



Above | Members of our College Touch Team who competed in the NQ All Schools Touch Carnival.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

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# Newsletter

TERM 3 | WEEK 8 | 2016

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YEAR of  
*Mercy*

## Upcoming Events

Mercy Day Mass  
Monday 12 September

Last day of Term 3  
Friday 16 September  
12.45pm finish

Sony Foundation  
Children's Holiday Camp  
17-19 September

STEM Trek departs  
Saturday 17 September

Term 4 Commences  
Tuesday 4 October

Women's Career  
Network Breakfast  
Friday 21 October

Sportswomen's Dinner  
Tuesday 25 October



It was lovely to join our dads for the P&F Father's Day breakfast on Friday. Our guest speaker, Mr John Hathaway, former MLA, current Chair of the Diocesan P&F Committee and father to two daughters, gave a heartfelt speech sharing anecdotes and wisdom around the special bond between dads and their daughters. This is a lovely event in the College calendar and we are very grateful to the P&F for putting on a delicious breakfast for everyone to share.

The P & F were also busy this week serving our Year 12 girls' breakfast at the College on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the QCS Test. The Year 12 girls conducted themselves in an exemplary manner during the QCS Test. Their first session saw them having to write 600 words of continuous prose responding to the overall concept of *seeing things*. They also completed two multi-choice papers and one short response paper requiring them to draw on their literacy and numeracy skills as well as utilizing their abilities to analyse, compare and contrast, draw conclusions, graph and sketch –just to name a few. The girls maintained complete focus during each test session. Thanks to Ms Byrnes for coordinating and supervising this very important series of tests.

Parents who attended our third Raising Confident Daughters Seminar, Ms Selfie, on Monday night were treated to an excellent and informative presentation by our College Counsellor, Miss Courtney Rogers. Courtney focused on the psychology behind the way young people interact in the online world and was able to offer some practical strategies for setting boundaries to protect our girls. At St Patrick's we draw on our Catholic foundation to set a strong moral compass. We work to instil in our girls an understanding that their self-worth is not tied up in their looks but instead comes from using their brains, helping others and making the world a better place.

Blessings,

*Paulina*



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### BOUNDARIES NOT BANS: THE MOBILE PHONE DEBATE

Last Monday the College hosted our third 'Raising Confident Daughters' parent seminar, "Miss Selfie". This particular seminar highlighted for me again the ongoing debate regarding mobile phones. This debate is not just happening in our College. It is an issue for parents and educators around the world. Response and approach has been many and varied and advice and research can also be contradictory, which adds to the confusion. The interesting point that remains is to take the focus off the device itself as this is the ever-changing element. Rather the focus should be on the one constant and shared goal by all involved in educating young people. We (parents/guardians and educators) must work together to keep the focus on the learning and on developing the necessary skills and dispositions that our young women will need in their life 'toolkit'.

Those interested in becoming more informed of this debate might like to read the following blog [Youth, Popular Culture and Texts](#) . It really puts on a spotlight on challenging fear-centred banning of devices. *"The mobile phone is now the most prolific mode of internet access (Cook et al., 2011), unless you are at school. New technological and cultural practices may have to eventually meet each other head on, or the disparity will become, in the future, no longer the norm, but just too obviously inadequate."*

The rapid pace of technological change is keeping us all on our toes. As a passionate educator I see opportunity and excitement in the use of flexible, mobile technological devices to enhance learning and more effectively engage our young people. I am equally as passionate about providing education to young people on responsible digital citizenship. This is part of our program and policy here at this College and your daughters are reminded about responsible use of mobile phones and other devices.

Only recently our College interschool debating teams had the task to debate this very topic. Their practical, strong and future-focussed arguments were clearly evident and we were proud of their mature and informed approach. Speak to any young person about their mobile phone and they do know that with any choice there can be good or not so good consequences. The behaviour choices they make in using devices is simply reflective of developmental stages and like any young person as they learn to navigate a more adult world learn about risk and consequences. They will make mistakes. We as parents pray that they are small, repairable mistakes. We also pray that our daughters learn from these mistakes and challenge poor online behaviour in their peers. I cannot stress enough that our own online actions and behaviour will inevitably provide strong modelling of adult behaviour our children will see as acceptable.

It can be useful to become savvy in what experts are saying in this space. I am reminded on a regular basis that as the parent, we are ultimately responsible for setting the boundaries, rules and guidelines for our own children in respect to behaviour and looking after personal property and devices. The College sets very clear rules and guidelines in regards to the use of mobile phones whilst at school with view to promote the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning benefits. Teachers set the boundaries in classrooms in regards to how and if mobile phones can be used in their lessons for various learning activities and purposes. We also allow students to use mobile phones at beginning and end of break times to make quick texts/calls to home for travel or after school activity purposes. Students are reminded of these rules regularly.

