Eamon Hannan – Principal

We wish all mothers Happy Mother’s Day this Sunday!

Big Rocks of Life
At Assembly today I spoke with students about the importance of putting the big rocks in place in your life. The Big Rocks being those things that are really important. For students whose full time occupation is that of being a student one of the key elements of this is full attendance at school and maximum concentration and focus whilst attending school.

We looked at images from the service for Ms Amarlie Carroll that was held last week to consider the question: What are the “Big Rocks” in our lives? What are the things that are most important to us?

I encouraged the students to ask themselves how minute by minute, day by day they were achieving their goals. Everything that we do is shaping us, forming our personality, forming our mind and shaping our bodies.

Memorial
Thank you to all members of our community who participated in the memorial for Ms Amarlie Carroll. We particularly thank Mr Bill Gilbert (her husband) and Mr Joe and Mrs Lorraine Carroll (her parents) who attended. Staff and students placed rocks around a bonsai tree that was presented to the family.

Parent Teacher Night
Thank you to all who participated in the parent-teacher evening last Thursday. This night is an important part of maintaining communication between all involved in the partnership of educating our students. If you missed interviews or would like follow up appointments with staff please contact the office who will assist you.

Cross Country Champions
For the ninth year running our students have taken out the Mackay regional cross-country championship. Congratulations to all staff and students involved. Particularly thank you to Mr Brauer for his organisation and passion for this event.

Parents and Friends Meeting
Last week the Parents and Friends met and approved donations to the college totalling $5 150. The donations included support for the ANZAC day breakfast, installation of a new lighting desk in the Performing Arts and a small gift from the Board and Parents and Friends to Fr Andrew (our College Chaplain) who will be leaving us shortly.

Please note the previously published date for the next Parents and Friends Meeting clashes with one of the State of Origin matches. This meeting has now been moved to Tuesday 4 June at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

College Board Meeting
At the College Board meeting the board reflected on a section of the Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict – entitled Porta Fidei (The Door of Faith). The board also discussed and reflected further on the formation of the college’s Reconciliation Action Plan. Other topics included prioritising policies for review and discussion regarding the McGarry Bursary fund.

Catholic Debutante’s Ball
On the 24th May a number of students from St Patrick’s and Holy Spirit Colleges will be making their debut. We are always grateful for the support of the local catholic community who organise and run this event. In particular we are thankful for the support of Mrs Berenice Wright who has been organising the weekly preparation sessions in St Patrick’s Hall where the students have been learning dancing and formal etiquette appropriate to the occasion.
Mackay Marina Fund Run NEEDS volunteers
I have a message from Mr Damian Carroll who is a member of the organising committee for the Fun Run:

The organising committee for the Marina Run are seeking volunteers to assist on the day of the run (Sunday 2 June 2013). The volunteers assist with manning drink stations and traffic control. There are varying start times for the races conducted on the morning and therefore varying start times for the volunteers. A roster is prepared in advance of the day and circulated. If any students or parents are prepared to volunteer we would be most grateful. Should you require any further information would you please not hesitate in contacting me.

Regards, Damian Carroll, Phone: 4944 2000

If students or parents want to register their interest they can leave their name at the office or contact Damian Carroll directly at the number listed above.

St Patrick’s Family
Please keep the family of Riley Capra (Year 12) in your prayers. Riley’s grandfather, Barry Capra, passed away last week and was buried today.

Congratulations to Samantha Stratton (Year 11) who received a Silver Medal from Trinity College London at a presentation in Brisbane last week. Samantha received the medal for her 95% mark in Grade 6 Speech and Drama. This is Samantha’s fourth award from Trinity College.

Sunday Mass Readings: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.
READING 1: ACTS 1:1-11 … for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
READING 2 EPH 1:17-23 … May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
GOSPEL LK 24:46-53 … “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day

Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

“When the last scene of my life shot before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand.”
Last Friday our College held a memorial service for Amarlie Carroll. Amarlie was a wonderful teacher and wife but also a loving mother. Sunday the 12th of May will be Mother’s Day. It is the day designated to focus on the sacrifices of our mothers and to say thank you. In every generation one of the most difficult responsibilities in our world is the responsibility of a conscientious mother.

The earliest Mother’s Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600’s, England celebrated a day called “Mothering Sunday”, it was celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. During this time many of the England’s poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honour the “Mother Church” – the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time people began honouring their mothers as well as the church. In 1907 Ana Jarvis of the United States, began a campaign to establish a national Mother’s Day. Ms Jarvis persuaded her mother’s church to celebrate Mother’s Day on the second anniversary of her mother’s death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By 1914 President Woodrow Wilson, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother’s Day as a national holiday. In Australia, we also celebrate Mother’s Day on the second Sunday of May. In the Christian Church May is the month of Mary. So we remember in a special way Mary the mother of Jesus.

