



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

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Newsletter

Term 1 | Week 8 | 2015

Upcoming Events

Sisters of Mercy celebrations
100 years in the Ingham region
Saturday 21 March

Exam Block
Week 9

Chrism Mass
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Thursday 26 March
7pm

Year 7 Gala Sports Day
Friday 27 March

Term 1 concludes
Wednesday 1 April

Good Friday
Friday 3 April

Term 2 commences
Tuesday 21 April

**Enrolments
now invited for
2016**

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Principal's Welcome

Our St Patrick's Day mass and celebrations created a lovely welcoming atmosphere which continued on into the evening when we hosted our new look St Patrick's College Open Day. If there are two words that best describe the mood of the day they would have to be *joy* and *hospitality*. Feedback from our visitors was resoundingly positive and I am so pleased that our guests were able to experience the St Patrick's College spirit for themselves on this day. I am particularly proud of our hospitality girls who set themselves up as baristas and served cappuccinos and cake in our Café. We were entertained by an incredible group of talented girls, including our Sisterhood Choir, our Torres Strait Islander and Papua New Guinea dancers and our drama students who performed Street Theatre to a most appreciative audience.

Congratulations must also go to our extraordinary first time debaters who won their first round debates on Monday night: St Patrick's Year 9 (1) team in the Years 9/10 category, defeated St Margaret Mary's on the topic that we should have more computers in schools; and our Year 9 (2) team defeated Pimlico State High School taking the negative position on the same topic. Their coaches, Mrs Mosch and Mr McCluskey were rightly very proud of their success.

I have begun hosting Principal's lunches with our students. These occasions are a great way for me to hear from the girls about their studies and their suggestions for school improvements. While some girls are a little shy, it is important for them to learn the art of conversation when they are with new and unfamiliar people. I really enjoy talking with the girls about things that matter to them. Similarly, I have been able to visit a variety of classes this week and I was impressed to see our girls diligently working in their lessons. It is very affirming to be able to call in unannounced and see our students focused on their learning.

Last Friday night we welcomed the boys and girls from Ignatius Park College and St Margaret Mary's to our school for the Year 11 Pastoral Night. Hosted by our College Captains, the trivia night was a huge success. Thanks must go to Mrs Rentoule for organising this event.

Learn to Row sessions have been well attended this term. Rowing will continue into Terms 2 and 3 and I am very grateful to Mrs Zara Underwood for coordinating this activity for our girls.

I wish our girls the very best for their examinations that will be held next week.

With best wishes, *Paulina*



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PASTORAL NEWS

PASTORAL MATTERS:

The girls are travelling along nicely but definitely have the end of the term in sight. Please remind your girls that time management is the key during this busy assessment / exam time, keep everything in perspective.

We are looking forward next term when we will be participating in staff development in the concept of 'Positive Psychology'. Positive psychology is grounded in the belief that people want to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives, to cultivate what is best within them and to enhance their experiences of relationships, work and play. (*from Positive Psychology Institute*) www.positivepsychologyinstitute.com.au/what_is_positive_psychology.html

This will complement our application of the Restorative Practices model we already have here at the College.

RELIGION MATTERS:

With two weeks until the end of the Lenten period, we are encouraging the students to continue to keep the idea of going without for the benefit of others, at the front of their minds. Sunday 29th March is when we celebrate Jesus' return to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The following week we travel the path of Jesus through the Last Supper, His crucifixion and then his glorious resurrection. This time is the most sacred and holy of the whole liturgical year. Our College will celebrate an Easter liturgy on the last day of term for the students, 1st April.

*"He who works with his hands is a labourer.
He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.
He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist."
— Francis of Assisi*

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS



Today we celebrated the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day at our College Assembly. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone - which mirrors our values at St Patrick's College.

Students from our French classes sang Happy Birthday in French as we cut the cake. They were joined by students from other countries who each told the College assembly what country they were born in and how long they had been in Australia. Countries represented included South Africa, Africa, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Netherlands and Austria.

