Eamon Hannan – Principal

Catholic Education Week
Next week across Queensland we celebrate Catholic Education Week. The theme of the week this year is Catholic schools engaging with their communities.

The College leaders accompanied by Mr Geoghegan and myself will be attending a reception with General Peter Cosgrove in Rockhampton on Monday. Peter Cosgrove is the Catholic Education Week ambassador this year and is participating in functions in all dioceses across the state. This is a great opportunity for our student leaders.

Catholic Education has a long and proud history in Australia. For many years Catholic schools were run solely on the basis of the support of families and the dedication of brothers and sisters who dedicated their lives to teaching. Fifty years ago there was significant strike action in the Goulburn Diocese where Catholic schools were closed to make the point that Catholic schools make a significant contribution to education in Australia and deserve support from government. Since that time we have seen significant support for Catholic Education in Australia from State and Federal governments. This of course has been under review with the recently released Gonski report into the funding of all school education in Australia. All of our Catholic Education family should be keenly interested and involved in this funding debate.

Reports and Parent Teacher Night
Reports were posted today. Along with the reports are instructions for making bookings for the parent teacher night (Thursday 26 July) online. If you have any difficulties with making bookings please contact the office for help.

Fundraiser for Ms Amarlie Carroll
We have had a great response to the fundraiser for Ms Carroll. At the time of writing, tickets had all but sold out for this event. I would like to acknowledge the great support from the St Patrick’s, St Francis and wider communities. There are many people who though they cannot attend have made wonderful donations. Some of the items, which have been donated for auction or prizes on the night include a signed photograph of Sir Garfield Sobers, signed photograph of Roger Federer, jerseys donated from past students in the NRL, singlet and hockey stick with autographs of the Kookaburras. Many other donations of services and products from businesses and families in the community have also been donated. I am especially proud of our students who have volunteered to help on the night in large numbers.

Athletics Carnival
The college athletics carnival is coming up on Friday 27 July. This is always a day of great sport and great fun.

Senior Formal
We look forward to seeing our Year 12s in their finery at their formal on Saturday 28th July. A reminder for any parents interested in attending the Parents and Friends function at the Austral to register your interest at the office.

Enrolments for Year 11 2013
Last week we met with students interested in attending the college next year. We had a great turnout for the night. The next major meeting for students enrolling in 2013 is the Subject Selection Evening on Thursday 2/8 (4 until 7 pm). Students and families are encouraged to attend to meet with staff to discuss the different subjects on offer at the college. Students and families are encouraged to attend during the evening at a time that suits them. Anyone requiring more information about enrolments is encouraged to contact the office.

St Joseph’s Cathedral Restoration Appeal
Accompanying term accounts this week we are sending two Art Union tickets which cost $5 each. The first prize in the Art Union is $10 000. All families in the Northern region Catholic schools and colleges are being asked to sell two tickets if possible. If you are able to sell more tickets please contact the college. This is part of our contribution as a region to the cathedral restoration appeal.

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Weekend Masses

Marian
Saturday Vigil Mass
6:00 pm Holy Rosary
Sunday
9:00 am Mirani

Walkerston
Saturday Vigil Mass
6:00 pm St John’s
Sunday
7:30 am Eton

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

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

Choral Festival
Congratulations to Mrs Bianca Johnston on the successful choral festival that included students from Holy Spirit College, North Mackay High School, Pioneer High School, Mirani High School, St Patrick’s College and members of the local community workshopping with international choral conductor Mr David Lawrence. The culminating concert on Friday night where there was a massed choir was a great night’s entertainment.

Debating and Public Speaking
Congratulations to our debaters who were narrowly defeated in the Mackay final. Congratulations to Sheridan Scott who will represent the Mackay region in the state finals of the Plain English Speaking Competition on the weekend.

Pierre de Coubertin Award
Congratulations to Damien Vandenberg who was presented with the Pierre De Coubertin award for participation and excellence in sport at assembly this morning.