Weekend Masses

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Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

Assignments – Drafting and Submission
Many of the students have just submitted assignments in a variety of subjects. There seems to be some confusion of the reason for and process of drafting plus submission requirements. This is the business end of education and we are talking about high stakes for students at the end of senior education. These matters involve both security and integrity. Please be reminded the due date is the due date unless written extensions have been approved by the Head of Department. The Drafting Policy has been reprinted below.

Absenteeism
Many students were absent last Friday and this Monday – there was also a large number absent on the Friday after Anzac Day. At the end of every year there are always some students who seem puzzled how others have achieved outstanding results, a choice of university places, scholarships and so forth – it is rarely surprising to their teachers. When students are absent for important sporting and cultural events it is often building towards some of those university goals but when students are missing for holidays it does start to affect their work ethic and focus. In an increasingly competitive tertiary sector – also about to have its budget cut significantly – it may be very wise for students to forgo unnecessary absenteeism until they have their studies in order.

For those planning to start work immediately after school – please be reminded that employers always want to know about the ‘A students’ when asking for a reference – attendance, attitude and attire.

Drafting Policy
It is important that during the correction and providing of feedback to students that we maintain integrity across all subjects. The focus should always be about assisting students to submit their very best work NOT about reworking, rewriting or restructuring the draft so the issue of student authorship arises.

Teachers may indicate what needs to be corrected, changed, added to, expanded, reshaped and so on – NOT to do it for the student. Part of the drafting process is for students to reflect on their work and come up with strategies to improve it. Feedback should be timely but this may depend on individual teacher’s timetables – (eg Staff with four classes of 26 students doing the same assignment may have different time restraints than a teacher with one class of 20 students) Do not email assignments to staff unless this has been organised and DO not email them at inconvenient times.

Students should not go to several staff and have the assignment read and several amounts of feedback provided – the class teacher is always the first point of reference.
Year 11 students may need the most support and this should slowly decrease so that in Semester 4 students are only receiving verbal feedback and/or minimal written corrections. This is in line with the QSA principle of ‘increasing independence of the student’ and ‘increasing complexity of the task’.

Students should hand in drafts in a reasonable condition (eg. stapled, in a plastic sleeve etc.) and at an appropriate time (not when the teacher may be unable to store the draft safely eg yard duty). The idea of giving feedback on drafts is for students to make final improvements on an assignment that has already been a **significant part of the teaching and learning process**. It is not intended to replace the teaching of that unit in class and the learning (homework and other research) required of the student. It is still an assessment task to test the learning required of that unit by the student.

**Students should not hand in any draft without keeping a copy.**

Drafting is a consultation process and not a marking process. Staff should not give a mark to a draft – this is inconsistent with QSA policy.

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**Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator**

**USA ARTS TOUR**

**USA Arts Tour upcoming Tour “Special” rehearsals/dates:**

- **Sunday 12 May** 10:30 am – 1:00 pm (Mothers Day)
- **Saturday 18 May** Sausage Sizzle at Ooralea Woolworths (8:00 am – 3:00 pm)
- **Sunday 26 May** 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
- **Sunday 2 June** 10:30 am – 2:00 pm
- **Sunday 16 June** EXTRA REHEARSAL AND TOUR SHOWCASE (time to be advised)
- **Thursday 20 June** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Show Day Holiday Rehearsal / Performance

Please note: **an extra rehearsal has been added to the schedule.** This extra rehearsal will be held on **Sunday 16 June**. During this rehearsal, the students will be showcasing their tour preparations and performances in a pre-tour concert. Rehearsal time and concert time is yet to be confirmed. Watch this space for more information.

These rehearsals are **COMPULSORY**. If there are any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the college or email bjohnston@stpats.qld.edu.au

**Tour Payments:**

All participants participating in the upcoming USA tour should now have finalised all payments. We thank you for your support and responsiveness to all communications.

**Tour Meeting:**

As the tour has now been finalised, a tour meeting will be held in the next few weeks. Please watch this space for further information.

**USA Arts Tour Fundraising:**

The next fundraiser is on **Saturday 18 May** at Ooralea Woolworths (8:00 am – 3:00 pm). We are still looking for some helpers. If you are available, please contact Lorraine at the College reception.

**St Patrick’s College Talent Show**

Next Wednesday the college SRC and Cultural students look forward to hosting this year’s first Talent Show. All “entry” donations will help towards the cost of transporting the USA Arts Tour instruments, show equipment and costumes. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

**Cadbury Chocolate Drive**

The Cadbury Chocolate Drive has now finished. Please ensure all chocolate monies have been returned to the College bursar. We look forward to sharing the news of the profit in the near future.
MECC Music Theatre Experience:
Mackay Musical Comedy Players presents: HAIRSPRAY

Students of St Patrick’s College are invited to attend a Preview Performance of Mackay Musical Comedy Players new show “Hairspray”, which will be held at the Mackay Entertainment Centre at 7:30 pm on Thursday 23 May. Tickets are $10 per student.

If you are interested in coming along to support the local talent and witness some energetic dancing and singing, please see Mrs Johnston for further details. The group booking will be organised next Monday. To secure a ticket, students will be required to bring $10 to the College bursar. This payment must be placed in a named envelope and placed in the bursars drop box. Students are encouraged to listen to morning notices for sign up.

