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**Eamon Hannan – Principal**

**Year 12 Retreat**

Year 12 students had a two day retreat with Mr Michael Fitzpatrick last Thursday and Friday. Many of the students have had a one day experience with Mr Fitzpatrick in either year 9 or year 10 but all have agreed that the Year 12 retreat with its focus on setting things right for the next stage of their journey has been most significant and memorable for them.

The highlight of the retreat for many students was the web of connections that they created by discussing significant events that have occurred in their two years at the college. The web was then symbolically cut indicating what will happen as they graduate in a few short weeks and disperse each taking their piece of the story with them.

As a Principal for me the highlight was a ritual in the middle of the day on Friday where students acknowledged each other, forgave each other and supported each other. Students also received a blessing and were challenged during the retreat to think about their participation in the wider church community.

**Year 11 Retreat and QCS Day**

Year 11 students engaged well in their one day retreat with the Fr Ray Sanchez and the Passionist retreat team from Brisbane. This retreat had a focus on relationships. This activity leads towards our leadership program at the end of term where we will be electing and appointing leaders for 2013.

Year 11 students also worked hard on a writing task and had an introduction to the Multiple Choice sections of the QCS test.

**F1 in Schools**

Our F1 team were runners up in Bundaberg last week. The result of this is that they have qualified for the national competition in Melbourne next year. Year 12 members of the team will not be eligible but have indicated a willingness to be involved as mentors for the team next year. The students – Shoubhik Bhattacharjee, Bryan Reitano, Nicholas Braithwaite, Michael Sant and Jory Ladewig and Mr Korneliussen are to be congratulated as putting together such a successful team takes academic prowess in working with engineering concepts, drawing programs and computer controlled lathes as well as designing promotional material and writing letters to attract sponsors.
The teams have also spent a great deal of their own time and energy in putting all of this together. They do not just have a great set of cars, but all aspects from attracting sponsorship, creating budgets, designing logos and working and learning together were assessed in the competition. (See report from Mr Korneliussen on page 6 and report from students on pages 8 - 10).

Eisteddfod
As I write this a number of our groups are performing in the Mackay Eisteddfod. This is the culmination of a great deal of preparation by students and staff over the course of the year. I am also aware that we have many students competing individually and we wish all groups the very best.

Coming Events
All parents and students are invited to attend our Arts’ Showcase and Sports Dinner.

On Friday 2 November our Performing Artists will present Showcase which is a celebration of a very successful year in this area of college life.

On 9 November we have our Annual Sports Awards Dinner. Watch newsletters for more detail regarding both these events.

Valedictory and Graduation
The year 12 Valedictory evening is coming up on Monday 12 November at the MECC. The year 12 Graduation Mass is on Friday 16 November at 9:30 am. I am sending a letter to parents of year 12 about these events. Even though the focus of these events is the Senior group, parents of Year 11 students are also welcome to attend.

Semi-formal
The Year 11 Semi-formal is coming up on the last day of term - 30 November. This event follows an important series of leadership days where we elect our college leadership for 2013.

St Patrick’s Family
Mr Brendon Brauer recently completed the Hawaiian Ironman World Championship. He came 390th overall and 87th in his division. Brendon’s certificate shows just what an impressive feat this is.

Readings for this weekend’s Mass
First Reading: Isaiah 53 : 10 – 11; Psalm 32 : 4-5, 18 – 20, 22; Second Reading: Hebrews 4 : 14 – 16; Gospel: Mark 10 : 35 – 45 or Mark 10 : 42 – 45.
While we pray that we all stay focused this term on the achievements that are about to be realized, we also understand that there is a lot of hard work yet to be done before December. For the Year 12s, one could say that this is the beginning of the end of their childhood schooling. On the other hand, this is the beginning of their adult self. The transition from one to other is not always simple. For the Year 11s, they are preparing to take on the responsibility of leading our college. We hope that students in the coming weeks reflect upon what it takes to make a good leader. The retreats that were held last week were organised in order to assist our students with these transitions. We have had an overwhelmingly positive reaction from both the year 11 and 12 students about their experiences on retreat. The 12s presenter Michael Fitzpatrick, inspired our young adults and assisted them with setting positive goals for the future based on a strong sense of self awareness. The 11s heard about and participated in leadership activities which were led by Fr Ray Sanchez and three young Passionists from Brisbane. One student commented that “the retreat was rewarding in many ways. I had the chance get to know some people that I haven’t met before. I enjoyed the many activities which required us to trust our peers and use our communication skills. This experience has given me the courage and confidence to think about nominating for a leadership position.”