God Bless

Anne Marie Hammond
Assistant Principal Administration and Religious Education

CURRICULUM CATCH-UP

TERM I REPORT CARDS

As the girls are heading into exams, so too are our teachers heading into their preparation of Term I report cards. At St Patrick's College Townsville, the Term I report is based on interim data and is a "snapshot" of how your daughter is progressing in her subjects at the end of the first term. Their results for each subject may be made up of either diagnostic, formative or summative assessment and/or anecdotal evidence. This is why the interim report does not grade on the A-E scale.

In addition to academic performance, worth ethic and effort, the report card also allows teachers to request a parent interview/consultation where they feel further discussion would be beneficial to your daughter's progress in the subject. Our **parent-teacher consultation evening will be held on Tuesday 5 May, 2015 from 3:30pm to 8:00pm** and parents are welcome to bring their daughters at their own discretion. If you are unable to attend an interview in person, both **Skype and telephone consultations are available**. Information on how to book parent-teacher interviews will be included with your daughter's report card.

Student report cards will be mailed by post to parents during the Easter holiday break. Should you not receive your daughter's report card during the holidays, please alert the College office immediately.

SENIOR CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Lately there has been a lot of speculation in the media and community about the Queensland Government's continuation of the Overall Position (OP) System. Following on from a research study conducted by ACER, the government had proposed an alternative senior certification process. Despite consultation with stakeholders in this process being set to end on March 31, Australian Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP has recently stated that the OP system will remain in place until further notice.

If you have any questions about the OP System or your daughter's academic performance, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Allison Elcoate
Acting Assistant to the Principal – Learning and Teaching Operations

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

March 23	Year 7	Science – Lab Safety Test Religion - Brochure		
	Year 8	English - Multimodal		
	Year 9	Digital Tech - Video		
	Year 10	<i>Exam Block</i>		
	Year 11	<i>Exam Block</i>		
	Year 12	<i>Exam Block</i>		
March 24	Year 8	Science – Exam		
	Year 10	<i>Exam Block</i>		
	Year 11	<i>Exam Block</i>		
	Year 12	<i>Exam Block</i>		
March 25	Year 7	HPE – Assignment Civics & Citizenship – Folio Task 3	English – Spoken Business & Economics – Group Project	
	Year 8	Civics & Citizenship – Exam Business & Economics – Group Project		
	Year 10	<i>Exam Block (Half day – return to classes from period 4)</i>		
	Year 11	<i>Exam Block</i>		
	Year 12	<i>Exam Block</i>		
March 26	Year 9	Dance – Choreography Japanese – Speaking Draft		
	Year 10	Business & Economics Presentation		
	Year 11	<i>Exam Block (Half day – return to classes from period 3)</i>		
	Year 12	<i>Exam Block (Half day – return to classes from period 3)</i>		
March 27	Year 7	Cluster Sports Day		
	Year 9	Japanese – Speaking Mathematics – EMPS	English – Writing HPE – Extended Response	Business - Task 3 Shoebox shop
	Year 10	Japanese – Speaking script draft Mathematics B – EMPS	Dance – performance	
	Year 11	Creative Art – Folio & Diary		
	Year 12	PE – Practical Assessment Hospitality – Prac Report		
	March 30	Year 9	Drama – Forming Mathematics – NAPLAN Practice	
Year 10		Japanese – Speaking		
Year 12		English Comm – Oral Task Mathematics B - Exam		
March 31	Year 9	Mathematics – NAPLAN Practice		
	Year 10	Business - Part C moviemaker due by 10,30am		

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Vocational Education and Training (VET) enables a secondary student to combine education with training to provide occupational or work-related knowledge and skills.