Please find below resources to assist parents/guardians in setting boundaries, rules and guidelines with regards to online behaviour and mobile technology:

<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety>  
<https://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents>  
<https://about.twitter.com/safety/families>  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information>

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/personalSafety/children/childProtection/>  
<https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&rd=1>  
[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/mobile\\_phones\\_teenagers.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/mobile_phones_teenagers.html)  
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mobile-phone-safety-for-children>

Cook, J., Pachler, N. & Bachmair, B. (2011). *Ubiquitous mobility with mobile phones: A cultural ecology for mobile learning...* *E-Learning and Digital Media* 8 (3) pp.181-195.



## FAITH & IDENTITY

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Our College will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on Monday 12 September, (the actual feast day is 24 September). Catherine McAuley opened her House of Mercy on 24 September 1827 and the significance of this date is what prompted her to call herself and her companions 'The Sisters of Mercy' four years later when she founded her congregation.

The Sisters of Mercy came to Townsville in 1878 to minister to the people in the fledgling town. They taught in the St Joseph's School, The Strand and opened other schools throughout the district and generally helped out where they could.

Next Monday we will celebrate the Sisters who have made St Patrick's College what it is today. We will reflect on the legacy they have left behind and the contributions they have made. We will also consider what our legacy will be as we move forward.

Our day will begin with mass, to which you are all invited, at 9.00am in St Joseph's church. This will be followed by morning tea in the Café by the Sea. At 11.00am our 'Mercy Girls' (will be) 'in Action' with all of our students participating in community service. After lunch there will be 'fun and fundraising' as we enjoy some frivolity in raising money for Mercy Works. The theme is 'Fashion Faux Pas' where the girls dress up in their worst fashion ensembles. They will be asked for a gold coin donation. There will also be a coin trail competition between the houses, so gather your coins!

**The girls are to wear their formal uniform to school for the mass and community service and they can then change into their 'Fashion Faux Pas' clothes at lunchtime.**

### SONY FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP

Two weeks to go! The companions will have their last training session on Sunday 11 September. The girls and boys will get together to plan individual activities for their camper and to finalise all the details around their care. As we have worked with the girls in getting ready for the Sony Camp, I cannot begin to say how proud I am of their dedication and commitment to the Camp as a whole and their ability to be flexible and adaptable. Having spent only two sessions with their camper, there are already wonderful caring relationships forming. We are all so excited for camp to begin!

## MERCY GIRLS IN ACTION **BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER**

Following the success of the Girls Stuff campaign, the Mercy Girls in Action are now involved with fundraising for Mercy Works, a national non-profit organisation. The Mercy Works has been launched on Thursday 12<sup>T</sup>August (Week 5). This year, all money raised will be donated to aid in supporting two small communities in Papua New Guinea: Mt Hagen and Goroka.

Rapid population growth in these communities have lead to issues like poverty, domestic violence, malnutrition, unemployment and social inequality, with 40% of the population living on less than \$1 a day. People have limited access to health and education resources to sustain their lives. Mercy Works helps the people in these rural areas, by putting the donated money towards basic training and needs so that members of the community can have the knowledge and resources to create sustainable living. Our school fundraising for Mercy Works will occur on Mercy Works Day, Monday 12 September (Week 10). Both big and small donations can help make a difference and are greatly appreciated.

"A little bit of **MERCY** makes the world less cold and more just", Pope Francis

**Sheenah Korní and Barbara Kumung**  
Mercy Girls in Action Members



## ACADEMIC NEWS

### QCS TEST – CONGRATULATIONS

Year 12 students sat the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test on Tuesday, 30 August and Wednesday 31 August. The students are to be congratulated on their professionalism and positive attitude as they participated in the four tests over the two days. The results from the QCS Tests will be released when Year 12s receive their senior statements on 16 December 2016.

### YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 EXAM BLOCK

Year 10, 11 and 12 students have now begun the Term 3 Exam Block. Students will be involved in the exam block throughout week 9, from Monday, 5 September to Friday 9 September. It is compulsory for all students in these Year levels to attend these exams.

A reminder that students must attend all exams in their full Academic College uniform. If a student does not have exams during exam block or only one exam on a particular day, they are permitted to complete individual study at home, however, the parent/carer must advise the College by 9am on the day of these arrangements. Year 11 and 12 boarding students will be permitted to return to the Boarding School for individual study, however, Year 10 students must complete study in the assigned classrooms. If students are absent for any exams they are reminded that they must request special provisions and if it is for medical purposes, provide a medical certificate.

### SPEECH NIGHT

Our College Speech Night will be held on Monday, 14 November. The information used for Academic Awards for this night will be based on Terms 1, 2 and 3. Further information relating to the Speech Night will be released at a later date.

