Welcome back to the second half of the year—just 70 teaching days left in 2014!

Over the holidays, we have farewelled two teachers, Mr Read, moved to Cairns and Mr King, moved to Western Australia. We wish them well in their new locations.

The appearance of MSB continues to change and improve we hope. Classroom renovations are complete, and we are using rooms now numbered Mercy 11 to Mercy 19 upstairs, as well as the new sewing room. The painters finished their 3 months work across the whole school, leaving a much improved appearance. The 2 new buses are in use, a 21 seater and another 13 seater. Work has started on the extra 10 beds for Bernard’s (boys) dorm, to be completed by December. It seems we are assured of funding, over $1M, for another 14 beds to be built next year. If we able to continue to use St Mary’s campus (Woodleigh), we will have beds for 94 girls and 80 boys from 2016. The plan is for about 220 students next year, perhaps eventually growing to 250 by 2017.

Staff in-service. All the staff, teaching and boarding, attended in-service and training during the third week of the holidays. Having over 20 together for 2 days with Head Space was very useful, involving both boarding and school staff. As well, both boarding and teaching staff had a half day on ways to better ensure a positive school atmosphere. Terry Power also had a full day with all staff on the tradition of the Mercy sisters at MSB. A special highlight of this time was a visit to the group from Sr Pam Murray and Sr Barty McHugh, who between them have been at MSB for over 120 years. Our library is now named “The Murray McHugh Resource Centre”.

Enrolments 2015. We hope to finalise enrolments for 2015 by the end of term 3. Year 10 is nearly full and there is still vacancies for 4 or 5 more in each of years 9, 11 and 12. There are still 25 boarding spaces available across Year 7 & 8.

NAIDOC, MSB. Our school celebrations are on Friday August 22. We hope as many families as possible can attend. We will have about 20 beds spaces available in Morrissey if some would like to sleep over on Thursday night, Aug 21. Families are invited to take boarders out on the weekend, Aug 23-24, but those in the Rugby league teams will have a semi-final on Sat Aug 23.

Year 12 Thanks to Mrs Trudy Bakker for her efforts to prepare for the Senior formal on Nov 22. Prior to this, an important final 14 weeks of schooling. It is important that families ensure that students don’t miss any of these important days. Days missed during this time can severely effect final subject results.

Br Bill Tynan

Mount St Bernard College is hosting an OPEN DAY on Saturday 23rd August from 10.30am - 2pm
All Welcome to attend
Catholic Education Week

This week students throughout Queensland Catholic schools and colleges took time out of regular routine to celebrate Catholic Education Week. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year is:

*Come, live life in all its fullness.*

This inspirational call is based on the Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to “live fully”. Reflecting this Gospel call, our school, like all Catholic schools, endeavours to provide learning experiences through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer. There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 143,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way. As part of Monday morning’s college assembly students and staff planted a tree as part of a “living life to the full” ceremony.

Students also represented the college at 2 masses held as part of Catholic Education Week: Ravenshoe hosted the annual Tableland CEW mass (above) while a diocesan mass was held in Cairns at St Monica’s Cathedral on Thursday.

**Mercy – The Kingdom Call to Mercy**

Prior to Term 3 commencing for students, College staff were immersed in a day of Mercy Charism. It was an opportunity for all staff to come together and revisit that which is at the heart of Mount St Bernard College – a Mercy tradition. The day was presented by Terry Power, Formation and Projects Manager with the Mercy Sisters in Cairns.

One topic for consideration stemmed from Matthew’s Gospel and The Parable of The Net (Matthew 13:47-50) – what brings us to MSB? What things have we caught in our net? What things in our lives (our net) do we need to get rid of, or throw back? There are good days and bad days; we respond the best we can; we do the best we can; the reality is that there are bad fish in every catch. We then looked at modern day examples of the Mercy tradition and the examples that Pope Francis displays in his interactions with people.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Particular College staff (from day and residential) also attended a two-day first aide course aimed at Youth Mental Health. Staff from Headspace in Townsville presented the training which proved to be invaluable. Drawing upon current statistics, research and real-life experiences, staff were confronted with the realities of youth mental health. Mental health problems are common in young people and sadly have a high level stigma attached to them. Many people (young and old) are ill informed about youth mental health issues with a high number of young people not realising that they need help and that help is available. It was important to note, too the impact that a mental health condition can have on normal adolescent development. A number of mental health conditions were explored along with a Youth Mental Health Action Plan. Over the coming newsletters I will share what I consider to be important facts of which all parents should be aware. It is reassuring that staff from both sectors of the college were able to attend this professional development opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact the college should you be concerned about your child and their health and well-being. Please know that it is common practice for college staff to contact parents/carers if they are concerned with a student’s well-being.