I can confidently say that the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and greatly valued the experience. No matter what academic results are taken away from school, nothing will be as important as the qualities of each individual; their strong character, self-awareness, confidence and righteousness.
Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

QCS 2013 Reminder
Last week I explained the QCS Test is not only for university bound students, it is a test for ALL students capable of doing it. We are having a huge literacy push at the school and the reading groups are becoming writing groups for term 4.

What’s in the test?
The QCS Test consists of four test papers:

- One Writing Task (WT)
- One Short Response (SR)
- Two Multiple Choice (MC)

When is it held?
The QCS Test takes place over two consecutive days late in Term 3. Next year it will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 – 4 September.

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Release of Year 12 Results for 2012
All Year 12 students need to take notice of the following information:

Want your results and OP online?
Your Year 12 results and OP will be available in your learning account from 9:00 am on Saturday 15 December 2012.
You will need your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in. If you don’t know your LUI, ask your school.
Activate your learning account now, so you can access your results as soon as they are available.
Log in at: studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au

Professional Day
On Tuesday 30 October the college will be holding its Professional Day – this is a day where ALL students do not come in uniform but dress for their future employment. This has been a huge success in the past and we have been encouraged by Industry to make students very clear of workplace dress codes as they prepare for their future careers. Vouchers and other prizes will be given out on the day for the most appropriately dressed students. This is judged by uniform supplier – Uniform Solutions. More information in future newsletters. (Please see page 11 for further information).
Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator

66th Annual Eisteddfod
Yesterday, the Stage Band, Handbells and Percussion groups performed at the annual Mackay Eisteddfod. We congratulate the groups on their successes and the way they represented the college. Please watch this space for their results in next week’s newsletter.

Final rehearsals are being held for each Eisteddfod item. Students are required to attend every rehearsal. We thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

THURSDAY 18 October 7:00 am Choir
Lunch Novelty Group
FRIDAY 19 October 7:30 am Novelty Group (Singing)
Lunch Novelty Group

Week 3
MONDAY 22 October 5:30 pm Folk Group meet at school for rehearsal, then proceed to the Theatre at 6:30 pm
TUESDAY 23 October 7:00 am Novelty Group (singing)
Lunch Novelty Group
THURSDAY 25 October Lunch Choir
Lunch Choir (singing and staging)
FRIDAY 26 October 7:00 am Choir
Lunch Choir

Throughout the next two weeks, the college drama and choral groups will be performing at the Eisteddfod in the following sections. Directors of each group will advise students of requirements and meeting times during rehearsals.

FOLK VOCAL GROUP
6:30 pm – Monday 22 October
- Folk Group (Section 19) Folk Singing Group Secondary Schools

Students will be required to meet in the foyer of the MECC for a rehearsal 6:30 pm. Students will be required to wear their formal choir uniform.

CHOIR / NOVELTY
6:30 pm – Tuesday 23 October
- Choir (Section 13) – Novelty Chorus Group Secondary Schools

Students will be required to meet in the foyer of the MECC at 6:15 pm. Students will then proceed to the dressing rooms for costumes and make-up.

DRAMA CLASSES
8:30 am – Thursday 25 October
- Year 11 and 12 Drama Classes - Choral Speaking Group Secondary Schools

Teachers / directors of these groups will inform students of requirements. Students will meet at school then proceed to the MECC.

CHOIR
8:30 am – Sunday 28 October
- Choir (Section 10) – Choral Singing (Hymn and Folk) Group Secondary Schools
- Choir (Section 6) – Choral Singing for Schools Group Open

Students will be required to meet in the ‘Space’ at the MECC for a rehearsal at 7:20 am. Students will be required to wear their formal choir uniform.

Arts Showcase and Awards Night

The Road to Success

Date: Friday 2 November, 2012
Time: Pre entertainment drinks / food from 6:30 pm. Showcase starts at 7:00 pm
Venue: St Patrick’s Hall
Tickets: Adults $20.00, Secondary Students $12.00, Children $7.00, Performers $5.00

Tickets available from St Patrick’s College Reception (after 9:00 am school days).
Brendon Brauer – Sport Coordinator

St Pat’s Sports Dinner
The college Sports Dinner will be held on Friday 9 November. Tickets are now on sale from the college office at a cost of $40 for a two course meal. The dinner will be held at Souths Leagues Club and will commence at 6.30 pm. This is sure to be an enjoyable evening where we acknowledge the achievements of both students and the coaching staff of our many teams. All family and friends are welcome to attend this very important event. Students are reminded to check the information on the college sports noticeboard to ensure they will be acknowledged at the dinner for their representative selection.

Important Dates
November 9   St Patrick’s College Sports Dinner

Simon Korneliussen – F1 in Schools State Final
At the commencement of this academic year, students were invited to form a team to design and race an F1 car to compete in the local schools competition. Shoubhik Bhattacharjee, Bryan Reitano, Nicholas Braithwaite, Michael Sant and Jory Ladewig made a commitment to St Pat’s staff members Mr Simon Korneliussen and Mr David Frazer with Bryan and Shoubhik having competed with distinction in 2011.

