



# We are visiting Hughenden

Wednesday 24 June  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
at St Francis School

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

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## Newsletter

Term 2 | Week 9 | 2015

### Upcoming Events

Term 3 commences  
Tuesday 14 July

Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival  
20-24 July

Mulkadee Concert  
Friday 24 July

Catholic Education Week  
26 July - 01 August

Catholic Education Week  
Family Fun Day  
Sunday 26 July 11am-2pm  
At St Patrick's College &  
St Joseph's School

NAIDOC Celebrations  
20 July - 24 July

NAIDOC Assembly &  
Morning Tea  
Friday 24 July

St Pat's Pop Up Ephemera &  
Lantern Parade  
Wednesday 5 August

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first semester. The last six months have been packed with student achievements, exciting plans for the future of our school and the hurly burly of everyday life that makes St Patrick's College an exciting place to live, work and learn.

I would like to advise the community that Mr Frank Greenleaf, who has been on leave for the past semester has written to me resigning from his role as Deputy Principal at St Patrick's College. Mr Greenleaf made an enormous contribution to the life of the College and we thank him for his dedicated service to the school. Over the course of the next term, I will be conducting a national recruitment search to be able to appoint a new deputy to begin at the College for 2016. While that process is underway, Ms Elcoate will take on the role of Acting Deputy Principal for Semester 2.

Congratulations must go to our girls who performed in the combined schools production of Peter Pan recently. Teal Warner was an absolute credit to St Patrick's College in a lead role as Wendy. She was joined by more than 20 of our girls who took on various roles such as pirates and lost boys. It was evident that those performing on the night really enjoyed themselves. Apart from the joy of performing, being a part of this kind of production builds confidence and provides a great opportunity to make new friends. There are many hours that go into a production of this calibre and I commend the girls on their dedication to attending rehearsals. Thanks also to their parents for ferrying them to where they had to be during the lead up to the performances. I would also like to pay tribute to our Music Program Head, Ms Katherine Murphy. She attended all rehearsals, looked after our girls and played a key role in the production orchestra.

We are heading west next week to visit our students in Hughenden and promote our College for boarding to families in the region. Thank you to Principal of St Francis School, Ms Glenda Scrase, for hosting us during this visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a restful and regenerating mid year break. Girls should use this time to reflect on their achievements to date and consider where their energies may need to be directed in the next semester. It is also a good time to give thanks for all that is good in our lives. *"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice."* - Meister Eckhart

*God bless, Paulina*

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As the first semester winds up and the girls begin to relax, our staff are still in full gear getting through reports, profiles and preparing for Semester 2.

### Student Reports & Parent Teacher Consultations

From Friday 19 June the mail out process will begin for student report cards. Our staff have been busy preparing reports and ensuring that these reflect your daughter's achievement in her subjects as accurately as possible. If you have not received your daughter's report by the end of the holiday period, please contact the College.

From Friday 19 of June, parents who have their email registered to the College, will receive an automated email with a link to be able to book timeslots for Parent Teacher Consultations. The Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 28 July from 3.30pm to 8.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend, however those parents who are unable to attend and would like to arrange an alternative time or a phone interview, please contact the College to arrange this with your daughter's teacher.

### QCS Test

The final week of school saw our Year 12 girls undertake a full practice of the Queensland Core Skills Test. I would like to commend our girls for the diligence and effort they showed throughout the two day practice. This data will help our teachers to identify areas where improvement can be made, allowing them to individually mentor the girls. Research and our experience at the College has shown us that this individual mentoring of students, particularly in the senior years (10-12) can have a positive effect not only on the student's learning outcomes but also their emotional well-being.

The real QCS Test will take place on Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September 2015. I ask that all students who are taking the test arrive at school by 8.00am, as we will be sharing a healthy, cooked breakfast before commencing the first exam. A healthy brain snack of fresh fruit will be available in the break, however students will need to bring their own lunch with them each day. The tuckshop will be available.

### Semester 2 Calendar

Semester 2 is always a busy time of the year, especially for those students in Years 10 to 12. Where possible we ask parents and students to avoid making arrangements which will cause them to miss days of school. For Year 12 students this timing is crucial and can mean the difference between getting the OP they want and not.

## UNIFORMS

During the cooler months students are to wear the College pullover as the only acceptable jumper. If necessary, parents are requested to make arrangements urgently for the purchase of the school pullover from Georgio Clothing. Senior students are allowed to wear their new school jersey with their Sports uniform on Thursdays only. On all other days, senior students must wear the academic uniform with the College pullover. Students will receive limited warnings for contravention of these uniform requirements. Where it is not possible for your daughter to wear the College uniform in its entirety, please make a note in her diary, which also indicates a date from when the correct uniform will be able to be worn to school. A uniform note in the diary will be counter signed by the relevant homeroom teacher.