Features of VET programs:

- Focuses on students developing industry specific and workplace skills.
- Generally completed during Years 11 & 12.
- VET training usually occurs on a Wednesday however this will vary with some programs.
- Training is usually held at a TAFE or a smaller training venue. In some cases it may be held at a school or a workplace for some of the time.
- Students can complete a VET program as part of their QCE.
- Prepares students to the standard expected from employers and industry – competency based.
- Students receive a Certificate acknowledging completion of a nationally recognised training course.
- A VET program is like any other QCAA subject.

Benefits of VET programs:

- They assist students to become 'job ready' thereby increasing their employment prospects.
- They form part of recognised pathways to further education and training.
- Upon successful completion, students receive a nationally accredited qualification.
- They contribute to the eligibility requirements for the QCE.
- Can empower low literacy students.
- Appeal to kinesthetic learners.
- Delivering the VET courses here on site allows the College to ensure ongoing pastoral care and support.
- Courses can be timetabled into the current timetable which means minimal disruption to other classes.
- Certificate III qualifications can be used for a selection rank to gain entry into Queensland universities.



For further information concerning vocational education or school based traineeships or apprenticeships please email Catherine Rentoule at crentoule@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au

BOARDING NEWS

Our boarding students have been engaged in a number of community, sporting and learning opportunities over the past two weeks, in addition to their study timetables.

- Some of the Year 7 girls attended St Teresa's Garbutt Indigenous youth group on Wednesday night from 5.30-7.30pm. The group is run by Alice, the Indigenous Liaison Officer from the Townsville Catholic Diocese. The girls talked about St Patrick and St Joseph (their Feast days were celebrated in week 8), participated in some team mind challenges and made some crosses for Palm Sunday to put in the church this weekend. The girls enjoyed dinner together and were extremely well behaved and a credit to the College.



Our students at the St Teresa's Garbutt Indigenous Youth Group - making palm crosses for Palm Sunday Mass.



Tiarna Cocco is heading off to Cadet Camp at Lavarack Barracks this weekend.

- Year 7, 9 and 10 Cape York and Palm Island girls are going to the Marine and Aquaculture Research Unit at JCU this afternoon, accompanied by Catherine Adam, our Transition Support Officer.
- Tiarna Cocco is off to Cadet Camp at Lavarack Barracks this weekend.
- On Wednesday night the Boarders set off to netball. The new uniforms arrived and the girls looked amazing. St Pat's Boarders have had one win and one loss but it was all smiles in their new outfits and water bottles.
- Lukeisha Sawers has made the Townsville Touch Football Rep side U/15. Congratulations Lukeisha!
- This week has seen doctors come to our new Infirmary at the Boarding School to complete all medicals for our Indigenous students through the Close the Gap initiative.
- This weekend sees the boarders relaxing and also getting ready for their exam block next week. The weekend will see us studying and taking some time out to watch a movie, enjoy a walk and a picnic in the park - along with a touch of necessary shopping and checking in with Fr Mick at Saturday night Mass.

Helen Spina
Head of Boarding

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

SISTERHOOD VOCAL CHOIR

Congratulations to our Sisterhood vocal choir on their first performance at our College Open Day on Tuesday! Our girls enjoyed an open-door rehearsal in the afternoon session, followed by a performance in the Sports Complex.

All of our Sisterhood vocalists have all come a long way since their first rehearsal together just a few weeks ago, and entertained our audience with three of their favourite pieces. The girls performed a medieval French troubadour song, popular work *Dreams will Shine* by London-based composer Pete Churchill, and an arrangement of *Our Song* by Australian singer-songwriter Kate Miller-Heidke.

At St Patrick's College, we believe that music is a gift for everyone, and all students from Years 7 – 12 are invited to join our Sisterhood Choir. Singing provides an accessible avenue for everyone to enjoy music, while learning the foundational skills and knowledge integral to any instrumental music study. Choral singing provides students with the opportunity to work in a team environment with other musicians and assists in developing the skills of musical listening, and thinking in more than one musical line.

