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| 9 | Enrolment forms for Year 11 2014 due |
| 15 | Feast of the Assumption |
| 18 | QCS Workshop |
| 19 | Letters re Enrolment Interviews posted this week |
| 20 | QCS Practice – Year 12 |
| 21 | QCS Practice – Year 12 |
| 26 | Enrolment interviews for Year 11 2014 commence this week |
| September | |
| 3 | QCS Test |
| 4 | QCS Test |
| 9 | Year 11 / 12 Industry Placement commences |
| 11 | P & F Meeting, 6:00 pm  
Board Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| 13 | Exams commence |
| 20 | End Term 3 |
| October | |
| 7 | Labour Day holiday |
| 8 | School recommences for Term 4  
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| 9 | P & F Meeting, 6:00 pm  
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| 21 | QCS Verification Day |
| 27 | Eisteddfod ends |
| 30 | Professional Day  
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| 31 | Year 12 group photo |
| November | |
| 1 | Year 12 exams commence  
Cultural Showcase |

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**Eamon Hannan – Principal**

Tomorrow—8th August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She is Australia's first saint and she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866. Mary MacKillop actually visited the St Patrick’s school site in the 1870’s when the primary school here was run by Sisters of St Joseph. After only a few years the Josephite sisters left and their role was taken over by the Sisters of Mercy. She died on the 8th August 1909. She was beatified on 19th January 1995 and canonised on 17th October 2010.

For our Year 12 students in particular this is a very important term which will most likely have the biggest impact on the results of their studies. The QSA has a policy of Fullest and Latest in terms of ranking students results in OP subjects. So how students perform in later semesters has greater emphasis than earlier performance. That is, it is all about how a student exits a course. This means that assessment in this term is critical. Study can be overwhelming if not managed properly. Assessment needs to be planned and attacked at the earliest opportunity. Revision should also begin early. Students should map out their commitments in study and all aspects of their lives as they move through August and September.

Parents and students are reminded that we have an individual assessment planner on the college website – [www.stpats.qld.edu.au](http://www.stpats.qld.edu.au). Click on the link for individual assessment, enter your student code and print it out. My suggestion is to set the order to by “week due”. Remember that the web page does not give exact dates of exams and assignments and that sometimes these dates are subject to change. Check with your teacher if concerned.

**QCS Workshop – Sunday 18 August**

On Sunday 18 August there is a workshop for QCS preparation. We have experienced presenters coming to work with our students and give them tips to maximise their performance on the QCS test in September. Students from Year 11 and 12 are encouraged to register. See inside for more details.

**Subject Info night**

Thank you to all staff and students who supported the Subject Information Night last Thursday for Year 11 students coming to the college in 2014. This night is critical for these students to get an accurate idea of what is involved in subjects that they might be interested in taking. It was great that students were there to help out and give their personal input for the Year 10 students. Thank you also to Ms Edna Galvin for her organisation of this event.

**Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Mr Brendon Brauer, staff and students for a very successful carnival last Friday. Congratulations to Chisholm house who were the winners and to Gabrielle De Boni and Jordyn Mulherin who broke a number of college athletics records.

**Visit of HMAS Perth**

On Monday a group of twelve students, Mrs Weiss, Mr Giumelli and I were fortunate to visit the HMAS Perth which was docked over the weekend in Mackay Harbour. Lieutenant David Smith (Senior of 1997) invited students and staff to visit. He is a great ambassador for the Defence Force and in particular the Royal Australian Navy. He showed us around the ship showing us the weapons systems, bridge and operations room and facilities on board. He also spoke with students about what life in the Defence Force is like.
Rugby league win against Mackay High School

On Wednesday last week our Rugby League boys beat Mackay High School in the Super Eight competition. Today they are playing St Brendan’s at Yeppoon in the quarter-finals. Congratulations to Mr John Boumford and Mr Morrie Fatnowna and students for this great result.

CASPAQ conference in Stanthorpe

I attended the State Conference for Principals in Catholic Secondary Schools which this year was held at Stanthorpe. Keynote speakers included Dr Michael Smith who spoke about Contemplative Leadership, Dr Judy Smeed who spoke about Ethical Use of Data, Mr Adair Donaldson who spoke about schools and the law, and Dr Denis McLaughlin who spoke about Schools and Gospel Values of Social Justice with a particular focus on the current emphasis of Pope Francis. We also were addressed by Bishop Emeritus William Morris at the conference dinner.