Our team was successful locally, being runners up in the regional competition and were invited to compete in the state finals in Bundaberg last week. This involved a nine hour bus trip and only an hour to set up as we were late in arriving. The students did a remarkable job with support from a comprehensive list of sponsors to finish in second position in the state. This is a result to be very proud of as these students have worked exceptionally long hours in the short time we have had since the recent Regional Finals. It also could not have as successful without the tuition offered by Mr Dean Andric with the verbal presentation and Mr Robert Sparks with the business plan.

Our students were offered a chance to compete at the National Titles in Melbourne by collaborating with the team from Mirani State High School who finished third in the state. This means that the three year 11 students from Split Second Racing (two year 12 students will be leaving the college this year and are not allowed to compete next year) will now team up with the three students from Hi Calibre Racing to form a new team and challenge the country’s best in February next year. Both Year 12 students have also committed to assist with designing a new car and will probably travel to Melbourne as mentors and pit crew.

We are excited about our chances of doing well next year with the experience our team has gained this year and look forward to working with Mirani State High School. The competition is worldwide and Australian school teams have successfully competed internationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and welcome others who might be able to assist with funding to get to Melbourne next year.

From left Nicholas Braithwaite, Michael Sant, Jory Ladewig, Shoubhik Bhattacharjee and Bryan Reitano
Louanne Benecke – Uniform Shop Coordinator

Anyone wishing to sell uniforms through the college uniform shop may hand them in at the front desk at any time. The college deducts 20% of the sale price and the remainder is returned to the seller. Please attach your name, phone number and price of the item if you wish to determine the price. Clothes will otherwise be priced according to condition. Labels are available at reception.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Orientation Day, Thursday 29 November, so stock arriving before this date will be available for sale to new parents.

The shop is also open during the week before school starts in January 2013 and is generally open from 1.00 to 1.30pm on Thursdays and at other times by appointment. I can be contacted on 4944 7265.

Borrowed uniforms:
Any student who has borrowed clothing from the uniform shop during the year MUST return the clothing to reception or the uniform shop immediately or pay the cost of the item to the uniform shop. Please mark your name clearly on the item or bag to avoid being billed for the item.

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BUS FARE ASSISTANCE & STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Semester 2, 2012

Online applications for the Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme will be accepted from

1st October until 31st October 2012

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:
www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquiries to:
3336 9192 or
schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st October 2012 cannot be processed.
State Finals...

Last Wednesday we travelled to Bundaberg for the F1 in Schools, State Finals and have successfully qualified for the National Finals to be held at Melbourne March next year.

Competing against 6 other very strong teams from all over the state we were able be the Runners Up at the competition and also won the OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY COLLABORATION AWARD. For this award we would like to thank all our industry partners who have mentored our team in various aspect of competition.

Also in the competition we recorded our fastest time so far of 1.075 seconds (just 0.075 seconds away from our goal - to split the second) on a 20 meter track. Looking back at our progress, we were running 1.6 seconds in the last year’s Regional Finals, this decreased to 1.3 in last year’s State Finals and further dropped to 1.2 seconds in the Regional Final this year, and now averaging just under 1.1’s. At the State Finals we received a Wild Card entry for the National Finals for which we have to collaborate with Hi-Calibre Racing from Mirani State High School. We hope through this collaboration our team will be a much stronger contender at the National Finals.

Other than competition were able to have some fun during our visit to Bundy Bowl and Leisure where we spent our time in the arcade games and laser tag with all the teams from Mackay.

We are looking forwards towards the National Finals in late March and we hope that you will support our collaboration team in the next stage of the competition.

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Tuesday 30 October is planned as the fifth Professional Day for St Patrick’s Senior College. As our students are starting to plan for transition into the workforce or to further study before going to work this is an opportunity for them to focus on present or future goals. They are to dress and groom themselves for the workplace they would most like to pursue a career in after school. Nearly 50 of our students are already engaged in School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships and have appropriate clothes to wear to that work site. **ALL STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN WORK CLOTHES – NO CLOTHES ARE TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE OCCASION.** The following demonstrates the major career categories that would be appropriate. If students are unsure – general retail outfit of long pants/sleeved shirt for young men and skirt/sleeved shirt for young women would be appropriate. Practical classes will be advised on procedures for the day.

Prizes will be given on the day to the most appropriately dressed and groomed students by our large group of Business and Professional sponsors. (Full list of sponsors in coming weeks).

**NO STUDENT IS TO BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Professional Day 2012**