Parents and Friends Association
There is no P and F meeting tonight (18/7) as may have appeared on the college website. Parents and Friends meetings have been moved to coincide with the College Board Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of the month.

St Patrick’s Family
Last Thursday we celebrated the life of Mrs Deanna Hurley’s 101 year old mother, Iolanda Romagnolo. We extend our condolences to Mrs Hurley and her family. I felt it was a privilege to attend the funeral of a centenarian who had lived such a wonderful giving and loving life. Her life has been an inspiration to many.

Sunday’s Mass Readings
Reading 1  Jer 23:1-6  Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture.
Responsorial Psalm  Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
Reading 2  Eph 2:13-18 … for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
Gospel  Mk 6:30-34 When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Kea McNeill – Campus Minister

This year in the Catholic Church has been deemed the Year of Grace, by the Australian Council of Bishops. The season started in Pentacost this year and will continue on next year ending in Pentacost 2013.

The Year of Grace is a chance to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics and to “contemplate the face of Christ”, but what is Grace and the Grace of God?

There are two kinds of Grace, Actual Grace and Sanctifying Grace. Actual Grace doesn’t mean “real” as opposed to “unreal”, it means “an act of Grace”, like God nudging your heart to accept Him, and God helping in situations. Sanctifying grace is grace seen as the relationship that we have with God through what has been achieved through Jesus.
We should take time to thank God for the good graces in our lives, be it in the gift of a loving family, close friends, opportunities to grow and learn, living in a country where we are free to have an opinion and a voice, and many other graces that may be special to you.

So let us pray, the prayer for the Year of Grace:

Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,
we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Christian Leadership News – Jennifer Galea, Chair

Winter Appeal
The Christian Leadership Committee in cooperation with the SRC has decided to hold an ‘Op Shop’ day this coming Thursday 19 July. On this day students are asked to donate a gold coin as well as another item to aid those less fortunate this winter. The Christian Leadership Committee is asking for donations of clothes, blankets or non-perishable (tinned) food. All donations will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Donations will need to be dropped off at the Chapel on Thursday morning.

To continue the school’s support of the Winter Appeal a donation bin will be set up in the college. Students will be able to give further donations of clothes and blankets for the remainder of the term by placing these items in the bin provided.

Please dig deep and help support those less fortunate this winter. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

Reports
As reports go home it is an important time for all our students to sit down and do some hard thinking about:

i) Setting / resetting goals;
ii) Organising study timetables;
iii) Planning 2013 for work / study;
iv) Applying for jobs;
v) Applying for university accommodation;
vi) Applying or finding out about scholarships etc.

This is the last ‘big push’ for Year 12 – so make a strong commitment to less free time for more study time. Having said that it is worth noting in the last few years those students who achieved the highest OP results were also those students heavily involved in many college sporting, cultural and community activities. Time management is an important skill for all of our students to learn.

Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator

Mackay Secondary School Choral Festival
Last week secondary schools and community choral groups celebrated the voice and music from within. Choristers worked together under the direction of Mr David Lawrence. Vocal techniques range and music genres and languages were explored. “Music is sound - a sound that is created by mixing colours like a painter’s palette”. Mr Lawrence manipulated the colourful sounds of 96 secondary students from Mackay North High School, Holy Spirit College, Mirani High School, Pioneer High School and St Patrick’s College into a mass artwork, a sound that overwhelmed the large audience and the musical canvas in the St Patrick’s hall.
Guest performer Mr Keegan Li-Sehl entertained all who attended. We also thank Vicki Jones Singing Studio and her vocal ensemble AKAPEL for their continued support of choral education in the community.

Thank you to Mrs Rose Christensen for her vision and hard work. Mrs Christensen is the founder of the Secondary Schools Choral Festival, a festival that was designed to celebrate vocal music within our community.