67th ANNUAL MACKAY EISTEDDFOD (7 – 27 October):
The Mackay Eisteddfod schedule is now available from Theatre Arts Mackay and Yamaha Music Store. All entries must be sent to the Mackay Eisteddfod committee NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15th MAY.

The Eisteddfod schedule can be found on the website: www.mackayeisteddfod.com.au For enquires on entries contact: Phone/Fax 4953 0747 or Email eisteddfod.mackay@bigpond.com

QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM:
The Qld Conservatorium Griffith University is hosting an instrumental / choral workshop from Thursday 3 October to Sunday 6 October. This fine program is open to all instrumental and vocal students throughout Queensland. This is a unique opportunity for students to work in an intensive environment of musical excellence. Successful applicants will work with a team of eminent State, National and International conductors including Mr Ralph Hultgren, Ms Joanne Heaton, Mr David Jones, Ms Emily Threinen (USA), Dr. Louis Bergonzi (USA), Ms Catriona Macdonald (UK) and Mr Tim Sherlock. Successful applicants will be required to attend all rehearsals and workshops at Griffith University, Southbank, Brisbane on the Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday.

Who can nominate? Instrumental and/or Vocal students that are at a grade 5 or higher level.
Nominations: Close Friday 10 May, 2013.
Cost: $260.00 (plus transport/accommodation)
For more information please see Mrs Johnston.

Brendon Brauer - Sport

Mackay District Cross Country Results
As was stated in last week’s newsletter, our college cross country team was once again crowned senior cross country champions after last week’s Mackay District trials. Of the twenty-four runners who represented the college, eighteen have qualified for the Capricornia trials which will also be held at the Sarina Golf Club on June 5. Students must ensure that they have returned their medical form and levy by Friday May 10 if they intend competing at these trials.

Students who have qualified for the Capricornia trials are as follows:

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Other students who competed on the day and contributed to our team point score were; Ebony Smith, Cynthia Borg, Sara Graffunder, Jacob Pace, Courtney Mabon and Lauren Hunter.

Interschool Volleyball
Congratulations to the St Pat’s Spikers (Open girls) who defeated Whitsunday Anglican 2 sets to one in round two of the Interschool competition. Unfortunately the St Pat’s Blockheads (Open boys) were defeated 2 sets to 0 in their round two fixture.

Important Dates
13 May  St Patrick’s First XIII V St Brendan’s College, 4:00 pm at the Stadium
5 June  Capricornia Cross Country Trials (Sarina Golf Club)
June 24  QISSN (Netball) & Confraternity Shield (Rugby League)

Netball Draw for Wednesday 15 May 2013

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NOTE TO: YEAR 12 STUDY OF RELIGION AND BIOLOGY YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY

Please note that the due date for the following assignments has been changed to:
Year 12 SOR - Ethnographic assignment is now due on Monday 20 May.
Year 12 Biology, Extended Experimental Investigation is now due on Monday 13 May.
Year 11 Geography - In class test – 20 May; Research report due: 7 June 2013

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES - Semester 1, 2013

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $22/week* on fares to and from school (* $17/week if you hold a concession card)
- Does your child travel on a publically available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted.
DATE CLAIMER

MARK YOUR CALENDER - Sunday, 2 June, 2013

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Procession from St Joseph’s Church, Grendon St, North Mackay across the bridge to St Patrick’s Church River St, Mackay.

More details to follow. Please spread the message and come join us

May our believing in Christ and our free, joyful and courageous witness to the faith, bring others to believe and hope in the Risen Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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New to Mackay?

The Welcome to Mackay Centre offers information on everything you might need to know about settling up and adjusting to life in the Mackay region.

We would like to invite you on a FREE Welcome to Mackay Bus tour so you can get to know a bit more about Mackay and the local community.

**When:** Saturday 18th May 2013

**Time:** 10.30am for an 11am departure

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Where:** The bus departs from the Old Town Hall on Sydney Street at 11am and returns at 1pm.

**Cost:** It’s FREE!

There are limited seats available so booking is essential! Please contact the Welcome to Mackay Centre on Ph: 4957 7757 or email welcomecentre@rdc.org.au to reserve your seat. Children are welcome.
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Youth Pathways Expo

24 May 2013
9am—5pm
Senior Citizens Club
Macalister Street, Mackay

What is Youth Pathways Expo?
An opportunity for school leavers to gain an insight into the pathways and support available to assist them in making a smooth and successful transition post secondary school

Who will be there?
Invitation to all school leavers (and their parents) in the Mackay Region with a disability or who are disadvantaged

How much does it cost?
A$15 donation per stall would be appreciated however not compulsory

Catering provided by the Seniors Association at a small cost

Guest Speakers presenting on the day

For Bookings or Enquiries
Phone: 0409 916 845
E-mail: lauren@idealplacements.com.au

Giveaways on the day
including an iPad Mini!