### Academic Uniform:

- Navy knee-length College skirt
- White College blouse with stripes
- College tie
- College formal hat
- Blacked lace-up leather shoes
- White socks with turn-down cuffs
- College pullover/jumper

### Sports Uniform:

- Navy College sports shorts
- House coloured College sports polo shirt
- College sports hat
- Predominantly white joggers with non-marking soles & white laces (no canvas)
- White socks with turn-down cuffs
- One-piece swimsuit
- Optional plain navy tracksuit pants (no trims) during Term 2 & 3
- Year 12 jerseys may be worn on Thursdays only with the Sports uniform

## PASTORAL & RELIGION NEWS

Pope Francis spoke about good manners and saying thank you in his address in St Peters Square last month.

This is some of what he said:

Three phrases open the path to living well in a community, they are: “May I?, Thank you and forgive me.”

Sometimes it seems that we are becoming a civilisation of bad manners and dirty words.

**May I?** – to ask permission, even to do something that one feels they have a right to, shows respect and builds trust in a relationship.

**Thank you** – to express gratitude. Kindness and an ability to say ‘thank you’ are almost seen as a sign of weakness.

A Christian who does not know how to give thanks is one who has forgotten God.

**Forgive me** – to ask forgiveness. With God, as with family and friends, recognising one has failed and wanting to restore what was lacking – respect, sincerity, love – makes one worthy of forgiveness. That’s how you stop the infection of hate and restore peace.

I spoke about this with the girls at assembly last week and I challenged them to remember these three phrases:

May I, Thank you and Forgive me - and to use them!

### NEW COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

We are very pleased to introduce our new College Chaplain – Lauren Helmore. Lauren is a part time student in the last year of her teaching degree. She also is the co-ordinator of the Vinnie’s Youth Townsville chapter. Lauren will be on site four days a week until the end of the year. Look out for some exciting projects coming our way.

**MERCY WORKS** was launched at our assembly on Monday 15 June. Mercy Works is a project of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia and Papua New Guinea. They partner with communities to promote justice, self-reliance and to support displaced people. The fundraising period will culminate in a Country and Western day on the 14 June. More information to come next term!

### POSITIVE SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONFERENCE

I attended this amazing conference in Sydney last week where a range of topics were covered by experts in their fields but also by those at the ‘chalkface’. Over the course of the next few weeks, I will share some of this material with you. Coming home this week is a Government publication, “A Parents’ Guide to Online Safety.” Please take the time to read this booklet.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

St Joseph’s Parish will be running the Sacramental Program next term, beginning on the 26 July. There will be an information session for our students interested in receiving their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Friday 17 July during lunchtime. If you require further information please call Mrs Hammond at the Office.

### INDIGENOUS CATHOLIC COUNCIL RECONCILIATION DINNER

On Friday 29 May, members of the College Leadership Team and five of our students attended the Indigenous Catholic Council Diocesan Reconciliation dinner at the Mercure Inn.

Mr John Lochowiak, Deputy Chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council was the guest speaker. He spoke about the importance of family and education.

Pictured (back L-R): Natalie Creed and Chelsea Dick  
(front L-R): Pelista Pilot, Emma Kris, Christina Hankin and Telianna Gibuma-Cloudy.



## PERFORMING ARTS

### VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Our Music Centre is now open for enrolments for Term 3. We have a number of vacancies still available, as well as a team of highly skilled and dedicated music teachers. Our teachers do a wonderful job of inspiring our students in their music studies each week, and we are fortunate to have such an experienced and generous group of teachers on our music staff. We are now offering lessons on a number of instruments, including:

- Guitar
- Voice
- Strings (Violin, Viola, 'Cello)
- Piano
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone)
- Percussion

### PERCUSSION LESSONS - VACANCIES AVAILABLE IN TERM 3

We are very fortunate to have Percussion teacher Mr Paul Neilson on our Music staff. Mr Neilson is an accomplished Percussionist and has begun a Percussion Program at the College. Lessons cover basic techniques of playing tuned and un-tuned Percussion instruments, while reinforcing music skills including beat, rhythm and pulse. As students advance through the program, they are encouraged to participate in a music ensemble.