During the week a number of students from our school choir joined in the celebrations and workshops. Thank you to all those students and families for their continued support.

Ms Carroll’s Fundrainser Function:
On Saturday night, the St Patrick’s and Mercy College Stage Band will be providing entertainment for Ms Carroll’s Fundraising function. The ensemble is excited to perform for the family and showcase the school’s talents. Involved students are required to wear their performance uniform and meet Mrs Johnston and Mr Denman in the St Patrick’s Hall by 6:00 pm. Students will be performing from 6:30 pm and will finish by 7:30 pm. The Stage Band is privileged to support the Carroll family at this time.

Choir, Stage Band, Percussion Cultural Camp
Just a reminder that all cultural camp permission and medical forms should now be returned to the office.

During the camp, the co-curricular cultural groups will have the opportunity to develop and learn different techniques and workshop upcoming competition and Eisteddfod pieces. Students will have the opportunity to work with teachers whilst Instrumental and jazz techniques will be explored under the direction of Mr Lyle Denman.

All students are to report to the Undercroft for roll call at 3:30 pm tomorrow with their luggage and equipment (Thursday 19 July). The camp group will depart at 4:00 pm.
**Cultural Camp Concert: ‘SOUNDS BY THE SEA’**
You’re invited to this FREE concert. This concert will highlight the College Choir, Stage Band and Percussion Ensembles and showcase musical accomplishments achieved at the 2012 Music Camp.

**Venue:** Halliday Bay Resort  
**Time:** 2:30pm  
**Date:** Saturday 21 July

**Debating Report – Mr Mark Gibbs, Debating Coordinator**
St Pat’s Red was narrowly defeated by Whitsunday Anglican School in the finals of the Apex Interschool Debating competition last night. In one of the highest standard debates for some time, St Pat’s attempted to disprove the statement “that some people are more equal than others”.

The adjudicators were particularly impressed by the level of humour, the audience engagement and the carefully crafted arguments, including pointed rebuttals.

Last week, St Pat’s Red knocked St Pat’s Gold out of the finals race when they successfully argued “that service to the nation should NOT be compulsory”. That too was an impressive debate, reinforcing the fact that the quality of this year’s competition overall was very high.

In the junior competition, Mercy White were deserved winners over Mackay North High School in a debate that could easily have been a senior final.

The efforts of Apex, especially coordinator Mr Rob Kerruish, should be publicly acknowledged. Apex members supply adjudicators for at least six debates every Tuesday for five weeks and then the knockout rounds, semi-finals and finals in both the junior and senior competitions. It is a very significant contribution of time and effort.

The next debate in the state competition is against the winning team from Townsville district next month. From there the winning teams progress to the Apex sponsored state finals in Mudjimba in October.

**St Pat’s debating teams this year were:**

**St Pat’s Gold:** Caitlin Geoghegan, Sam Lenz, Megan Comben, Imagon Brauer.  
**Coach:** Mr Mark Gibbs

**St Pat’s Red:** Sheridan Scott, Emma Marsh, Siobhan Gibbs, Ben Muscat  
**Coach:** Ms Edna Galvin

**St Pat’s Blue:** Alexandra Dowton, Jordyn Price, Sarah Ryan, Katie Norbury  
**Coach:** Ms Natalie Pyke

**Plain English Speaking Association**
This year the PESA Competition has not been funded so that each district could run their own competition – students had to send in discs of their speech to the state committee. The college was informed at the beginning of term three that Sheridan Scott had been accepted as one of the State finalists and she goes to Brisbane to compete in the PESA state final on Saturday 21 July. Congratulations to Sheridan on this achievement.

**Brendon Brauer – Sport Coordinator**

**St Pat’s Inter-house Athletics Carnival**
The St Pat’s inter-house athletics carnival will be held next week Friday July 27 at Cathy Freeman Oval, Slade Point. A house meeting will be held this week for the purpose of nominating for both track and field events and encouraging participation on the day. For both Rice and McAuley (Year 12 girls) this will be their last opportunity to compete in a school sports carnival. Students are reminded that this is a normal school day and attendance is compulsory.

