Eamon Hannan – Principal

Holidays

I would like to wish all families a relaxing and happy holiday. All of our students will have a very busy time in Term 3 and I hope that they are well rested in preparation for it. We wish our Netball and Rugby League teams all the best in the carnivals that they are attending next week on the Sunshine Coast and in Brisbane.

We also wish our South African travellers bon voyage and look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing the stories of their adventures on their return.

Note that our students resume for Term 3 at St Patrick’s on Monday 9th July.

College Formal

I have sent to Year 12 parents a letter on behalf of the Parents and Friends Association information regarding a parent function at the Austral on the evening of the College Formal. There is a short parent function at the college Formal but when the students go in for their meal and dance parents are invited to have dinner at the Austral Hotel. Bookings are required for this – please consult the letter from the Parents and Friends for details.

I have also personally sent parents of students in Year 12 a letter regarding the college’s position on parties pre and post the formal. The college actively discourages the organisation of post-formal parties and the reasons for this both legal and moral are outlined very clearly in this letter.

Fundraiser for Ms Amarlie Carroll

On July 21 there will be a fundraiser to support Ms Amarlie Carroll and her family. She is facing ongoing treatment which will begin at the start of July. An invitation to be involved in this fundraiser is in this newsletter. There are a number of ways that people can be involved – by, attendance at the dinner ($120 for a three course meal and drinks - $60 of which is a direct donation to the family), a direct cash donation or by donation of goods and services that could be auctioned or raffled on the evening. See the invitation for details.

Readings this Sunday

In this last week of the term we pray:

We pray for each member of our school community...
...we pray for friends and for all the students in our school...
...we pray for teachers and all the members of staff...
...we pray for parents, family and all who work behind the scenes to support us in ways unrecognised...
...and we pray for all who are part of our wider school family, including past pupils and colleagues.

We Ask God to watch over each person as our school holiday begins, that we may return refreshed, rested and reinvigorated.

Amen

May you all have a safe and happy holiday.

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**Invitation from the Bishop**

**To the Diocesan Youth Festival – Youth Alive in the Church**

I am very excited to invite you to join me in celebrating the 2012 Diocesan Youth Festival. Following on from the Rockhampton World Youth Day celebrations in 2011, this Youth Festival is a chance for the young people of the Rockhampton to come together to meet new friends, catch up with old friends and celebrate young people alive in our Church!

*I hope to see you there.*

**Information**

11.00 am Saturday 25th June
12.00 pm Sunday 26th August
St Joseph’s Cathedral & The Cathedral College
William Street, Rockhampton.

*Please see Ms Fraser if you are interested in attending.*
Study the past if you would define the future. Confucius

Take a good hard look at this Motorola advertisement from the 1960’s. The caption reads: “HOW TELEVISION BENEFITS YOUR CHILDREN, Motorola, leader in television, shows how TV can mean better behaviour at home and better marks in school!” Now ask yourself when last you heard any advertiser who claimed that TV would impact positively on children’s behaviour and would improve their school performance? Why not? Because hard experience has proven that such claims were arrant nonsense. Of course Motorola would claim that an escape clause was written into their jingle. It read ‘can’ instead of ‘would’. With hindsight we know that the generation that grew up with TV used it primarily as a device to provide entertainment, NOT as an educational tool. Did it harbour the capacity to inform and educate? Indubitably, but the manner in which it came to be used created a legacy of problems, only one of which was a significant drop in literacy.

History is full of those who have alleged to know what the future would bring, from ‘famous’ names such as Nostradamus to those who have been relegated to the dustbin of history. For the last forty years they have been called ‘futurists’, most of whose claims, which are usually so ‘self-evident’ that they can be substantiated with slogans and sound bites. Unfortunately they are only disproved after a waste of time, opportunity and considerable expenditure. Who today pays any attention to once famous futurist Alvin Toffler whose best-selling books Future Shock and The Third Wave were once all in vogue but now lie yellowing and forgotten on bookshelves?

Well do I remember the claims made in the 60’s and 70’s that computers would soon revolutionise education and ultimately replace teachers. Those who made such claims no doubt drew much of their inspiration from the fact that IBM had designed computers with the capacity to defeat chess masters. Such was the confidence in the capacity of computers to ‘take control’ that Hollywood soon recognised their box-office potential. It was only one short step to confer on computers malevolent, anti-social persona that harboured a determination to obliterate mankind. Creative imaginations ran wild and notable classics were born; from Kubrick’s ‘A Space Odyssey 2001’ (1968), through War Games (1983), James Cameron’s Terminator series (1984, 1991, 2009), the Matrix trilogy (1999, 2003, 2003) and a host of others too many to name here. My point is this: we are captivated by the machines we have created, imbue them with qualities they do not have, and have always displayed an overweening confidence in their capabilities.