At St Patrick's College we are pleased to offer the Middle School and Senior School Combined Concert Bands, where students rehearse with other musicians from St Margaret Mary's College and Ignatius Park College. Mr Neilson also plans to start a Percussion ensemble next term. Vacancies for Percussion lessons are now open for Term 3. If your daughter is interested in learning more about Percussion lessons, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Above: Mr Paul Neilson is our Percussion Teacher running the Percussion program at the College

### PETER PAN – CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the cast of Peter Pan on four outstanding shows! 21 of our students were involved in the production as dancers, singers and actors.

On behalf of the Music staff and the College, we commend you for your manners, consideration for others and self-discipline back stage. The staff of Ignatius Park College were also impressed with your personal conduct, as well as the amount of talent and energy we have at St Patrick's College.

Well done, girls! We can't wait for next year's production and to work with you all again.



Above: The cast of Peter Pan involving students from St Patrick's College, Ignatius Park College and St Margaret Mary's College

## VISUAL ARTS

### ST PAT'S STUDENTS FEATURE IN WOW®, WORLD OF WEARABLE ART™

Friday 29 May saw the opening of the major international touring exhibition *WOW®, World of Wearable Art™* at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery. The show is a unique collection of wearable art, featuring works from the sublime to the outrageous.

Year 10 student Prudence Terry paraded her own creation at the street party. Prudence's dress was made from recycled gallery catalogues constructed into a geometric and angular design. Prudence's make-up was the skillfully completed by Year 12 student, Hetti Towers.

*WOW®* is one of New Zealand's major cultural success stories over the past 25 years. The exhibition is free and is open through July.



Above: St Patrick's College students Hetti Towers and Prudence Terry at the *WOW®, World of Wearable Art™* event at the Perc Tucker Gallery.

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

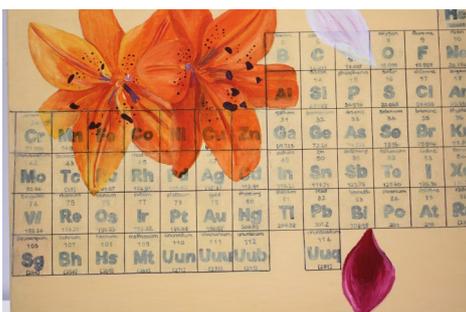
We were delighted to welcome Mr Ben Trupperbaumer to St Patrick's College as Artist in Residence from Monday 15 June - Friday 19 June. Mr Traupperbaumer is a Strand Ephemera artist and has been working with our Visual Arts students to create a sculpture for the event.

Strand Ephemera will take place from Friday 31 July - Sunday 9 August along Townsville's Strand beachfront. Strand Ephemera began in 2001 and has grown over the years to be loved not only locally, but as an outdoor sculpture exhibition of state and national significance. This year the College will stage the ST PATRICK'S POP UP EPHEMERA on Wednesday 5 August, featuring a paper lantern parades involving students from St Patrick's College and St Joseph's School, The Strand.



Above: Artist in Residence, Mr Ben Trupperbaumer working with students on a sculpture for Strand Ephemera.

### STUDENT ARTWORK BY SOPHIE KELLY, YEAR 12



## MEET OUR TEACHERS



Above: L-R Allison Elcoate and Annie Van Homrigh

*“Teaching is was something I have wanted to do since I was very young. I firmly believe everyone can be successful and I am determined to make sure all of our girls achieve success.” Allison Elcoate*

### Annie Van Homrigh - Head of Science

I did not always want to be a teacher. In fact, after I left school I started studying pharmacy at university. To earn some money I began a tutoring business and that was when I discovered my passion for teaching. I found working with young people to be incredibly rewarding so I decided to change careers and become a teacher. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. There is really no other place like St Patrick's College - it is so very special and it is our wonderful students who make the difference. I love that our girls have the confidence to be themselves and I am inspired by their willingness to have a go and their ambition to pursue their dreams. I honestly feel that I learn just as much from them as they do from me.

I am very excited that we (myself and Allison Elcoate) have launched the *THINK LADIES* as part of our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program. It has been great to see so many girls expressing an interest in joining the *THINK LADIES* and I am looking forward to seeing what they create for our first project for the year, the National STEM Video Game Challenge.

### Allison Elcoate - Acting Deputy Principal

I have taught at a number of Catholic and State schools, however St Patrick's is the first school I can truly say that every lesson, every day, I teach. As a teacher so much precious time with students can be wasted on behaviour or classroom management, but not here at St Pat's. Our girls want to learn and are generally polite and well-mannered. Honestly, our students are great fun to work with and teach. They love to have fun and have a great sense of humour - some even like my terrible jokes.