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Wisdom 18 : 6 – 9: and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers: and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Psalm: Psalm 33:1, 12, 18 – 22. Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and shield.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1 – 2, 8 – 19 or 11 : 1 – 2, 8 - 12. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.


Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) (8th August)

Thursday August 8 marks the 104th anniversary of the death of Mary MacKillop and the first Feast Day of Australia’s first Saint. Canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010, her Feast Day will be celebrated not only at schools, parishes and churches across Australia but by communities and individuals worldwide. Although her death occurred more than a century ago, she continues to inspire men, women and children whether Catholic or non-Catholic.

Her Feast Day, which was declared a Solemnity by the Vatican, is also a time to contemplate her remarkable life, her sense of social justice and her enormous contribution to education and as a champion of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised. But while most Australians know Mary MacKillop’s name, many are unaware of exactly what this compassionate, devout and determined young woman achieved in her lifetime or why she remains such an inspiration, not only to Australians but to men and women worldwide.

About Mary MacKillop:

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne. On 8 August 1909, she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, “Mary of the Cross”. In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began schools. Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia and commenced a “system” of “Josephite” schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor. In 1873, Pope Pius IX gave Papal approval for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her.

Let us pray:

O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
Through our Lord. Amen.
Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

The Value Of Education
Last week on assembly I showed the students the real reasons why education is so important in their lives. Recent survey results have indicated the following:

Well educated people:
1) Are happier than less educated people;
2) Live longer;
3) Have more lasting and successful relationships;
4) Have more control over all aspects of their lives;
5) Are less likely to commit crime;
6) Access more dynamic career paths.

It was also clear in the study that the main factor determining the level of your education is NOT your intelligence but your socio-economic group and education level of your parents. In the 1970s, when university education was made free, many families had the first person in their family gain a university education – it is time for this kind of social revolution to happen again.

Year 12 students need to be planning well for their future – time to fill in QTAC forms.

QCS Weekend Workshop
On Sunday 18 August commencing at 8:00 am we will be having our annual QCS Workshop. The presenters for this year are as follows:

- Mr Paul Kobez from Brisbane Grammar School: Writing Task Supervisor
- Mr Tony Hytch from The Cathedral College, Rockhampton: Short Response and Writing Task Expert
- Mr Pat Donnelly from Education Queensland: Literacy Expert
- Mrs Annette Williamson from Holy Spirit College: Short Response marker

The cost of this workshop is $25.00. This fee is to cover only part of the costs in bringing the speakers to Mackay. Breakfast and Morning Tea are included in the cost. If you are interested in being part of this workshop, please pay the Finance Office your $25 as soon as possible.

Brendon Brauer – Sport

St Pat’s Inter-house Athletics Carnival
The St Pat’s Athletics carnival was held last Friday in what was a pleasant day for all students and staff involved. The level of participation on the day was excellent with all house groups being well represented. All students who attended the carnival enjoyed a day that consisted of both novelty and competitive events.

Some pre-carnival events were held last week, in particular, the 3000m, boys shot putt and girls javelin events. The college would like to thank Mackay High School for allowing St Pat’s students to run the 3000m event on their athletics track last Monday afternoon. In total, 43 students competed in this event.

Chisholm (Year 12 girls) commenced Friday’s competition with a slight points advantage over Colin (Year 12 boys) who were keen to win their second inter-house carnival of the year after taking out the Cross Country title. Colin House gallantly defended their lead throughout the day; however, a superior performance from Chisholm in both the running and field events secured them the lead which they extended in the war cry event. The final house points and placing’s for the day were as follows:

Music Ministry is on next Sunday (18th August). Practice at St Patrick’s Church from 5:00 pm with Mass commencing at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a dinner and fun activities run by the National Evangelisation Team (NET) which will run until 8.30 pm.
Congratulations to all students who attended the carnival and participated. Your efforts are appreciated. All St Pat’s staff worked extremely hard throughout the day to ensure the students were given plenty of opportunities to participate and that all events were able to be run on the day.