Even warfare, a field of human affairs most directly affected by technological innovation, is replete with inventions that were expected, nay guaranteed, to either turn-the tide or ‘revolutionise’ (how overworked that term is) warfare. The truth remains, and countless conflicts testify to the essential fact that it always comes down to manpower and ‘boots on the ground’ – especially the inventiveness and determination of the people who fill those boots. Technology undoubtedly assists, but a point is reached when it exhibits ‘the law of diminishing returns’ – more ‘stuff’ becomes an encumbrance, an obstacle and ultimately even an impediment. This point, I venture to say, has been reached with computers in classrooms. Here we need to look at the clearly established effects of their current availability. It’s no use...
mentioned two weeks ago in this newsletter, lamenting how they could have been used, or how they might have been used – that is speculative and mere conjecture. They have used them as they have been used. They have been put to multifarious uses – very few of which contribute to a deepening of intellect.

The splitting of the atom in Los Alamos in 1945 could have led to many life-enhancing applications. The truth is that for the most part it did not. It gave birth to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the sum of all fears – annihilation of our species. Computers do not and will not turn students into critical thinkers – the ultimate purpose of a liberal, western education. It is at this point that we face the difficulty of deciding whether schools exist in order to educate or whether they exist in order to provide training, two words with very different meanings, but often conflated. If schooling still exists in order to educate, then what students really need is more face-to-face, one-to-one contact with intelligent, highly educated and motivated people. The kind of people who can model the cognitive processes that advanced thinking entails. Want to improve educational outcomes? Spend money on recruiting and retaining people with first rate minds. This of course does not mean that computers should not continue to be very important tools in supporting the educational endeavour, but if the corollary of more computer time means less opportunity for teacher and student to be vigorously engaged in dialogue – then we have every reason to believe that the lamentable performance of so many students will continue to be….lamentable.

Perhaps it is time to remind ourselves that the truly revolutionary findings of the nineteenth and twentieth century, from Darwin to Einstein, the kind that totally altered mankind’s perception of the universe were made on the strength and power of human intellect, unaided by technology. Technology merely confirmed much later, what intellect and critical observation had discovered. We need to cultivate the source of the technology, not the use of the technology.

Not many students would be familiar with Christopher Marlowe’s play Faust in which a man sells his soul to the devil for power and knowledge. In schools we have struck a similar deal, except in reverse – we gave our money and knowledge of what education entailed and in return obtained a battery powered device.

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

**UQ Young Scholars Program**

**Overview:**
The University of Queensland’s Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover learn and engage with UQ’s academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland and NSW.

Designed to nature and develop future a leader, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment.

Throughout the Program UQ Young Scholars are challenged to think critically about some of today’s major global issues.

**Benefits of the Program**

Students selected for the Young Scholars Program benefit from:

- Early familiarisation with university, campus and college life
- Challenging discussions, led by some of Australia’s leading teaching and research academics
- Information sessions covering many interesting study and related career possibilities
- Opportunities to build valuable networks and lasting friendships with like-minded students
- Mentoring and support from current UQ students
- Opportunities for personal, professional and leadership development
- Access to the YSP Facebook online community
- Early information on new programs, scholarship opportunities and forthcoming events

If anyone is interested please see Ms Galvin.
Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator

Secondary Schools Choral Festival:
The Secondary schools choral festival offers all Secondary Choirs in Mackay the opportunity of workshops with renowned quality student choir conductors. This year we are privileged to invite Mr David Lawrence.

This event helps stimulate and strengthen interest in choral singing at gives students and staff the opportunity to learn new skills and develop their vocal techniques.

Throughout the first week of next term, the College Choir will be participating in workshops and participate in a massed choir experience. The Secondary schools choral festival will conclude with a culminating concert that will highlight our College Choir and other choral groups from our community.

Students will be involved in:

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Students will be required to wear their formal Choir uniform to the concert.

Mr David Lawrence:

We are most excited to announce that Mr David Lawrence will be our 2012 Festival clinician for this year’s District Secondary Schools Music Festival. David is excited at the prospect of returning to Mackay in 2012 as the guest clinician. David Lawrence is one of the UK’s most versatile conductors, working with orchestras, symphony choruses and national youth choirs. He currently holds the Guinness World Record for conducting the UK’s largest choir - 6,846 singers!