**Amy Byrnes**  
Director of Studies

## PASTORAL CARE

Over the past few weeks, our Year 7 students formed a committee, planned and executed a morning tea and held it on the deck of our Café By The Sea on Thursday morning. It was indeed a wonderful opportunity to experience the sharing of food and great company in the spirit of Catherine McAuley. Next term, the Pastoral team would like to initiate a breakfast club each morning for any student who would like to join us for toast and hot chocolate, between 8:00 and 8:30am in The Sassy Lass. Again, in the spirit of Catherine Mauley, we would like to create an opportunity for conversation and connection between students of all ages and with staff. While this will be of no cost to students, and we would greatly appreciate any donations of spreads, hot chocolate or long life milk, to add to our breakfast club supplies.

As exam week approaches and assessment tasks and assignments become due, please ensure your daughter sleeps and eats well and talks to you about any stress she may be feeling. It's also a good time to remind you that we have a very available and supportive Pastoral team who are well placed to guide students through any potential stressful times. Please know we are only a phone call away.

**Benita Bowles**  
Director of Pastoral Care

## VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### RECENT EVENTS

The College Choir participated in a workshop with choral specialist Ms Astrid Jorgensen on Saturday 20 August. The purpose of the workshop was for the students to polish the pieces they will be performing at the Townsville Eisteddfod. The singers all worked hard throughout the day and were treated to homemade brownies, pizza and some music games to break up the concentration. Well done, ladies! We are looking forward to hearing your performances at the upcoming Eisteddfod.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Percussion Ensemble Workshop**

Saturday 3 September 2016

10am – 12 noon

Presented by Percussion teacher, Mr Paul Neilson.

#### **Taiko Drumming Workshop**

Monday 5 September 2016

3.30pm

Presented by professional Brisbane-based Taiko performance group 'Tokoton'

#### **Townsville Eisteddfod – Townsville Civic Theatre**

All the best to the following ensembles for their upcoming performances at the Townsville Eisteddfod -

1. Intermediate Guitar Ensemble

Wednesday 7 September 2016

6.00pm (1<sup>st</sup> item)

2. 'Orchids' – College Orchestra

Thursday 8 September 2016

6.00PM (1<sup>st</sup> item)

3. College Choir

Saturday 10 September 2016

12.30PM (1<sup>st</sup> item and 3<sup>rd</sup> item)

4. Taiko Drumming Ensemble

Monday 12 September 2016

6.00PM (1<sup>st</sup> item)

5. Percussion Ensemble

Monday 12 September 2016

6.00PM (1<sup>st</sup> item)

For further information and enquiries, please contact the Music Office [music@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:music@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au)

## CREATIVE ARTS

### 2016 TOWNSVILLE YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS 6 AUGUST – 18 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Congratulations to all our artists that are on exhibition in the 2016 Townsville Young Artist Awards. At the official opening our artists received the below awards (pictured right):

- Highly Commended Secondary Print - Chelsea Dick
- Highly Commended Secondary Digital Print - Prudence Terry
- 7 & 8 Drawing and Painting Award - Lola Millard
- Secondary Print Award - Ranko Sam
- Secondary Digital Print Award - Rosalili Ford
- Di Bresciano Award for best work on paper using a painting medium - Taylor Davies

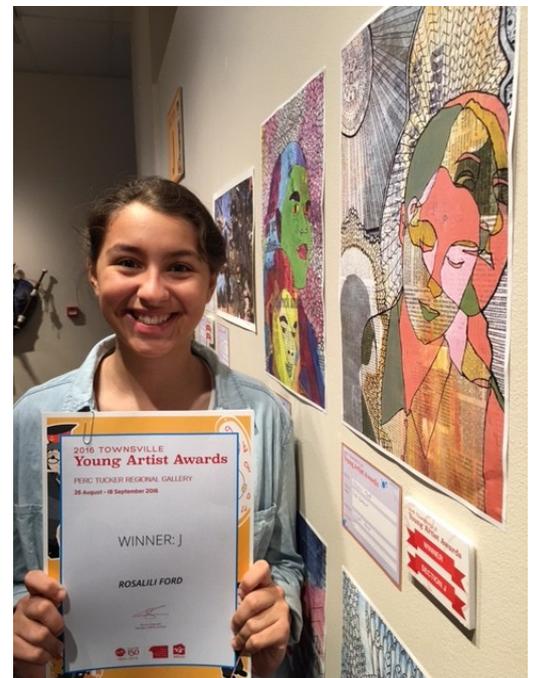
Exhibiting in the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery is an amazing experience for our students to share their artworks and creativity with family, friends and the wider community.

We encourage all students to visit the gallery and see the artworks on display.



