the bus**)

The camp will conclude with a concert at ‘Halliday Bay Resort’ at **2:30pm** Saturday with light refreshments available from the beachside café / bar from 2:00pm. Parents/Guardians will be required to pick up child/children from Halliday Bay Resort after the concert (estimated time of finish is 3:30pm)

Students will receive information regarding this camp during rehearsals throughout the week. Please look out for information regarding this event. Camp fees and permission forms are due **by Friday 15th June**.

**Cats Celebrations and DVD:**

Over the weekend the students, staff, helpers, musicians and volunteers came together to celebrate the huge success of the College musical production of Andrew Lloyd Webbers ‘CATS’. The cast, band and helpers reunited and enjoyed watching their creative efforts / performance of the production. The memory certainly has begun a memory that will live forever. Thank you once again to everyone involved. This production would not have been such a success without the dedicated, passionate and friendly team.

If you ordered a DVD, it is now ready for collection from Mrs Rose Christensen.
Handbell Workshops / Training:
During the week, students of the Handbell ensemble will be participating in Handbell Workshops and training sessions. The Handbell Society of Australasia (HSA) is bringing the International Handbell Clinician and Conductor, Debbie Rice to Mackay.

The St Patrick’s College Ringers will experience the art of ringing with Ms Rice this Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm – 5:30pm. Students are required to meet in Jubilee Hall immediately after school to set up and meet the guest conductor. All students must participate in this exciting workshop opportunity and remain in the workshop until the conclusion of the session. We look forward to hearing from the students of their experiences.

Over the weekend, some of our students from the college will also participate in the weekend handbell course “The HSA Handbell Musician Certificate”. This is a wonderful opportunity for St Patrick’s handbell ringers. We wish these students all the very best with their studies and course preparation.

For more information please feel free to contact by email Mrs Carmel Daveson at carmel@ehw.net.au or telephone her on 0408728952.

Brendon Brauer – Sport
Interschool Volleyball Competition
Congratulations to our open girls’ volleyball team who qualified for the grand final following a convincing defeat of North Mackay SHS. In last night’s grand final the girls were defeated in two close sets by Pioneer SHS. The girls have played at a high level throughout the competition but they unfortunately couldn’t defend the strong attacks that Pioneer constructed consistently throughout both sets. Our girls should be very proud of their achievements in this competition. The team for last night’s grand final was as follows;

Natalie Conroy
Imagion Carlyle-Brauer
Rachel Lagan
Hannah Curti
Rebekah Wilhelmi
Amy Linkert
Jordyn Price
Jasmine Parotta

Important Dates
June 25 QISSN (Netball) and Confraternity Shield (Rugby League) Carnival

Netball Draw for Wednesday 13 June

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Bernadette Guthrie - Lawn Bowls

Congratulation goes to our team of Bradley Dunn and Lachlan Walker who won the All Schools Cup Challenge for Mackay and will now compete at the State Finals in September.

The semi-final and final was played on Sunday with each game demanding our St. Pats team to play at their best. Their focus and determination was evident and recognised by the many spectators from the bowls club.

Special mentions needs to be made of Bradley’s game, as he was awarded ‘Player of the Carnival’ and was presented with a set of bowls from the Suburban Bowls Club.

Janelle Agius – Year Coordinator

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal will be held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre on Saturday July 28. The set up theme for the tables and decorations for the evening will be “Masquerade”. Please note it is optional if students wish to wear masks. Tickets for the formal will be available for purchase from Tuesday 22nd May until June 15th at the St Patrick’s College office; cost is $110.00. No tickets will be sold after June 15th due to MECC catering restrictions. Any student with special dietary requirements is asked to contact Mrs Agius by July 14.