David’s work has taken him to Singapore, Colombia, Canada, the United States, India, throughout Europe, and since 2005 he has worked regularly in Australia. His positive and engaging manner makes him a popular guest conductor, and he is an experienced and respected trainer of choral conductors. He teaches regularly alongside Ghislaine Morgan in Portugal, and for the company Artsworks delivers management training and team building through the media of singing and conducting.

With particular experience in the field of contemporary music, David has prepared and conducted première performances by Per Nørgård, Pierre Boulez, Iannis Xenakis, Mauricio Kagel, Graham Fitkin, James Wood, Bob Chilcott and others. As a guest chorusmaster of the Netherlands Radio Choir he has worked with conductors such as Kenneth Montgomery, Frans Brüggen, and John Adams. Working closely with Stockhausen David also conducted this exceptional choir in the German première of Scene II from his opera Sonntag aus Licht.

He has worked with the London Philharmonic Choir, the Hallé Choir, and the CBSO Chorus for whom he is the Associate Conductor, as well as the national youth choirs of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. David has adjudicated at international choral festivals as well as for the BBC Choir of the Year and Young Musician of the Year competitions. He conducts for BBC Television’s ‘Songs of Praise’ and directed ‘The People’s Chorus’ for BBC Four.

As Principal Conductor of Young Voices David directs massed choirs in an annual series of concerts with some choirs incorporating more than 8,000 singers. He continues to work with Sinfonia Viva as their Choral Advisor, a project leader and conductor, and has also
directed large scale education projects with the Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, the English Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. In 2012 David will conduct Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with the Barrier Reef Orchestra as part of a six week visit to Queensland.

Co-Curricular Music Camp:
A reminder: All students in the College Choir, Stage Band and Percussion Ensemble should have received the information package regarding the upcoming Arts Music Camp. This camp will be held at Halliday Bay Resort from 3:30pm Thursday 19th July and conclude on Saturday afternoon 21st July with a culminating concert. The concert will be held at the resort and will commence at 2:30pm. All are very welcome to attend this concert.

All payments and forms must be returned before the end of the term. Spare forms are available from the College reception.

What’s Happening In Term 3?

Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th July:
Choir members will be involved in the Secondary Schools Choral Festival Workshop and Concert

Wednesday 18th July:
Stage Band perform at Matsura Welcome Function at MECC

Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July:
Halliday Bay Co-Curricular Arts Camp (Choir, Stage Band and Percussion members)

Saturday 21st July:
The Mercy / St Patrick’s College Stage Band and music students perform at the fundraising function for Ms Amarlie Carroll. This event will be held in the St Patrick’s Hall.

Friday 17th – 19th August:
Mackay Orchestra and Band Competition (Stage Band, Percussion and Handbells)

Sunday 9th September:
Choir, Handbells, Percussion, Stage Band and Music students perform at Holy Trinity Church Concert Series.

Brendon Brauer – Sport

Confraternity Shield & QISSN Carnivals
Good luck to all students traveling to Brisbane and Caloundra in the first week of the holidays for the QISSN (netball-Caloundra) and Confraternity Shield (rugby league- Brisbane) carnivals. Our First VII team will compete for a place in the division one playoffs at the QISSN carnival and they will be looking to improve on their 2011 result after finishing 13th out of 48 teams. The team has prepared well in recent weeks and they have definitely benefitted from the enthusiasm of their coach, Jessica Seymour who has a steadying influence on the team. Jessica is a former student of the college and was a member of the St Pat’s First VII from 2005 to 2006. Jessica is confident the team will be competitive against the best independent schools in Queensland. There are never any easy wins at the QISSN carnival but the St Pat’s girls will no doubt rise to the challenge. The college will be represented by the following students and staff;

First VII
Natalie Conroy (Captain)
Dani De Angelis
Olivia Hadok-Quadrio
Brianna Hutchinson
Stephanie Jones
Lorena Manzelmann
Heidi Preston
Kasane Walker
Sophie Webb-Smith
Brittany Anderson
Jessica Seymour (coach)
Louanne Benecke (manager)
Tania Anderson (manager)
Karen Walker (Umpire)
The college would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Louanne Benecke who has put in an enormous amount of time organising the trip for the girls. Her efforts are always appreciated by both the players and coaching staff.