In the words of renowned Hungarian musician Zoltan Kodaly:

"It is a long accepted truth that singing provides the best start to music education; moreover, children should learn to read music before they are provided with any instrument... even the most talented artist can never overcome the disadvantages of an education without singing" (Kodaly, 1974).

We invite you to come along and experience the joy of community singing. Sisterhood vocal choir rehearses every Wednesday afternoon in the Music Room from 3.15 – 4.15pm.

Yours in music

Miss Katherine Murphy
Program Leader – Music



Our Sisterhood Choir performing at the Open Day on Tuesday

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Some thoughts from a few of our performers in **PETER PAN** - the Combined Catholic Colleges annual musical to be held at the Townsville Civic Theatre, 28-30 May.



Hi, my name is Teal Warner; I'm in Year 9 and in Thrones House. I successfully auditioned for the part of Wendy in this year's musical, Peter Pan. I really like musical theatre and wanted to give it a go for myself. I have already been to many rehearsals and so far I have enjoyed listening to the songs and meeting the funny cast. I hope Peter Pan evolves into an awesome musical everyone comes to see!



My name is Lauren Franettovich and I am Year 9 this year, in Thrones House. I am very glad to be a Pirate in this year's production of Peter Pan. I decided to audition because I thought it would be a great experience and I would get to meet people from Ignatius Park College and St Margret Mary's college. My favourite part of rehearsals was when we learnt one of the pirate songs called Rich Damp Cake.



My name is Anna Chapman and I am in Year 9 in Powers House. I am a chorus pirate in the musical. I chose to be part of Peter Pan because I love musicals, I wanted to get involved. I was part of a musical in primary school and I really enjoyed it and because it seems so much fun. My favourite part of musicals rehearsals so far is learning the songs and dance and also doing the fun warm up exercises at the start of each rehearsals. I believe everyone should get involved in the musicals as it is so much fun and you get to meet and make all new friends.



My name is Enya Flett and I am in Year 11. I auditioned to be in the chorus of Peter Pan and much to my surprise I got in. The Chorus singers are pirates who stand (well... sing) alongside the villainous Hook. I really enjoy acting, and at first I was going to go for a lead role. After I had thought about it, I believed that as I had never before taken part in a production, that I would start off as a chorus member and then maybe next year try out for a minor role. My favourite part of the rehearsals so far is getting to sing! I really enjoy singing alongside many talented boys and girls and feeling part of a team, whose aim is to create a fantastic show for the public.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

All reviews courtesy of goodreads.com.au

Zafir (Through My Eyes, #6) written by Prue Mason

Six months after Zafir has moved to Homs from Dubai with his parents, the excitement of living in a new city has worn off. But then he sees a body thrown from a moving car, and when no one stops to help - and he's told to forget what he's seen - he realises there's a lot he doesn't understand about life in Syria. A lot that no one will tell him. Soon after, the campaign for revolution in Syria begins, and Zafir's parents argue about their country's future. Things get worse when his father is arrested and his mother must leave Homs. As the conflict in the city escalates, everyday life becomes dangerous for a boy alone. Will Zafir find a way to be reunited with his friends and family?

Havoc written by Jane Higgins

The ceasefire is barely holding. Southside waits, with a kind of hope that feels like defeat. Then Cityside blows up the bridge. And amid the chaos and rubble Nik and Lanya are drawn into a complex web of power, fear and betrayal. Who is the girl found crying out from the bombed bridge? What is her connection to the secret experiments taking place at Pitkerrin Marsh? And why does she cry 'havoc'? But before Nik can find out he must find his father, and face the hardest decision of his life.

Eventual Poppy Day written by Libby Hathorn

Painstakingly researched and extremely well written, this is a novel that moves deftly and easily from one time period to another and yet still allows the novel to retain an overall sense of cohesion. Respected YA author Libby Hathorn has drawn on family history and done extensive research to write a fascinating book that profiles two young protagonists, both seventeen years of age, who are related: Maurice, who went to Gallipoli and the Western Front and his great-great nephew, Oliver, who is trying to deal with difficult family circumstances but whose discovery of Maurice's WWI diary changes the way he sees the world. The balance of the historical and contemporary points of view makes this title perfect for use in the classroom, but also appealing to the YA reader.

