Eamon Hannan – Principal

Easter is a time of new life and as Christians, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The Christian story is amazing that there is a story at all. That an itinerant preacher in a backwater of the Roman Empire is executed is very unremarkable. The Romans had a track record of enforcing loyalty to the empire through heavy penalties. Death by crucifixion was the most severe, humiliating and painful punishment meted out by Roman authorities. Roman citizens were exempt from crucifixion. However, crucifixion of non-Romans was common place. So the idea that the crucifixion of this itinerant preacher is remembered at all is truly remarkable.

It is also remarkable that the story of Christ’s death and resurrection has had such a profound influence on world history and that there are billions of followers throughout the world. Easter rituals and symbols such as eggs and bunnies do sometimes have ancient pagan origins as Easter is a spring festival in the northern hemisphere and many celebrations and symbols relate to fertility. For us as Christians the fertility symbols relate to new life; new life in Christ and a conquering of death.

Easter is also a time for families to be together and to celebrate time together. We pray for all our families that this sacred holiday would be a special time to share joy and love. There are two weeks of holidays for our students to recharge their batteries to prepare for a very busy Term 2.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter – “May the joy of the Risen Christ be yours”. I would also like to wish our community a safe and happy holiday.

India-Nepal Trip
We wish our overseas tourists visiting India and Nepal – “Bon Voyage” and we look forward to hearing their stories and seeing their photos on their return.

Diocesan Principals’ Conference
I was fortunate last week to be able to take part in the Diocesan Principals’ Conference which was held for the first time in the Kevin Castles Centre in Rockhampton. The conference was excellent with speakers enlightening us about teaching social justice, psychology of good pedagogy, personality styles and QSA data analysis. We were also able to represent our communities in the Diocesan Mass of the Oils held in St Joseph’s Cathedral. On Friday morning we were addressed by Patrea Walton (Director of the QSA) and were also fortunate that the Queensland Education Minister Mr John-Paul Langbroek was able to rearrange his schedule to meet with us.

Master Planning
Over the past few days we have been engaged in a Master Planning process. Leadership members from Rockhampton Diocesan Education with a team of architects from BOLD Architecture have led students, staff and parents through a process to identify priorities for the Master Plan to take St Patrick’s College through until 2018. I thank these people and the St Patrick’s community for their involvement in this process. In early May we should have a Master Plan that will be able to be presented to the staff and students, College Board, Parents and Friends Association and Diocesan Authorities to take us forward.

St Patrick’s Family
Please pray for Ms Amarlie Carroll and her family. Ms Carroll is very unwell at this time.

In happier news we congratulate Dylan Bailey (Year 11) and his band Forgetting November who are part of the Lanes Festival in the city on the weekend. The group have three performance times this Saturday. See the flyer attached to the newsletter for details.
Fees and Levies

All parents are reminded that it is an expectation of the college that all fees and levies are paid in a timely fashion. If families are having difficulties in meeting payments they are encouraged to speak to myself or Mrs Deanna Hurley (the college bursar) so that alternative arrangements can be made. Tuition fees and levies are a priority over co-curricular excursions and trips. For students to be eligible to attend sporting or cultural tours families are expected to be meeting tuition and levy requirements as a first priority.

Readings for Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43, ...but God raised him on the third day
Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. His steadfast love endures for ever
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
Gospel: John 20:1-9. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Kea McNeill – Campus Minister

As Lent comes to an end, the Easter season continues, starting with Holy Thursday. Holy Thursday is when we remember Christ’s final meal with his disciples at the last supper. The Passover meal was Christ’s farewell to his assembled disciples, some of whom would betray, desert or deny him before the sun rose again.

Holy Thursday liturgies are celebrated in the evening because Passover began at sundown. During the service some members of the church take part in washing the feet of others, just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, the cleansing with water acts as a reminder of our baptism.

Good Friday follows, when the entire Church focuses on the Cross at Calvary and the sacrifice Christ made for us. The Church is stripped of its ornaments (or they are covered), the altar bare, the door of the empty tabernacle is standing open - all as a sign of mourning. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Presanctified because Communion (in the species of bread) which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday is given to the people. On this day we also hear the reading of the Passion, the veneration of the Cross, and traditionally, the organ is Silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil.

Then finally comes Easter Sunday, when the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ after three days. The Church celebrates this time of rebirth with a Mass, uncovering its ornaments, hymns of praise and the rite of Communion.

We pray with the season in mind, and the coming death and resurrection of Christ:

Almighty God,

By the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ,
You have broken the power of death
And brought life and immortality to light;
Grant that we who have been raised with him
May triumph over all temptation
And rejoice in the hope of eternal glory;
Through him who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever. Amen.