### The Creative Generation excellence awards in visual art Regional exhibition 2016 and ArtNOW – Pinnacles Gallery - 26<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Visual artists Irish Araneta and Prudence Terry were both successful in their submission to the Creative Generation excellence awards in visual art Regional exhibition 2016. Irish and Prudence are two of 44 students on exhibition from 15 schools across our region of North Queensland. At the official opening of the exhibition on the 27 August, 2016 Irish and Prudence were the guest student MCs and did a fantastic job of opening the awards speeches and introducing the guest speakers for the evening.





## MARINE SCIENCE

Last week, our Year 11 Marine Science class was treated with two guest speakers, Erica and Alice, from the Sea Turtle Foundation. In class we have been learning about the effects of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef. Their informative speech discussed how climate change is affecting turtles in and around Australia and what the increasing problem of climate changes means for our beautiful species of turtles, one of which is found nowhere else in the world.

Alice and Erica also specifically talked about how sea turtle nests are affected by the rising water and erosion of beaches. They also informed us about how temperature can control the sex of the turtles. These increasing issues made us consider what the future of our turtles will look like in twenty to thirty years. A big thank you to Erica and Alice for coming in and discussing the topic of climate change with us and helping us further expand on our class knowledge.

## JAPAN CLUB

Our Japanese Club meets weekly for students to explore and share Japanese culture, including food, music, art and dance.

Right | Our girls are pictured with volunteer guest, Hiroko Orihara.

Right below | Participating in the Taiko drumming workshop with Tokoton.



## CAREERS & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

### YEAR 12 QTAC APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

QTAC applications for University are now open, as are all Tertiary Admissions Centres in every state. Students can register their details on line by providing a private email address. If they are applying in more than one state, they will need to register for each Admission Centre separately. They will also need to provide their LUI number during the application process.

### JCU MEDICINE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for students wanting to study Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry or Physiotherapy in 2017. These applications close on 30 September for domestic students and 31 August for International students. It is recommended that students also put JCU as their first preference on their QTAC forms if applying for these courses. I am available to assist students completing these applications.

Parents if you are wanting to book an interview time to discuss your daughters QTAC Application I am still available, please email me.

### TAFE North Pimlico Campus are offering the following short courses during September holidays.

- Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA101): Tuesday 20 September **\$95**
- \*Prepare and serve espresso coffee (SITHFAB204) and Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA101): Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 September **\$290**
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (SITSS00024): Tuesday 27 September **\$75**
- Responsible Service of Gaming (SITHGAM201): Wednesday 28 September **\$75**

\*Before a student can partake in 'Prepare and serve espresso coffee (SITHFAB204) it is mandatory that students complete the prerequisite subject 'Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA101)'.  
If the student already holds the competency 'Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA101)' they are able to enrol into the 'Prepare and serve espresso coffee (SITHFAB204)' for \$195 upon showing proof of competency in 'Use hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA101)'.

Please apply directly to TAFE your daughter will need a USI Number log onto: <https://www.usi.gov.au/>

For any questions please email [crentoule@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:crentoule@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au)

Catherine Rentoule  
Head of Faculty Careers & Vocational Education



## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Invite you to join us for our

### ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT

The movie "Sully" ... Based on a TRUE STORY

When in January 2009, Capt "sully" Sullenberg glided his disabled plane into the icy waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of 155 passengers on board

Movie stars Tom Hanks and is Directed by Clint Eastwood

## MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

WARRINA CINEPLEX, CURRAJONG

Please meet between 6.15pm to 6.30pm

Your \$20 ticket entitles you to view the movie, enjoy a delicious supper afterwards, plus free Lucky Door ticket. Supper will be served at Marian Catholic School Hall, Cnr Hugh St & Corcoran Street, Currajong (Entrance via gate in Corcoran St)

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## Thinking Outside the Box Learning Challenges Expo!

Join us at our Learning Challenges Expo and connect with the professionals meeting the needs of the Learning Challenged whether that be:

Dyslexia • ADHD • Autism • CAPD • Giftedness

Experts will be available to offer workshops, free presentations, consultations and specific information for assistance and guidance to parents, teachers and those experiencing learning challenges.

September 10, 2016

RSL Club, 139 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. QLD

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

For more information, please visit our Facebook Page - [www.facebook.com/directionspsych](http://www.facebook.com/directionspsych)



## Strand sailing school presents....

### School holiday sailing

Give your children the opportunity to discover sailing this school holidays  
Run by professional, experienced instructors, this course is open to all school aged children:



Starts Monday 26th September through to Friday 30th September

9am-2pm each day, *book now to reserve your child's space!*

Cost \$300 per student

Includes qualified instruction, course material, use of boats, safety equipment, sailing pack and manual.

On completion, receive a year's free club membership to practice and play in the club boats

Register today: [www.townsvillesailing.com.au](http://www.townsvillesailing.com.au)

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