A day doesn't go by at St Pat's where I don't have a happy, funny or inspiring moment. It might sound sappy but from the silly jokes with my Year 11s, explaining yet again to year 12s why they have to do QCS, to the smile I get when I show a senior student that they can get a better OP, making the girls laugh by just being random - everyday is different, funny and inspiring. I love it here.

I have recently been appointed to Acting Deputy Principal and I am enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the development of the College in line with our newly released Strategic Plan. St Patrick's College is transforming and growing.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### WARU THE GHOST NET TURTLE

The underwater world of the ocean is stunningly complex and beautiful. Unfortunately, a current threat to this marine world is *ghost netting*. *Ghost nets* or *ghost fishing* are terms that refer to any discarded, lost or abandoned fishing gear in the environment. This abandoned paraphernalia continues to 'fish' and trap animals, entangle and kill marine life and smother habitats.

The Kirwan State High School Cultural Arts group first became inspired to create an artwork utilising ghost nets after viewing the Ghost Net Art Project at the Cairns Indigenous Arts Festival 2014. They wanted to create an artwork that would not only convert ghost nets into beauty but also educate the community about the devastating impact of ghost netting. So, "Waru" the ghost net turtle was born as part of the school's ongoing commitment as Reef Guardians. The collection of ghost netting and rope was supported by the hard work of the Tangaroa Blue Foundation, Mapoon Rangers and local collectors within the local community, Weipa and Mapoon.



Above: Cheyenne Yam, Manaima Au, Caroline Bon, Emma Kris and Telianna Gibuma-Cloudy at Reef HQ.

As St Patrick's College is a Reef Guardian School, five students attended a weaving workshop at Reef HQ Aquarium to add their weaving flair to "Waru". We arrived to find a massive female turtle spanning 2.7 metres long and 2.6 metres wide; her structure was made from bamboo and wire, while her exterior was intricately woven from ghost netting. The students learnt how to use discarded netting and rope to weave beautifully intricate textiles to add the finishes touches to "Waru". The students were assisted by Indigenous elder and traditional weaver Flora Taylor from Mua Island in the Torres Strait, staff from the Ghost Net Art Project and Kirwan High students.

"Waru" is now on display at Reef HQ Aquarium in Townsville. The Kirwan State High School Cultural Arts group is now working on creating a crocodile sculpture using ghost nets and our St Pat's girls have been invited to utilise their newly acquired weaving skills to help with this project as well. We would like to especially thank Mr Chris Pacey and Mrs Mandy Burchell for organising our involvement in this worthwhile project.

### ST PAT'S ROWERS - By Zara Underwood

The St Pat's rowing team competed very successfully at their 2<sup>nd</sup> regatta. Well done to Tayla Cooke, Elfie de Boer, Ella Cobon, Isabella van Dyke, Zoe Jenkins, Piper Driscoll and Raven Guy. Tayla Cooke and Elfie de Boer competed in Year 8 Single Sculls. Well done Elfie, for rowing into 4<sup>th</sup> in the Final, in your first Singles race. Elfie and Tayla rowed a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 8 Double Scull Final. Great work, girls! The Year 8 Quad *just* missed a placing, but showed a huge improvement from the previous regatta.

Piper placed a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 9/10 Single Final. Raven showed great improvement in the Open Single Final and the girls need to recognise their accomplishments, as they are both rowing against very seasoned competitors. This is particularly true for Raven, who rows against girls who have been competing for five years. Raven competes at 150% and her spirit and determination to improve are recognised by the rowing community. Piper also competed in an Open Double Scull with Lizzie Roche from Pimlico SHS. These girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Doubles Finals. The winners, from Cathedral, are national champions... our girls were not far behind and are improving with every row. Well done girls!



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING

Congratulations to our Year 7 debaters who performed in their first high school debate recently. Our team of Eliza Millard, Abigail Horspool and Erin Chin gave a polished presentation to argue against the topic, "That our sports stars make bad role models". Although they were narrowly defeated, the girls were a credit to themselves and to their school. We also extend a special thank you to Sarah Washington who was our cheerful chairperson for the debate.

This first round of Year 7 and 8 debates was successfully hosted by St Patrick's College. Thank you also to our delightful senior boarding students for helping out on the night. Shannay Gebadi, Caroline Bon, Jillian Fulloon and Reanna Yasso were on hand to graciously welcome our visitors and direct them to the appropriate rooms.



Above: Erin Chin, Sarah Washington, Eliza Millard and Abigail Horspool.