The formal begins with a family function at 6.45pm and will end at 11.30pm. Students will not be permitted to leave before this time. Booking times for the official photographer are available in 5 minute time slots from 3.30pm on the day of the formal. These bookings can only be made through Mrs Agius. After receipt of a $10 deposit, students are to go to Mrs Agius office to fill out a timeslot. A flyer containing more detailed information about the photographer is attached to this newsletter. Students will also be handed information.
William Cassells - VET coordinator

Year 11 Work Placement

Next week the Year 11 vocational students commence their first placements as members of St Patrick’s College and for many it is their first ever placement.

All students should have shared their materials with you at his stage and it is mandatory that the contract with the 4 signatures be returned to the College before placement commences. This can be a daunting time for some as they process through the industry contact, interview and eventual work time and your support in assisting the understanding of work requirements and good habits will be appreciated. To make this experience as fulfilling as possible it is essential that each student adheres to the employer’s requirements remembering that is also a College activity and as such as St Patrick’s representatives normal expectations regarding behaviour apply.

During the course of the 2 weeks employers will be contacted and visited. Students will need to make sure they have their log books up to date as these will be discussed at this time. In the event of a student being sick, it is essential that the employer is notified as soon as possible and the College contacted at the same time. It wastes considerable time for all involved if this process is not followed and ultimately reflects badly on the student.

As this coincides with the examination period for the rest of the College, the few students that will have an exam to sit are required at School after work on the day the exam is scheduled. Please check the exam timetable and be aware of this commitment. Attendance in work attire is permitted.

Should there be any further questions please contact the College.

Glen Smith – Mathematics Head of Department

McDonald’s Mathematics Team Challenge

The McDonald’s Mathematics Team Challenge was again held at St. Patrick’s last Tuesday. Teams from most schools in the Mackay region came together to compete with each other and to test their combined mathematical skills. The teams competed in two sections, one with ten questions which they could work on together and a second where they worked in pairs to complete 20 more questions. Two examples of the questions the students attempted are shown below:

Question T7
How many squares that do not contain the “X” can be formed on an 8 \times 8 chessboard?
**Question T8**

The eighteenth-century mathematician Joseph Louis Lagrange proved that every positive integer is the sum of, at most, four squares. Find at least one way to write 2012 as the sum of four squares.

St. Patrick’s College entered two teams. The teams consisted of Shoubhik Bhattacharjee, Jack Buchhorn, Rebecka Hicks, Bradley Roper and Cameron Forsyth who finished second overall and Imagion Carlyle-Brauer, Joshua Rillera, Tyler Vohland, Isaak Madden and Liam Pinkstone who finished eighth. Both teams represented the College with distinction and are to be congratulated for their efforts. (Answers: T7 158, T8 \(42^2 + 12^2 + 10^2 + 2^2\) or \(21^2 + 21^2 + 13^2 + 31^2\), there are many)

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**Edie Weiss – Guidance/Career Officer**

**University OPEN DAYS**

Most Universities have open days where students and parents can have a look around facilities, find out about courses and talk to academics. A comprehensive list of dates was printed in last week’s newsletter, and more information can be found on individual university websites.

**FOGS**

Last week some of our indigenous students went to the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Indigenous Career Expo. There they met several former and current players including past St Pat’s student Wendell Sailor. Students were able to discuss career options with a variety of prospective employers and training providers, and hopefully came away with a clearer pathway for their future
Term 2 2012 Year 11 & 12 Exam Timetable

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. All students are required in formal uniform. Exam materials must be in a clear plastic container.

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Term 2 Ends Friday 22nd June, students are required until then. (Only exception College requirements).
COME WALK WITH THE LORD.  
ALL ARE WELCOME.  
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, COMMEMORATING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  

DATE: SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE 2012  
PROCESSION BEGINS: 3.30PM  
PLACE: ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRENDON ST TO END AT ST PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, RIVER ST, MACKAY.  

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BEGIN AT 2PM AT ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH BENEDICTION, FOLLOWED BY REGIONAL MASS AT 6PM AT ST PATRICK’S CHURCH.
• **2:00PM**: ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

• **3:30PM**: PROCESSION BEGINS FROM ST JOSEPH’S.