And we wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

See Page 7 for Easter liturgy times across the district.
Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

Easter – Some History
In the curriculum area – as we move to the celebration and commemoration of Easter – the most important ritual in our faith – we remember some of the ceremonies and rituals this involves all over the world.

In Rome on Good Friday the Holy Father will say the Stations of the Cross at the Coliseum – this is to pray and remember all the early Christians killed in that terrible place.

We have heard the fuss recently over Hot Cross Buns – indeed they are from Christian belief and were traditionally eaten near Easter on Good Friday and in former times also eaten at Christmas – never all year round.

The Easter Egg is for the promise of the new life within – a symbol of Christ’s resurrection and also of Christ’s tomb. In the Eastern Catholic Church eggs are traditionally red in colour.

Finally, the Easter Bunny has been associated with the idea of spring and fertility which were traditionally associated with eggs and lots of offspring – ‘to breed like rabbits’ – and so in Australia the Bilby is also used. This has led to the tradition of building a nest or leaving out your bonnet to receive eggs. This has of course led to the tradition of the Easter Bonnet.

But for Catholics it is a time to remember our faith – have a very happy and blessed Easter and happy holiday.

Easter Prayer
Lord our God, we thank and praise you for the greatness of your love, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who was willing to die for us, to bring us into your family, and to bless us with the life that lasts for ever.

We thank you for the new life we celebrate at Easter; help us to keep growing in the life that never comes to an end.

We pray for our families, our friends and all those we care about: fill them with hope and happiness.

We pray for people who are unhappy today: those who are hungry, or homeless, those who fear violence or harm; may they find protection and peace.

We pray for those who are ill or facing difficulties: may they find hope in the cross of Christ, and be strengthened by the knowledge of your love.

May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

Lord, accept our prayers, and be with us now and for ever. Amen.

Written Exam – All Students
All students, with the exception of the Industry Placement group, will be completing a written test this Thursday. For the Year 12 QCS group this will be important practice for the Core Skills test as well as feedback to the QCS staff to see how the students are progressing. For ALL other students it is a most important check on their written literacy. The students have already undertaken a test on their reading literacy and this is the next step in collecting data to assist our students to write and communicate more effectively. Literacy remains a most important aspect of all workplaces – regardless of what technologies are invented in the future, literacy will remain a most vital life and workplace skill.
Bianca Johnston – Cultural Coordinator

Welcome Mr Dean Andric

We welcome Mr Dean Andric to the Cultural Team of St Patrick’s College. Dean has recently been appointed as the Assistant to Cultural Co-ordinator. Dean Andric has been teaching at St Patrick’s College since 2010. He has been a member of the Creative Team for the two most recent College musicals All Shook Up and Cats. Dean has an extensive background in Theatre, having performed professionally in and round Brisbane. He is currently studying for a Masters of Applied Theatre and Drama Education and we warmly welcome him into The St Pat’s cultural family.

Co-Curricular Arts Groups and USA Arts Tour

All rehearsals will commence as usual week 1 of term 2. Please note: There will be some extra rehearsals for the USA Arts Tour group throughout term 2. The co-curricular groups and tour group will recommence on the following dates: The extra rehearsals are as follows:

Tuesday 16 April 7:00 am in PAC (ALL TOUR STUDENTS)
Wednesday 17 April 7:15 am in C23 (PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE)
Wednesday 18 April 3:00 pm in Jubilee Hall (HANDBELL TEAM)
Thursday 18 April 7:00 am in C23 (STAGE BAND)
Friday 19 April 12:50 pm in PAC (ALL TOUR STUDENTS)
Sunday 21 April 10:30 am – 1:00 pm (ALL TOUR STUDENTS)
Monday 22 April 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm (DRAMA CLUB)

Please note, the USA tour performers are also required at the following “special” rehearsals.

Sunday 21 April 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday 25 April (after the College March on ANZAC DAY) 10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday 12 May 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday 26 May 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday 2 June 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

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

USA ARTS TOUR Fundraising:

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Owing to a poor response from the customers at The Good Guys sausage sizzle (maybe due to the KISS CONCERT, but we aren’t prepared to risk it again) we have decided to change our 20 April fundraiser. It will now be held at Woolworths Ooralea on 28 April from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

We will need people to reconfirm their availability by contacting the College reception. If you can do more than the one hour please let us know. These events tend to become a bit of a social event seeing people you haven’t seen for a while so we are happy for any support.

We will also be holding a fundraiser at Dan Murphy’s on 26 April from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm and require more helpers. Another Woolworths Ooralea sausage sizzle will also take place on Saturday 18 May.