The Hush written by Skye Melki-Wegner

Chester is on the road, searching every town for clues about his father and why he disappeared. But when he's caught accidentally – and illegally – connecting with the Song as he plays his beloved fiddle, Chester is sentenced to death. Only a licensed Songshaper can bend music to their will. The axe is about to fall . . .

But there is someone else watching Chester. Someone who needs his special talents. Who can use him for their own ends. And who knows the secrets of The Hush, where there is no music, only deadly Echoes who will steal your soul. Susannah is that someone. The young captain of the infamous Nightfall Gang, Susannah has plans for Chester. Finally, she will have her revenge.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Swimming News! SPC 3rd Place Aggregate!

On Wednesday February 11, the St Patrick's College Swimming Team competed in the Townsville 'A' School's Swimming Carnival at Long Tan Pool, Heatley. The 'A' Schools competition comprises of the top 8 sporting schools in Townsville and is the strongest competition in the district. Being a petite school with a small student pool to choose from (pardon the pun), the St Patrick's College team finished an amazing 3rd place overall on the aggregate points total for girls! The Cathedral School was first, Grammar School second and St Margaret Mary's College coming in fourth place. Congratulations to all girls who competed with true "Patties Spirit".



Our St Patrick's College interschool swimming team with teacher Ms Ellen Seaniger

Representative Sport News!

Trials are occurring for Townsville and North Queensland (NQ) representative teams. So far we have had four students selected to represent NQ in their chosen sport:

- Claudia Krause – NQ Swimming.
- Ranko Sam, Elizabeth Pearson, Taum Ahmat – NQ Volleyball.
- Lukeisha Sawers – Townsville Touch.

Well done to these girls and congratulations to all girls that have trialled. Stay tuned for information on future trials.

Year 7 Gala Day

On Friday 27th March, the Year 7 cohort will be visiting Ignatius Park College for a day of social sport. Our students will be playing sports with students from Ignatius Park and The Cathedral School. The aim of the day is to introduce students into secondary school sport and give them a chance to mix with students from around the city of their own age. The emphasis on the day will be on participation and social interaction. The girls will be playing a rotation of European Handball, Soccer and Volleyball in mixed teams, with a sausage sizzle and time to mix. We are all looking forward to the day!

COLLEGE NOTICES

ROWING INFO FOR TERMS 2 & 3

Are you intending to row for St Pats in Terms II and III? Make sure you take this info sheet AND a set of Registration forms home and return to Ms Martin in the Student Office BEFORE THE END OF TERM.

We will commence training the FIRST WEEKEND BACK AFTER EASTER BREAK. Term training times will be Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday of EACH WEEK. Girls should plan on attending ALL sessions to get the maximum benefit from the program. However, if you are unable to make one session, due to other commitments, let me know and we'll see what we can organise.

Registration Forms: MUST be signed by your parent/guardian, are to be returned to the School Office by the end of Term I. No form = no rowing

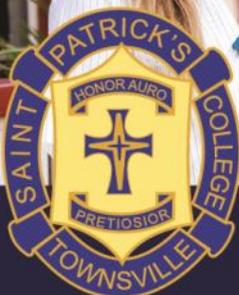
Where: Townsville & JCU Rowing Club, Riverside Blvd, Douglas.

Time: Every session is 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

What to wear: St Pat's zootie, if you have one. Otherwise, what you wore for Learn to Row and we'll organise zoots as soon as possible. Girls are required to compete in School Zoots.