• **3:45PM**: PRAYER STATION 1 - SUBSTATION ON HARBOUR RD.

• **4:15PM**: PRAYER STATION 2 - PALM ST, CREMORNE.

• **4:40PM**: PRAYER STATION 3 - BLUEWATER QUAY.

• **5:00PM**: ASSEMBLY AREA - YUWI SIGN.

• **5:10PM**: PROCESS INTO ST PATRICK’S CHURCH.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AT ANY STAGE OF THE PROCESSION.

BE SUN SAFE AND BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND/OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT **LEENORE 0422 105 971** OR **TESS 0405 534 475**.
At the start of the twentieth century, an autocratic monarchy struggled to maintain control over Russia. From his giant Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg, the last czar (king), Nicholas II, ruled a vast and troubled kingdom of wealthy landowners, impoverished peasants, and starving factory workers. Protestors demanded more political freedoms, but the czar’s army repeatedly suppressed the growing clamour for reform, hanging dissidents and sending them to prison in Siberia. For the Russian people, World War I (1914-18) was the last straw. Horrified by the carnage, 1.7 million Russian soldiers died, the Russian people finally toppled the czar in February 1917.

Initially, Russian reformers hoped to replace the monarchy with a liberal democracy akin to France and Great Britain. But within a year, Lenin, one of the leading political figures and revolutionary thinkers of the 20th century, had masterminded a Communist/Bolshevik take-over of power in Russia, a country that came to be known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) the world’s first communist country. Almost three years of civil war followed. The Bolsheviks were victorious and assumed total control of the country. During this period of revolution, war and famine, Lenin demonstrated a chilling disregard for the sufferings of his fellow countrymen and mercilessly crushed any opposition.

Vladimir Illich Ulyanov was born in Simbirsk on the Volga River on 22 April 1870 into a well-educated family. He excelled at school and went on to study law. At university, he was exposed to radical thinking, and his views were also influenced by the execution of his elder brother, a member of a revolutionary group. Like many of his contemporaries, he was arrested and exiled to Siberia. After his Siberian exile, Lenin - the pseudonym he adopted in 1901 - spent most of the subsequent decade and a half in Western Europe. During this time, Lenin attempted to translate the philosophy of Karl Marx into a blueprint for actually governing a communist state. In practice, Leninism in the Soviet Union led to huge suffering for the Russian people. Before his death in 1924, Lenin’s government had outlawed private enterprise, executed thousands and triggered a famine that killed millions of Soviet citizens. His corpse was embalmed and placed in a mausoleum on Moscow’s Red Square.
Religion

*Mormonism or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded by Joseph Smith in New York State in the USA in 1830 and has 13.5 million members worldwide. Joseph Smith claimed that in a vision, Christ told him that he should not join any existing church, but should be God’s agent to restore the true Church of Christ. Smith went home and told his family who supported him, although the local churches were highly critical. Three years later, Smith claimed he was visited by the angel Moroni and told that he should unearth and translate a holy book written on plates of gold, on his farm. These plates supposedly contained the religious writings of the prophets of ancient America, which were written in a form of ancient Egyptian. Smith removed the plates spent 3 months translating the words engraved on them into the Book of Mormon, which along with the Bible, is accepted by Mormons as the word of God.