God bless,

Paul MacCallum
Art Exhibition

Over the school holiday break, our students’ artwork was exhibited at the Foyer Gallery, Atherton. In conjunction with the NAIDOC, posters and artwork by Indigenous students from Mount St Bernard College were selected to showcase the unique talent of the region.

In Semester One, Mount St Bernard student’s created posters based around the theme Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond. We discussed the fact that Indigenous people fought for Australia, from the Boer War until present day. Many students felt saddened to discover that these heroes, men and women, are somewhat forgotten in today’s society.

Each and every student enthusiastically participated in the NAIDOC Poster Competition. They independently brainstormed and developed ideas. It was exciting to see students generating designs that were culturally diverse, reflecting on their homelands. The style of painting, symbolism and representation of culture and tradition, are clearly evident in the entire poster collection. It is a truly magical experience working with young people, who have such an enthusiasm for learning.

In week one of Term 3, Art students had the opportunity to see the artwork in the Gallery. Those students’ exhibiting were absolutely delighted and proud to see their art work on the walls. Well done to the following students that exhibited their work at the Foyer Gallery, Atherton.

Maria Bosen, Year 12, Thelma Bani, Year 10, Loderick Mauga, Year 8, Edith Dau, Year 9, Farrell Possum, Year 9, Josephine Douglas, Year 8, Bugum Anson, Year 9, Percy Maitie, Year 9, Cecilyn Gregory, Year 9, Joyce Tapp, Year 9, Meku Dau, Year 8, Walter Enosa, Year 8, Dakota Bowen, Year 11, Raelene George, Year 9, Siyeisha Douglas, Year 11, Visual Art, Raven Coleman, Year 8, Ruth Bowenda, Year 9, Georgina Whap, Year 9, Denzel Liddy-Pratt, Year 8, Jolene Passi, Year 8, Shirley-Anne Daniel, Year 9, Ella Toby, Year 10, Ursula Tate, Year 10, Junita Waia, Year 11, Stanley Williams, Year 10, Leonard Aniba, Year 9, Geraldine Wolmby, Year 9, Barry Maitie, Year 8, Nathanael Murray, Year 8, Elizabeth Thaiday, Year 9 & Tyler Freeman, Year 11, Visual Art.

Visit to the Foyer Gallery, Atherton. NAIDOC week art exhibition. Students were delighted to share their artwork with their friends.
CAIRNS SHOW BIZ

A fantastic effort at the Cairns Show from MSB students, Monique David-Mosby, Matilda Warria, Trevor Mudu and Seiji Gabey all picking up Highly Commended Awards for their paintings. Seiji Gabey also received First Place for his Mask. Here are some photographs of the Indigenous Art Section, at the Cairns Show.

Excursion to the Regional Gallery, Atherton

Wow, in the first week back at school, two gallery visits! Art students were fascinated by the mixed-media assemblages, sculptures and installations, showcased at the Regional Art Gallery space. They were extremely impressed by the nine artists exhibiting. Toni Rogers, discussed in length, her passion for creating and explained the symbolism behind her artwork. Students completed worksheets and developed ideas for their own sculptures.

Visit to Atherton Gallery By Ikie Douglas and Jayson Deemal.

On 26th of July, 9.4 class and some Year 10 students visited the Atherton Art Galleries. At the Foyer Gallery, art pieces from Ms Sexton’s Art Classes were displayed. It was so awesome to see these works exhibited on the walls, along with other well-known regional artists.

Next, the group visited the Regional Art Gallery in Robert Street. There was an amazing exhibition being showcased there on FNQ regional artists. We particularly liked, the works of Pamela Hall, as she brings her natural works to life. The one which showed, how shining lights look attractive coming through bloodwood and ironbark trees and the inflorescence on palm trees was very impressive. We really enjoyed this excursion, as it was a wonderful experience to see the works of regional artists and our own MSB students. It was opportunity to also meet up with one of the artists, Toni Rogers, who gave a short talk on many of the pieces. Overall, a very enjoyable experience.

By Ikie Douglas and Jayson Deemal.
The start of Term 3 brings about many varied activities in the mathematics arena for the Atherton Tablelands region. In line with this, Mount St Bernard College has joined in on these activities.

The Year 9 Enrichment Mathematics Camp was held from Monday until Wednesday, 28—30 July. At this camp there was an opportunity for areas of mathematics to be utilised that may not typically have a chance of being incorporated in the classroom. Activities included teamwork, problem solving, hands on applications and other aspects of learning that requires students to interact with students from a number of other schools from across the Atherton Tablelands. In the next release of the newsletter a link to the photo gallery shall be provided. The students who were nominated to attend the camp were Eliza Bookall, Caleb Mathews and Jack Tresize.

Soon to come to the Atherton Tablelands region is the Year 8 Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers (QAMT) quiz competition. This competition is divided into three sections: local competition, district competition and state competition. To proceed to the next stage of the competition, the team of three needs to finish in the top two of that stage. The rounds planned involve quick thinking, team work, individual work, visualisation, approximation and a chance of seeing how students across the Atherton Tablelands (and beyond) fair against each other. Our faithful team for the competition is Joshua Lane, Misti Jessop and David Cassels.