A number of events will be held prior to the carnival; in particular boys shot putt, girl’s javelin, 3000m and 1500m running events. Students need to be aware of the following early dates for some events.
Friday July 20  
Shot Putt, Colin House

Monday July 23  
Shot Putt, Rice House

Tuesday July 24  
Javelin, Chisholm House
3000m, All Houses

Wednesday July 25  
Javelin, McAuley House,  
1500m, All Houses

Friday July 27  
St Patrick’s Athletics Carnival

Player of the Carnival Confraternity / QISSN
Further to last week’s Confraternity report, Year 11 student Ross Bella was named as Player of the Carnival for St Patrick’s. Ross was presented with a trophy at the presentation on the final day of competition. Year 12 student, Brianna Hutchinson was named Most Valuable Player for the First VII netball team and she was presented with her trophy at last week’s assembly.

Open Girls’ Soccer Grand final
Mr Smith’s Open Girls Football (soccer) team will play in the grand final of the open girl’s football competition on Thursday July 19. The team will play Mackay High School in the decider which will be played at Virgin Australia Stadium with the kickoff at 4:00 pm. All supporters are welcome to attend the game. Good luck girls.

Coles Sports For Schools (Reminder)
St Pat’s is a registered school in Coles Sports For Schools. Please collect your vouchers and place them in the collection box in the college office. Your support is much appreciated.

Important Dates
July 19  
Mackay Open Boys Secondary Schools Football Competition commences.

July 27  
St Patrick’s College Athletics Carnival (Slade Point)

August 9/10  
Mackay District Track & Field Trials (Mackay North SHS)

Netball Draw for Wednesday 18 July

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Next week’s draw yet to be advised.

Edie Weiss - Counsellor

Long service leave
I will be away on Long Service leave for two weeks from July 23 to August 3. In my absence Tracey Duthler will be here to help students with personal issues of any sort. Tracey will not be dealing with QTAC courses and applications; however there will be plenty of time for that as QTAC only opens on August 1 and closes on September 28. In the meantime students can collect a QTAC Guide and start working out potential courses. The QTAC site is very easy to use and has informative videos and FAQ section.

Apprenticeships 2013
In Saturday’s Daily Mercury there were advertisements for apprenticeships for next year, so it is important that students are alert and keeping a look out early. Some have very short application dates to be aware of. Hastings Deering, EMECO, BMA (Hay Point), Xstrata and Mackay Sugar are advertising, and DBCT will be soon. DBCT will be at school in the next couple of weeks to talk to interested students. As well as the Daily Mercury, check out the company websites, www.seek.com.au, www.jobsearch.gov.au and www.mycareer.com.au. Don’t miss out!
Health Sciences information:
The UQ Health Sciences team has been collaborating with current students and created videos to help prospective students understand what it’s like studying at UQ and where their area of study can take them. The ‘Day in the Life’ interviews and videos from graduates provide useful insight to what it’s like at UQ and what students can expect whilst at university and their career options. Students can also receive the latest updates by joining the Health@UQ Facebook page.

University Accommodation:
Students going to university next year are reminded that they need to think about accommodation NOW. Most Campus accommodation applications are on line and are now open. Go to the selected university website, and search for accommodation. Do not leave it until the last minute!

CHRYSLIS 2012:
Scholarships for Australian and International students are available for CHRYSLIS with applications now being accepted. CHRYSLIS is a one week leadership camp for Senior High School students who are interested in global issues. The program will be held in Brisbane at Emmanuel College from 9 – 16 December and will bring together students from all over Australia and the world. Contact chrysalis@fdn.uq.edu.au

Army Cadets:
122 Army Cadet Unit are currently holding information sessions for prospective members. The next one is on Monday July 23 at 6:00 pm at the Army Cadet Barracks, 400 Shakespeare Street.