Presentations for house champions will be made at the college assembly in the coming weeks. A full list of the medal winners will be available in next week’s newsletter.

The interschool carnival will be held on August 15 & 16 at Mackay North High School. Field events will be held on Thursday August 15, whilst track events will be run on Friday August 16. An exception to this will be the 3000m event and 800m which will both be held on Thursday. Students competing at the interschool competition must ensure they return medical/permission forms and the $10 levy by Monday August 12 at the very latest. To ensure the college can nominate a full team for this event, students should let Mr Brauer know of their intentions to compete ASAP.

College Records Broken
Congratulations to Grade 11 student, Gabrielle De Boni who broke two college records at last week’s Athletics carnival. As was mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Gabby broke the 3000m record and she also broke the college record in the 16 years 1500m event recording a time of 5 mins 24 seconds. The previous record was 5 mins 35 sec and was held by J Boyd since 1999. In the open girl’s triple jump, Year 12 student, Jordyn Mulherin jumped 10.78 metres to break the previous record of 10.09m that was set in 2002 by Hockeyroo, Teneal Attard. Congratulations girls on this outstanding achievement.

Mackay District Schoolboys Rugby League Grand final
Congratulations to the First XIII Rugby League team who defeated Mackay High School 20 - 6 in last week’s Mackay grand final. The team remained composed despite having a number of scoring opportunities denied by the Mackay High defence in the first half. The team have definitely benefitted from the Confraternity experience and are now demonstrating confidence in their ability to play attacking football. Coach Maurie Fatnowna and Manager Mr John Bournford should be very proud of their efforts in developing the team throughout the year.

This win has enabled the team to progress through to the Queensland Quarterfinals where they will play St Brendan’s College, Yeppoon. This game is actually being played at 3.30pm today, Wednesday August 7.

National Hockey Titles
Good luck to Year 11 student, Jacob Anderson who travels to Hobart this week to represent the Queensland U16 boys Hockey team at the National Titles. Jacob will first attend a training camp at the State Hockey centre in Brisbane before flying to Hobart later in the week.

Pierre De Coubertin Award
Year 12 student, Sean Gibbs has been awarded the prestigious Pierre De Coubertin Award for demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play in a variety of sports, in particular, hockey. Pierre De Coubertin was the founder of the modern Olympic Games and was convinced that participation in physical activity played a significant role in developing the individual. Sean has had a successful year in sport including gaining selection in the U18’s Queensland Hockey team. Sean was unable to attend the awards ceremony that was held at the Queensland Conservatorium in Brisbane on the first weekend of the June/July holidays. He was presented with a certificate and Olympic Pin at this week’s assembly.
Mackay District Cricket Trials
Fours St Patrick’s students attended the Mackay District 19 years Boys cricket trials this week and all four were selected. Congratulations to the following four students:

Sean Gibbs  Rhys McBride  Ryan Atkins  Mitchell Casey

These boys will now attend the Capricomia trials in Mackay on August 26.

Boys Football (Soccer) – Mr Brian Smith
A very competitive game between Mackay North High School and the St Pat’s boys was played at Lions Park last Thursday. The half time score was nil all due to some fine saves from our keeper and an equally good effort from the North High keeper.

With five minutes remaining on the clock, St Pat’s scored through some good team work and finishing but with only about 90 seconds left in the game, Mackay North scored to equalise. This is how the score remained at full time. Hopefully we will have another opportunity to play Mackay North this year (if in the finals it will be for the third year running).

Important Dates
August 11-12  NQ Schools Regatta
August 15-16  Mackay District Track & Field Trials

Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator

Mackay Orchestras and Band Competition
On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August, the 2013 Mackay Orchestras and Band Competition will be held in the theatre at Mackay Christian College Faith Centre (9 Quarry Street, North Mackay). St Patrick’s College will be represented at this competition with performances from our college Percussion and Handbell Ensembles and the St Patrick’s College Stage Band.

Last week, students received permission forms for this event. It is important students return these forms to the college office no later than tomorrow.

Students are required to wear their formal performance uniforms (all black) and meet and perform at the following times:

Saturday 18 August

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Eisteddfod rehearsals:
The upcoming Mackay Eisteddfod will be held from 8 October and will continue through until Sunday 27 October. During this event the college co-curricular groups, drama classes and individuals will participate in this annual event.