**Confraternity Rugby League**

St Pat’s has been one of the most successful rugby league schools in Queensland winning a total of 8 Confraternity Shields including two golden eras under coach Mick Aprille 1988-1992 and Troy Rovelli 1999, 2001 and 2003. The team has been competitive in the 2012 Super 10’s and if they play with the same level of passion that many St Pat’s team have before them, they can definitely defeat any opposition at the Confraternity Shield.

After finishing 11th in 2011, the team will be hoping to improve on this result. This will be no easy task for the boys who will need to play exceptional football in the first two days of competition if they are to progress through to the division one quarter finals. “Confro” is the largest rugby league carnival in Australia and in 2012, 42 teams will compete in three divisions. Our league team will be represented by the following students and staff;

**First VIII**  
Matthew Skaife  
Ben Carter  
Harry Saunders  
Harry Fitzgerald  
Scott Green  
Rhys McBride  
Zak Scott  
Brayden Gaviglio  
Dominic MacDermott  
Jacod Batzloff-Nagle  
Jarrod Morris  
Scott Schulte  
Ross Bella  
Damien Van Der Berg  
Zack Haines  
Alex Halpin  
Samuel Hansen  
Mitchell Sammut

**Coaching Staff**  
Maurie Fatnowna (Coach)  
Michael Comerford (Assistant coach)  
Ashley Montgomery (Manager)  
Scott McSherry (Assistant manager)  
Matthew Paul (Trainer)  
Adam Skoczylas (First Aid)  
Ryan Casey (Official)

**Good luck to all students competing.**

The college would like to also acknowledge the efforts of Mr Ashley Montgomery who has organised the 2012 Confraternity trip. His organisational skills will no doubt ensure that this college trip will be a memorable one for everyone involved.

**Important Dates**

- June 25-29: QISSN (Netball) and Confraternity Shield (Rugby League) Carnival
- July 27: St Patrick’s Athletics Carnival
Netball Draw for Wednesday 11 July

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Mr William Cassells – Vet Coordinator

Work Experience
'The next Block Work Experience will take place 10-21 September. All year 11 and 12 students who study 3 or less OP subjects must take part in this work experience. Applications will be handed out in the first week of Term 3 and must be returned by Friday 20 July which is the end of week 2.

If you qualify to do work experience and do not receive an application, please contact Mr Cassells immediately.'
Celebrations to mark the completion of St Joseph’s Cathedral Restoration Works.

Date Claimer: 1 & 2 September 2012

Bishop Brian Heenan invites our Diocesan Family to join in celebrating the completion of the extensive restoration work on St Joseph’s Cathedral.

The occasion will be marked by:

Saturday 1 September
A BYO picnic lunch commencing at 12noon in the Cathedral grounds with entertainment throughout the afternoon; tours of the Cathedral; Barbeque at 7.00pm followed by a Sacred Concert in St Joseph’s Cathedral, and wine and cheese supper on conclusion at 8.30pm.

Sunday 2 September
Thanksgiving Eucharist 10.00am in St Joseph’s Cathedral, followed by luncheon in the Cathedral grounds.

You are warmly invited to attend all, or any of the planned activities.

Mackay Megafest

Male by Birth, Man by Choice. This event is being conducted at the MECC on Friday 22 June 9am to 3pm. It features guest speakers and the focus is how to make good choices. It is restricted to U20s. St Pat’s boys are encouraged to attend after finishing their exams.

Date Claimer

St Francis Xavier parish will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Francis Church on Thursday 13 September. There will be a special concelebrated Mass followed by supper in St Francis Hall.
Fundraiser Dinner, Dance and Charity Auction
In support of Amarlie Carroll and family

Saturday 21st July, 6.30pm
St Patrick’s Hall on the river.

How you can help

Option 1
Direct donation to:
St. Patrick's College, River St, Mackay
Cheques payable to:
St. Patrick's College – Amarlie Carroll
St. Francis Xavier School, Cnr Bridge Rd and Mackenzie St, West Mackay,
Cheques payable to:
St. Francis School – Amarlie Carroll
100% of all donations go to the family.

Option 2
Attend Fundraiser
Tickets $120 per person, includes 3 course meal, drinks, entertainment and $60 direct donation to the family.
Tickets available from: The Admin Offices at St. Patrick's College and St. Francis Xavier School
St Francis – Tel 49 511 861 or Pauline_Hyde@rok.catholic.edu.au
St Patrick's – Tel 49 447 200 or enquiries@stpats.qld.edu.au

Option 3
Sponsorship of event
Items donated will be raffled or auctioned during the fundraiser dinner.
100% of proceeds will go to the family.
Sponsorship enquiries to Andrew Poots 0437 525 538
andrew@power2.com.au