The Book of Mormon tells of an ancient prophet, Lehi, who was told by God to go to North America in 600BC — roughly 2000 years before the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus discovered the ‘new world.’ These claims place Mormons at odds with mainstream Christianity which believes that the focal point of God’s revelation to man occurred in the Middle East. It was in the America’s, the book states, that God continued to choose prophets. From the start the church actively tried to convert people and sent missionaries out to win members. The church also attracted enemies and was persecuted by mainstream Christian church members. Smith himself was imprisoned more than thirty times for his faith. The church continued to grow, many of its members being converts from England. But the persecution also continued and eventually the Mormons moved to Illinois, where they built a new city, where they could live and worship in peace, on the banks of the Mississippi. The Mormon hope that they would find peace was disappointed and the persecution continued. In 1844 Joseph Smith and his brother were being held at a jail which was attacked by an armed mob, and both men were shot and killed. After Smith’s death, Brigham Young took over and moved the church to Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Church of the Latter Day Saints holds that it is neither Catholic, Protestant nor Orthodox, but rather the restoration of the original church that Jesus Christ founded on earth. The Church believes that Smith was the first in a line of recent prophets, followed by Young and continuing today with the current president. This present day leader of the church is believed to have the power to receive direct messages from God. Among the church’s many doctrines are beliefs in the importance of chastity, modest dress, and family prayer lessons. According to the diet code, Mormons cannot consume alcohol, tobacco, coffee, or tea. What they are perhaps notorious for, though, is a form of polygamy known as plural marriage.

The current Republican Party candidate for the US Presidency — the man who will challenge Barack Obama is Mitt Romney — is a Mormon.
Carl Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist, is considered, along with Freud and Alfred Adler, to be one of the principle founding fathers of modern psychology. In addition to producing his theory of the Collective Unconscious, Jung's work fueled the development of both word association tests and the Meyers-Briggs personality tests. Early in his career, Jung worked with psychiatric patients at the University of Zürich asylum. In 1906, he wrote *Studies in Word Association* and sent a copy to Sigmund Freud. The event served as the beginning of a friendship between the two men. When the two finally met in person in 1907, they reportedly spent more than 12 hours talking non-stop.

His time spent working with Sigmund Freud had a major impact on Jung’s later theories and helped him develop a fascination for the unconscious mind. Jung wanted to further understanding of the human mind through dreams, myth, art and philosophy. Initially, Freud viewed Jung as his protégé, but the friendship began to dissolve as Jung started to develop his own ideas that diverged from Freud’s views. Eventually, Jung began to separate from Freudian theory, rejecting Freud’s emphasis on sex as the sole source of behavior motivation. It was during this period of intense self-analysis that Jung became increasingly interested in dreams and symbols, later using what he learned during this time as the basis for his theories of psychology.

Jung believed the human psyche exists in three parts: the ego (the conscious mind), the personal unconscious and the collective unconscious. Jung believed the collective unconscious was a reservoir of all the experience and knowledge of the human species. Jung also believed that the process of individuation was essential in order for a person to become whole and fully developed as a human being. Individuation is a process in which the various parts of a person, including the conscious and unconscious, become completely integrated so that the individual becomes his or her "true self." In general, it is the process by which individual beings are formed and differentiated [from other human beings.

Because of its complexity and inherent mysticism, Jung’s theories have received limited acceptance within mainstream psychology. Many complain that Jung’s work cannot readily be applied to the problems of everyday life. Ironically, it was a conversation with Carl Jung that led to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, and likewise all related 12 Step Programs. Jung advised a chronic alcoholic known only as "Roland H.": "I can only recommend that place yourself in the religious atmosphere of your own choice, that you recognize your own hopelessness, and that you cast yourself upon whatever God you think there is. The lightning of the transforming experience may then strike you." This advice worked where no psychological, religious, or medical therapy had previously succeeded and the prescription was shared with Bill W., the now famous founder of A.A.
Music
George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)

On Sept. 26, 1898, one of America's most important composers was born. George Gershwin in Brooklyn, New York. Alone and with his brother, Ira, he wrote many of the finest American popular songs and orchestral pieces. The music of George and Ira Gershwin has long been a part of the American consciousness. Even the mention of the name "Gershwin" brings to mind the glamour and sophistication of the 1920s and 1930s, personified by the brothers who helped to give a musical voice to the time.