### INSPIRE U JUNIOR ENGINEERING CAMP

Year 10 student Manaima Au has been accepted into the InspireU Junior Engineering Camp. InspireU Junior is for Indigenous Australian students in Year 9 and 10.

The camp is run by current engineering students and staff at The University of Queensland and will take place in the July holidays. Students will participate in interactive workshops and a range of activities designed to provide a practical insight into Engineering and the many opportunities for study and careers in this industry.



Above: Manaima Au with Head of Science, Ms Annie Van Homrigh.

### ANCIENT CHINA

Year 7 girls in Miss Spina's class have been learning about the different social classes in ancient China. The girls dressed in costume for an outdoor class in the Mercy Courtyard to enhance their learning experience.



Above: Year 7 students enjoyed dressing in character for their studies on Ancient China.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Semester 2 fees will be sent out in the second week in July. Please take some time to check that you are up to date with your school fees and levies. During the holidays all outstanding balances will be reviewed and further action may be needed in cases where no regular payments are being made on school fee accounts. It is College policy that students may not be able to participate in extra-curricular trips eg Touch Trip, Japan trip etc if school fees and levies are not up to date. If you have any queries, please contact the Finance Office on 07 4753 0300.

### TAFE NORTH - FOOD HANDLERS (HYGIENE) AND ESPRESSO COFFEE COURSE

TAFE North is offering a Food Handlers (Hygiene) and Prepare and Espresso Coffee course from 29 June to 2 July from 9am-4pm. The cost is \$285 for both competencies. If students hold the Hygiene (SITXFSA101) qualification then the three day coffee class will cost \$190. Students can gain valuable employment skills and earn one I point towards their QCE for each competency successfully completed. They will need to also submit their USI number for awards to be issued. For more information please contact Kim O'Keefe 47505216.

### JCU SHORT IMMERSION LANGUAGE COURSE: MON 29 JUNE - FRI 3 JULY

The Academy of Modern Languages at James Cook University is offering young people aged 12-17 the opportunity to participate in a short immersion language course. Languages offered are Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, German and Spanish. This course provides students with an opportunity to enhance their foreign language competency, develop their leadership skills and increase their intercultural knowledge. Cost is \$275 per person. A minimum of 10 students per class is required for a course to go ahead. Registration closes on Friday 19 June 2015. All participants will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the course.

Register online: <http://alumni.jcu.edu.au/AMLHols> Contact: AML Administration [aml@jcu.edu.au](mailto:aml@jcu.edu.au) 07 423 21207

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### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ON SALE - WORLD CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

Our student team involved in the World Challenge expedition to Vietnam at the end of the year have begun fundraising by selling the very popular Entertainment Books. These contain hundreds of dollars' worth of vouchers for various restaurants, eateries and amusements. The book costs \$60 with \$12 from each sale going to the girls. You can pay online and then the girls will deliver them to you within a short time. The girls in the World Challenge team are: Amy O'Brien, Tia Ryan, Libby Harkin, Meg Alloway and Olivia Fuller. If you would like to purchase an Entertainment Book, call our office on 47530300.

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## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE P&F NEWS

The P & F Association of St Patrick's College has a number of activities and events coming up over the next few months:



### FAMILY FUN DAY at St Patrick's College & St Joseph's School, The Strand

The P & F Association is providing a sausage sizzle at the Diocesan P&F Family Fun Day to be held Sunday 26 July, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm for Catholic Education Week. Assistance is required to collect food and drink and deliver to the school on Friday 24 July, and to attend on the day from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm to assist with setting up, cooking, serving and clearing away. Parents are not expected to volunteer for the whole event, even an hour of your time would be very much appreciated. Please respond with any assistance you can provide to the following email address: [stpatspandf@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:stpatspandf@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au)

### FATHER'S DAY

The P & F Association is providing a Fathers's Day Breakfast event on Friday 4 September, 7.00 am to 8.30 am. The event will include breakfast and a local speaker. All fathers, male caregivers and grandfathers are encouraged to attend with their daughters/granddaughters. Please take note of the date of this event and an invitation will follow in Term 3.

### VACANCY

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Secretary of the P & F Association has had to resign. We are therefore calling for nominations for a new Secretary. The role includes taking minutes at meetings held the first Tuesday evening of each month during school term, monitoring incoming correspondence and sending out emails and other correspondence for activities and events as required. This is a much valued role that assists the P & F Association achieve it's goals. Your assistance in undertaking this role would be much appreciated. Please forward your nomination to the following email address: [stpatspandf@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:stpatspandf@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and support of the P & F Association, it's activities and events, as we continue to promote engagement of parents and caregivers and enhance educational outcomes for your daughters.



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