The college ensembles have commenced final rehearsals for their event. It is important students are available for ALL scheduled rehearsals.

Next week’s rehearse schedule (12 – 16 August) is as follows:

Folk Group: Monday lunch (12:50 pm)
Choir / Novelty: Tuesday mornings (7:00 am)
Percussion: Wednesday mornings (7:15 am)
Female Choir: Wednesday lunch (12:50 pm)
Handbells: Wednesday afternoon (3:00 pm – 5:30 pm)
Stage Band: Thursday mornings (7:00 am)
Male Choir: Thursday lunch (12:50 pm)
Please note: there will be rehearsals during term 3 exam block. Watch this space for the exam block rehearsal timetable.

Reminder: it is important all performers of the different co-curricular groups have organised their performance uniforms.

Rats of Tobruk Memorial Service:
On Friday 30 August, there will be a memorial service for the Rats of Tobruk held at Queens Park. A group of college singers will be required to lead the National Anthem and sing some hymns. All students involved will be required to wear full academic uniform. If you are interested in singing at this community memorial service, please see Mrs Johnston. The group will be rehearsing during some lunch times.

Important upcoming cultural dates:
Saturday 17 August: Mackay Orchestra’s and Band Competition (Percussion, Handbells and Stage Band members)
Week of 16 September (TBC): Pre-Eisteddfod concert (All co-curricular groups and Drama students)
8 - 27 October: Mackay local Eisteddfod (All co-curricular groups and Drama students)

Mackay Eisteddfod section breakdown
- Highland: 7 October
- Dance: 7 – 19 October
- Piano & Instrumental: 8 – 14 October
- Schools Instrumental: 14 – 16 October
- Speech and Drama: 17 – 26 October
- Choral Singing & Vocal: 20 – 27 October
- Irish Dancing: 20 October

Friday 1 November: Cultural Arts Showcase and Awards Night
Monday 11 November: Valedictory Evening
Choir, Band, Handbells, Year 11 Ringers and Percussion students

Edie Weiss – Guidance Counsellor

ICT Excellence Scholarships
Worth $3000 each; are available to commencing students at UQ doing Bachelor of IT, Multimedia Design or Engineering (Software or Electrical and Computing). More information at www.uq.edu.au/scholarships

AVCAT Scholarships
The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships for children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women.

AVCAT’s aim is to help the children and grandchildren of ex-servicemen and women to a better future through higher education. Through the help of generous donors, AVCAT administers scholarships to the children of those who have served our country in peace and war in the Australian Army, Navy and Airforce.

Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance hence studying full time.

Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between $3,000 and $4,000 per year. Applications for 2014 open in August 2013 and close on 31 October 2013. www.avcat.org.au

Apprenticeships 2014
Recruitment for the 2014 Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal opens on 31 July 2013. Year 12 students who are interested in gaining an Electrical or Fitter & Turner Apprenticeship please apply on line at www.mrael.com.au Closes on 25 August.
Recruitment for 2014 Wilmar Sugar (includes Plane Creek mill at Sarina and several others to the north) is now open. Students interested in Electrical, Fitter & Turner, Diesel Fitter, Boilermaker, or Instrument and Control Apprenticeships please apply online at www.sucrogen.com/careers. There are also cadetships which include an apprenticeship and associate degree in Electrical or Mechanical. Closes on 1 September.

**Gap year opportunities**

- Gapmedics offer work experience in the medical field overseas. These vary in length from one week. [www.gapmedics.com.au](http://www.gapmedics.com.au)
- Latitude Global Volunteering advise there are still some places left for 2014 even though the deadline has been reached. [www.latitude.org.au](http://www.latitude.org.au)

**University Open Days:**

- **CQUniversity Mackay Open Day** is on Sunday 18 August from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm... well worth a visit if you want to study locally.
- **JCU Townsville Open Day** is on Saturday 31 August from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.... may well be worth the trip north.

**Mackay Careers EXPO:**

All students and families are encouraged to attend the 2013 Careers Expo next Wednesday (14 August) at the MECC. Universities, Colleges, Industry recruitment agencies, ADF and much more will be available to answer your questions. It will be open until 6.00 pm and entry is free. Chance to win an iPad for attending!