During George Gershwin's short, but eventful, lifetime he carved out an amazing career in the music world by composing memorable songs for both the classical concert hall and for popular musical theater. The works of this talented American composer and musician are of such an enduring quality, with universal appeal, that they continue to entertain music lovers more than 60 years after his death. George Gershwin was the second of four children who were born to his Russian Jewish immigrant parents. George was about ten years old when he first displayed an interest in music.

In 1924 George and Ira Gershwin produced the musical comedy, Lady Be Good which was followed in quick succession by Oh, Kay!, Funny Face, Strike Up the Band, Show Girl and Girl Crazy. Their 1931 production Of Thee I Sing was the first musical comedy to receive a Pulitzer Prize. While in Paris in 1928, he wrote An American in Paris, which received somewhat mixed reviews at its debut performance at Carnegie Hall, but went on to be widely acclaimed in Europe and the United States. In total, he produced sixteen Broadway Musicals as well as one London musical.

Not restricting his talents to Broadway Theater, in 1924 George Gershwin composed Rhapsody in Blue for orchestra and piano. This jazz-influenced classical piece was his first major classical work and proved to be his most popular. It also served to establish his reputation in the music world as a serious composer.

In 1935 George Gershwin presented Porgy and Bess – a work which he himself termed as a “folk opera”. Based on DuBose Heyward’s novel Porgy, which is based in a black neighborhood in Charleston, South Carolina, apart from some minor speaking roles, all the characters are black. Gershwin skillfully blended elements of popular music of the day, with black music and opera techniques, to produce what is today widely regarded as the most important twentieth century American opera.

Many of George Gershwin’s compositions have been used in films and on television, as well as becoming jazz standards. Numerous musicians and singers have recorded his songs, including Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Bobby Darin, Bing Crosby, Janis Joplin, Madonna, Billy Holiday, Barbra Streisand, Natalie Cole, Julie Andrews, Frank Sinatra and Sting. Sadly, George Gershwin died on 11 July 1937 at the age of 38, following surgery to remove a cystic malignant brain tumor. His life was short, but his impact on the world of music was enormous - and his legacy lives on.
Visual Art

Albert Namatjira

Albert Namatjira (1902-1959) is one of Australia’s greatest artists and perhaps the best-known Aboriginal painter. He is famous for his western style landscapes which were quite different from traditional Aboriginal art.

Albert was named Elea by his parents but he was renamed by missionaries when he adopted Christianity. He lived near the MacDonnell ranges in the Northern Territory. At the age of thirteen Albert was initiated and became a Western Arrente man in traditional Aboriginal fashion, and later took up work as a camel driver. He then married Ilkalita, and settled into a house near the mission, supporting his family by doing odd jobs and selling small pieces of artwork.

In 1934 two Melbourne artists visited the mission to exhibit their paintings, and Albert was inspired to paint seriously. He showed an artist, Rex Batterbee, good places to paint and in return Rex taught him how to paint. Albert had a natural gift and his first exhibition in Melbourne in 1938 sold out. The Queen was a big fan.

Albert became a reluctant celebrity, and only stayed in the city as long as he had to, preferring his native bush. He also made money and wanted to purchase a cattle station to set up his family’s future, but was not allowed to own one because he was an Aborigine and therefore not an Australian citizen. He was also prevented from building a house in Alice Springs for the same reason. The public outrage led to him and his wife being the first Aborigines to be granted citizenship in 1957 and all Aborigines in 1967.

Science

Fred Hollows

Professor Fred Hollows (1929-1993) was an eye doctor (ophthalmologist) who gave thousands of people their sight back. He was born in New Zealand and, after initially wanting to be a missionary, became a doctor and moved to Australia. He became the head of the Eye Department and a Sydney Hospital.

Fred was a highly principled man who believed passionately in equality for all people. This led him to set up Aboriginal health services in Sydney. There are now more than 60 across Australia.