All students are encouraged to attend as many fundraising opportunities as possible as this will alleviate the cost involved for all.

Let’s hope for great success in our fundraising ventures and thank you all for helping out as much as you can to make these events work.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Each tour member should have received boxes of chocolates to sell. We are expecting more chocolates to arrive in the near future. Students are encouraged to sell their chocolates over the exam and Easter period. All chocolates MUST be sold by Wednesday 17 April. All monies must be returned to the College by Thursday 18 April.
If students would like to sell more chocolates / or have trouble selling them, they are encouraged to contact Mrs Louise Blomfield via email: louiseblomfield@icloud.com or contact her on 0407 774 464.

**Co-curricular Arts Groups reminder:**
All co-curricular Arts Membership Fees are now OVERDUE (due by Friday 22 March). This fee must be paid by all members in the Handbell team, Choir, Stage Band, Percussion Ensemble, Ukulele Club and Drama Club. Please see the College bursar to make payments.

**Membership Fees (yearly fee):**
- $90.00 (if a student is a member of one co-curricular group)
- $130.00 (if a student is a member of two co-curricular group)
- $160.00 (if a student is a member of more than two co-curricular groups)
Brendon Brauer - Sport

St Patrick’s Cross Country
Students are reminded that our annual cross country will be held on Friday April 19 which is week 1 of Term 2. Boys will compete over 6 km whilst the girls will complete a 4 km course. Students who are interested in qualifying for the St Pat’s Cross Country team should be training during the break to ensure they are not underdone for the Mackay District Cross Country Trials on May 1. All students will compete in the Cross Country which will incorporate Caneland’s Park and the Bluewater Trail.

State Swimming Titles
Three St Pat’s students attended the Queensland 13 – 19 years Swimming State Titles this week with all three students performing exceptionally well. Year 11 student, Jonathon Grech qualified for the 100 and 200m breaststroke final whilst also finishing 6th as a member of the 200m medley relay team. Kirsty Cushing, also in Year 11 recorded some blistering times in her individual events and also represented Capricornia as a member of both the 200m medley and freestyle relay teams. Year 12 student, Tomas Richards recorded some personal best times in his individual events and finished 6th in the 200m medley relay. Well done Jonathon, Kirsty and Tomas.

Netball Draw for Wednesday 17 April 2013 (first Wednesday back)

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Important Dates
19 April    St Patrick’s College Cross Country
1 May       Mackay District Cross Country Trials
The Catholic Guy Mission

COMING SOON!! THE CATHOLIC GUY MINISTRY

This is a mission/retreat experience which will be open to all and conducted at St Francis Church from 15 to 19 April 2013. It is a spiritual journey with sessions available morning and evening. Each 90 minute session builds on the previous one, but each session can also stand alone. It is suitable for everyone, from teenagers to mature parishioners. A collection will be taken each session to cover costs. More information will follow in coming weeks, but you can get a sneak preview by visiting http://thecatholicguy.com/
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5 Inspiring Sessions - Choose from Morning or Evening

Session One:  Monday 15th April
               Tuesday 16th April
               7.10am
               9.30am

Session Two:   Tuesday 16th April
               Wednesday 17th April
               7.10pm
               1.30pm

Session Three: Wednesday 17th April
               Thursday 18th April
               7.30am
               9.30am

Session Four:  Thursday 18th April
               Friday 19th April
               7.30pm
               9.30am

Session Five:  JOINT FINAL SESSION:
               Friday 19th April
               7.30pm

HELD AT: St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
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FREE ADMISSION
Forgetting November – take the stage at ‘The Lanes Festival Mackay’

Forgetting November is a three piece punk rock band from Mackay. Led by Samoa Gale on lead vocals and bass, Duncan Mulley as lead guitarist and backing vocals, and Dylan Bailey on drums; the boys met at Mercy College Mackay in 2011.

Each of the boys is a strong musician in their own right. Their influences include Greenday, Blink 182, Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance just to name a few. They have also written a number of originals, which showcase their talent as musicians and song writers, creating a style all their own.

Forgetting November’s high energy, amped up performances are exciting to watch. The boys also show off their softer side with some great acoustic numbers.

Make sure to check them out at ‘The Lanes Easter Festival Mackay’ on Sunday 31 March 2013.

Performance and location times are below:

3pm       STILETTO IN THE GHETTO - MOJOS
6pm       ZOO STAGE - CBD HOTEL
7pm       5TH LANE THE CUBE STAGE - THE RABBIT HOLE

Media contact:   Rachel Greenhill / 0402 024 855
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