BOND University Scholarships:
BOND scholarships reward students who excel in the areas of academic, leadership and community achievements. Students considering a course at BOND are encouraged to apply. Closing July 31.

Message from BOND university:
With Bond University's Open Day coming up on Sunday 19 August, we have a special offer available for Regional Queensland year 12 students.

If a student and their parent/s are able to make their way to the Gold Coast on Saturday 18 August, Bond will pay for accommodation at the Radisson on the Saturday night, dinner at their University Club restaurant on Saturday night, breakfast on Sunday morning and all transfers between the Radisson and the campus.

If you would like more information please use the following link Open Day Experience Event to register or call Bond at 0418 556 880 for more information.

JCU Mackay Open Day
This will be held on Sunday 5 August from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Mackay Education and Research Centre (Mackay Base Hospital). A great opportunity to find out what JCU offers in Mackay, and also at Townsville.

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**Student Festival of Fashion**

Don’t be late! Entries close 20th July for the Student Festival of Fashion. Make sure you include the nomination form, image consent forms, garment description and payment. These can be posted to P.O. Box 1546 Mackay or dropped at Uniform Solutions, Alfred St. Tickets are now on sale at MECC – purchase and collect before the day for the early bird price.

You still have time to make your fabulous outfit for this year’s Student Festival of Fashion on the 11th August. Opportunities for all – draw, sew and recycle. Give it a go – it’s lots of fun. For more info check the website www.studentfestivaloffashion.com.au, Facebook or phone Rosemary 0414 354 920.

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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.
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.

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Win an iPad 3!

Mackay & District Careers Expo is on at the MECC on Wednesday 15th August from 1.00pm—6.00pm.

Here you will find the answer to all of your questions from leading universities, training organisations, local companies and national employers.

All of your answers solved at the one place!

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Brother’s Junior Cricket Sign-on

- Brother’s Junior Cricket invites all new and existing members to sign on for the 2012 / 2013 season.
- For parent convenience sign-on will be conducted electronically.
- Age groups from U10 to U17
- 20/20 season starts Sunday 5 August
- Regular season starts Sunday 9 September
- $150 for the first child, $140 for additional children in the same family.

For additional information and registration forms please contact junior registrar: Tracey McLeod. Email: tmcleod@stpats.qld.edu.au. Work: 4944 7266
Spirit of Catholic Education Award Recipients 2012

The *Spirit of Catholic Education Awards* are presented annually in conjunction with Catholic Education Week to recognise individuals making an outstanding contribution to Catholic education in Queensland. This year the awards included the inaugural *Aunty Joan Hendriks Award*.

The seven recipients of this year’s awards are:

Samantha Andre St Andrew’s Catholic College, Redlynch

**Sophie Basford** Marist College, Emerald

Sharyn Bell St Catherine’s Catholic College, Proserpine

Ben Gray St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, Caboolture

Dan McErlean St Mary’s College, Toowoomba

Karl McKenzie Catholic Education Office, Townsville

Sr Pauline Robinson mfc Mt Alvernia College, Kedron

Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC will present the awards at the official launch of Catholic Education Week on Wednesday 25 July at St Therese – The Little Flower Church, Kedron.

A short summary of the work for which each recipient is being recognised is available on the Catholic Education Week website.

This year 61 nominations were received from across the State representing all spheres of Catholic education communities – clergy, staff, parents and volunteers.

All nominees received a letter from QCEC Executive Director, Mike Byrne congratulating them on this significant recognition of their contribution to Catholic education. Certificates for nominees will also be distributed to relevant schools and/or parishes in the hope that these might be presented during Catholic Education Week. A complete list of the nominees is available on the Catholic Education Week website.

Sincere thanks to everyone who nominated and/or supported these awards in any way this year.
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 Pootts 0437 525 538 andrew@power2.com.au