Transport to mid-week training: Depending on numbers, it MAY be possible to use the school mini bus. If this is not available, parents may need to car-pool and transport girls to the rowing shed. Girls need to be collected promptly at the end of training (5.30pm)

Regattas: There are generally 2 – 3 school regattas in Terms 2 and 3 as well as some club events. Regattas are generally held on a Sunday (dates will be advised as soon as confirmed) and girls should expect to be at the river for the full day (bringing homework / assignments/ study is ENCOURAGED!) Due to the weed infestation on our section of the river, it is quite possible that all regattas may be held at Riverway Club (Loam Island) this season.



Discover our difference!

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TOWNSVILLE

ENROLMENTS NOW INVITED

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

We extend an invitation to prospective parents and students to visit the College and to view our facility on **MONDAY, 27 APRIL 3pm – 6pm**
Principal's Address at 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm in Big Ben Auditorium

YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF DENGUE RESEARCH IN TOWNSVILLE

The Eliminate Dengue research program is undertaking its first citywide trial of our dengue control method in Townsville, which we are trialling across a number of suburbs in 2015, and we would like you to get involved. We are using naturally occurring bacteria called *Wolbachia* that, when present in the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, reduce its ability to pass dengue between people. When we release *Wolbachia* mosquitoes they breed with other mosquitoes, passing the *Wolbachia* to their offspring and subsequent generations. We are looking for people to host a mosquito release container on their property. If you would like to participate, please sign-up online at eliminatedengue.com/townsville/sign-up or call us on 1800 005 622

Kate Retzki
Community Liaison Officer- Eliminate Dengue Townsville

RUN TOWNSVILLE

Run Townsville is part of the nationwide initiative Run Australia, which holds an annual walking / running event at major regional centres around the country including Townsville, the Sunshine Coast, Geelong, Wollongong, Ballarat and Newcastle - last year, more than 30,000 runners / walkers participated in the Run Australia event across the six regional centres! The event is organised by the Cotton On Group, which is working towards improving the healthcare of young people in regional Australia, by holding a fun event where people can run, walk or roll the streets of their local community, while raising much needed funds for a local children's health-related project in their town ... in our case, funding the redevelopment of the children's ward at the Townsville Hospital.

Last year's inaugural Run Townsville event raised \$96,290 towards this project, which Run Australia matched dollar for dollar, contributing to an overall total of \$192,580 for the children's ward at the Townsville Hospital. The event is geared to children from toddlers up to age 18, as well as family groups, and you can opt to walk or run across a range of categories. For more information on this event, log on to www.runaustralia.com.au, and keep tabs on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/runtownsville for updates.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL, INGHAM CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 6 - 7 JUNE 2015

Saturday 6th June 2015

1pm - Classroom Walk Through
2pm - Official Welcoming Menegon Centre
4pm until late - "Once in 100 Year Fete"

Sunday 7th June 2015

5pm - Centenary Celebration Mass
6pm - Pre-Dinner Drinks, Menegon Centre
7pm - Centenary Dinner, Menegon Centre

Visit www.olltsv.catholic.edu.au for further info or to download a registration form or for further information contact the school on Ph: 07 4776 2719 Email: lourdes100years@outlook.com

QLD Cricket Easter T20 Blast Cup

Tony Ireland
Stadium

Sporting Drive, Condon,
4810

Wednesday 8th &
Thursday 9th April



COST:

Register with a TEAM (min 8): \$100* per player

Register as an INDIVIDUAL: \$120* per player

**Price includes fruit and drinks on both days.*

All equipment provided!

**Discount prices for all registrations
before March 31st!**

Register with a TEAM

~~\$100~~ \$80 per player

Register as an INDIVIDUAL

~~\$120~~ \$100 per player

2 Days of action packed cricket!

T20 Blast rules & equipment, 8 a side!

6 guaranteed preliminary rounds for every
team!

Grand Final on the second day!

Boys and Girls aged 7-13

9:00am - 1:00pm on both days.



**For registration process, please contact —
Queensland Cricket, Regional Cricket Officer - Simon Edge
e: simone@qldcricket.com.au, p: 0409 520 051**