When he discovered the prevalence of eye disease in outback Aboriginal communities he launched a national programme to combat the issue. He inspired others to donate their time and cash and in three years he had treated 30 000 people, performing 1 000 operations. Fred believed in helping people to help themselves, and people who made excuses or wasted his time wore the brunt of his wild temper.
By 1980 Fred was travelling all over the world to help set up eye health programmes in developing countries. In particular he worked in **Eritrea in Africa**, developing medical training facilities and a factory that produced lenses for surgical purposes for only a few dollars each.

Unfortunately in 1989 Fred was diagnosed with cancer. He did not feel sorry for himself and instead rejoiced in the good fortune he had in life. He worked as long as he could and died in 1993. His wife **Gabi** continues his work through the Fred Hollows Foundation, to which contributions can be made online.

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**Literature**

**Patrick White**

Patrick White (1912-1990) is the first Australian writer to receive the **Nobel Prize for Literature** (1973). He was born in England and moved to Australia when he was six months old. After his education in both Australia and England at different times, he lived a few years in Australia, working as a jackaroo and preparing for university. He published 12 novels, two short-story collections and eight plays.

He is best remembered for his 1968 novel *The Vivisector* which many believe was largely autobiographical. It explored themes such as the **suffering of the artist, the need for truth and the meaning of existence**. In *The Vivisector* one of the central themes was whether it is **possible to be an artist and a human being at the same time**.

The protagonist of *The Vivisector* was **Hurtle Duffield**, who was born into a poor Australian family. They adopt him out to the wealthy Courtneys, who are seeking a companion for their hunchbacked daughter **Rhoda**. Hurtle turns out to be a talented artist and his interactions with the other characters: his adoptive mother Maman, the prostitute Nance, the wealthy heiress Olivia Davenport, his Greek mistress Hero Pavloussi, and child prodigy Kathy Volkov provide inspiration for his work.

Despite his success, Hurtle is dissatisfied with life and unimpressed by fame and fortune, which leads to him rejecting luxury and becoming reclusive (withdrawn from others). In the end he returns to his beginnings, becoming closer with Rhoda and eventually, after a stroke causes partial paralysis, creates with the assistance of his protégé Don Lethebridge a magnum **opus (greatest work)** to **God- the Vivisector**. (To vivisect is to dissect the living body of an animal, so White’s view of God was not particularly positive)

White’s fiction employed **humour, shifting narrative vantage points and a stream of consciousness technique**.

His novels also included: Happy Valley (1939), Riders in the Chariot (1961), The solid Mandala (1966), Voss (1957),The Eye of the Storm (1973) Memoirs of many in one (1979) and his memoir Flaws in the glass (1981).

His plays included The Ham Funeral (1947), The Season at Sarsparilla (1962), Night on Bald Mountain (1964) and Netherwood (1983).
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Emmanuel Kindergarten, Mt Pleasant
is now accepting Expressions of Interest for 2013 and beyond

We welcome expressions of interest from families wishing to enrol their child at our new kindergarten centre, to be opened at the commencement of the school year, 2013. Expression of interest application forms may be obtained by emailing kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au or by phoning the Diocesan Catholic Education Office Rockhampton 4931 3753. Alternatively, families may collect copies of the forms from the adjoining Emmanuel Catholic Primary School, Baxter Drive, Mt Pleasant, Mackay, 4740.

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Diocesan Youth Festival August 25 – 26
For students in Years 11 and 12
Being held in Rockhampton at St Joseph’s Cathedral and The Cathedral College

Following the success of last year’s festival, the Diocesan Youth Festival for 2012 has been scheduled for the weekend of August 25 – 26, with an Invitation to students in Years 11 and 12 to come along. Music, Key note speakers, Shared conversations, Entertainment, Games, Prayer and Eucharist. No registration fee for students from Catholic Colleges.

Further information will be distributed in coming weeks to Colleges across the Diocese, keep watching this space!

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