**ADFA applications**

Students planning to go to the Defence Force Academy in 2014 are reminded that they are running out of time to start the application process. Apply online at [www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa) or call 131901.

**HMAS Perth visit**

A group of students who have expressed an interest in the ADF were privileged to be invited for a special tour of HMAS Perth, the navy’s most modern warship, when it was in Mackay recently. This was facilitated by St Patrick’s ex-student Lieutenant David Smith who graduated in 1997 and went to ADFA, and has had a varied career in the navy. He is currently third in command of HMAS Perth. He was very knowledgeable and passionate about his job and was able to pass this enthusiasm on to the students. Thank you to David for this special tour.
National Student Volunteer Week
There are many benefits to volunteering and all students are encouraged to participate in activities provided by the school, as well as outside school. This could be in the form of charity work, sports coaching, church activities, or simply helping out a neighbour. Some of the many rewards are:

1. Volunteering increases self confidence and combats depression.
2. Volunteering makes you happy!
3. Volunteering is great for career and job prospects
4. Volunteering lets students ‘test-drive their passions’ and make new connections.
5. Employers love students who volunteer
6. Volunteering helps students demonstrate compassion and commitment.

Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

What are you going to be when you GROW UP??
- And how exactly are you going to get there????
The Mackay & District Careers Expo is on at the
MECC on Wednesday 14th August from 1.00pm – 6.00pm
Here you will find the answers to all of your questions from leading Universities, training organisations, local companies and national employers
All of your answers solved at the one place!

Look forward to seeing you there
For more information please contact Melissa on 0408 737 696
Come along for the chance to win an iPad

Janelle Agius – Pastoral Coordinator

Formal Photographs
A reminder that John Drzewicki Photography will be at the college on Saturday 17 August from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm for parents and students to view Formal photographs. Payment is required when placing your order. Credit Card facilities will be available on the day. Alternative viewing times for parents can be arranged by phoning 4955 1962 (after hours).

Tracey McLeod – Pastoral Coordinator

Year 12 Mementos
Recently the year 12 students decided what senior mementos they would like to order to celebrate their final year at St Patrick’s College. The students decided that they would like the opportunity to order both a jersey, hoodie and a graduation ring. These mementos are not compulsory and students may choose to order none, one, two or all three. They will cost $72 for the jersey, $65.50 for the hoodie, $48 for a plain sterling silver ring and $60 for a crest ring with the St Patrick College crest. Order forms will be available from Mrs McLeod and the bursar. If students would like to begin the ordering process Mrs McLeod has sample sizes of both the jerseys, hoodies and graduation rings. Students are encouraged to visit her office to determine their sizes. Orders close on Friday August 23 and no orders will be taken after this date.
Healthy Chemistry Display
Being healthy is a matter of good chemistry. A myriad of simple and complex chemicals interact and react within your body constantly. To remain in balance you need food, water and oxygen from air to replenish the chemicals your body transforms, uses and then loses in everyday life. Chemists look for subtle chemical signals in the body, called biomarkers, which indicate the risk or progression of a disease, or are clues for developing treatments.

A travelling exhibition brought to you by The Royal Australian Chemical Institute and sponsored by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research - Questacon.

On display at Mackay City Library from Wednesday, August 7 to Monday, September 2.
Reminder: Tickets on sale for Mackay Catholic Schools Race Day.

2013 MACKAY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S

Spring Raceday

Saturday 12 October 2013 • 1 – 5pm • Week 1 Term 4
Ooralea Racecourse • Peak Downs Highway Ooralea

Tickets
$55

(dress-up • relax • enjoy yourself)

a wonderful afternoon in convivial company

Remain available Term 3 from all
Mackay and district Catholic Schools

Mackillop Catholic Primary School 4955 3600 • St Francis Xavier Catholic School 4951 1861
Emmanuel Catholic Primary School 4947 5999
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 4953 3335 • St Anne's Catholic Primary School 4956 1334
St Mary's Catholic Primary School 4951 1743
St John's Catholic Primary School 4959 3445 • Holy Spirit College 4960 2900 • Mercy College Mackay 4969 4709

Rumour: Black Caviar’s 26th Race (it’s only a rumour)