The third external mathematics item is the Australia wide mathematics competition known as ICAS (mathematics). Here we have a whole Year 8 class completing the challenge as well as selected students in Years 9 and 10.

All the best to those who have upcoming challenges and it is great to see such involvement in these extra-curricular school activities.

Mr Ben Smith

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**ICAS Science Competition Results**

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science assesses students’ skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

MSB students from year’s 8, 11, and 12 who took part in this competition have achieved creditable results. Unfortunately year 9 and 10 Science students missed out on the competition this year as the timing clashed with the year 9 expedition and year 10 work experience.

Congratulations to all students who were willing to have a go at the often-challenging questions. In particular, commendations go to Felix Bernhardi (Yr.12) Rhiannon Bookall(Yr.11) and Joshua Lane (Yr.8). Felix and Rhiannon received Merit Certificates for results in the top 50% of Australian students, while Joshua received a Credit certificate for results in the top 30% of Australian students.

Keith Smith Science Coordinator

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**VET News**

Oscar Burnett, Sean Fisher and James Jackson have commenced a school based apprenticeship with Construction Machinery Training School at Redcorp Quarries at Tichum Creek. This will lead to a Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Pictured below (l-r) are Oscar Burnett, Sean Fisher and James Jackson.

Natalie Van Der Zant - VET Co-Ordinator
Some would say that peace can only be built using methods which themselves are non-violent. Such a movement as ‘positive peace’ involves social justice as well as non-violent conflict resolution. Although great advances in science and technology have been made, the world is still unable to resolve differences by peaceful means and continues to be plagued by war and social conflicts. Countries and cultures of the world are increasingly interconnected. During their lives, students will encounter a critical need to help themselves and others to work through their differences, bridge diverse perspectives, and resolve their conflicts efficiently. This term’s Peace Studies unit is concerned with practical questions of how to realise peace and justice in the world.

To begin, our Year 12 students have considered what it means to be an active member of a peaceable community, concentrating on our MSB community. Concepts of tolerance, acceptance and respect were discussed as was their role as leaders and role models in our school. As a gesture of respect, togetherness and pride in the peaceable community of MSB, the Year 12 students have constructed peace doves and attached a personal message of encouragement and support to each dove. These doves were then gifted by each Year 12 student to each Year 8 and Year 9 student in the spirit of peace. It is hoped that the doves serve as a reminder to our junior students that each day, whether the sun is shining brightly or the clouds are rolling in, they are in a supportive, respectful and peaceable community and always have someone close by that cares about them.

Trudy Bakker - Year 12 Religion & Ethics Teacher
MSB Athletics Carnival 2014

Congratulations Flynn!! ‘Flynn’ were the champion house for the MSB’s 2014 athletics carnival.

The 2014 carnival was conducted over two days at the end of term 2. The first day saw athletes challenged as they competed in the vast majority of track and field disciplines. The final rotation of field events were completed on the last day of term 2.

Congratulations to all who participated over the two days; the spirit and determination showed by many students certainly did not go unnoticed. A special congratulations to the Age Champions and to those students who were selected to represent the school at the District athletics carnival being held yesterday and today at Malanda State High School. Well done to all participants, and good luck to those students competing in the next levels of competitions. By Deborah Booth

Results

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Photo - Front row from left: Maryanne Mosby, Matilda Warria, Joshua Malachi, Julian Sesar, Lester Shipton, Elizabeth David, Bugum Anson, Joyce Tapp, & Danuta Tomsana. Rear from left: Br Bill Tynan and Mackenzie Scholberg.
Upcoming Events - 2014

- Tues 12th Aug: Maths Skills ICAS Test
- Sun 17th - Mon 18th Aug: Peninsula Track & Field (Athletics) Barlow Park Cairns
- Wed 20th Aug: St Bernard’s Day Mass
- Fri 22nd Aug: Naidoc Day Celebrations
- Sat 23rd Aug: MSB Open Day 10.30am - 2pm
- Sun 24th - Fri 29th Aug: Year 10 Expedition - Shiptons Flat

Atherton Forest Fun Run
Cancelled

Due to Swim Logic’s (Atherton Swimming Pool) triathlon being held on Sunday, 10th August we have decided to cancel our fun run which was scheduled for the same date.

Glenda McAuliffe, Race Co-ordinator

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date:
31st Oct – 2nd Nov 2014
Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

For bookings/details contact:
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HERBERTON POLICE STATION

THE OLD NUMBER PH: 4096 2200 IS NO LONGER IN USE
NEW NUMBER IS PH: 4096 2568

There has been a recent measles case in your community.

Are you aged between 4 and 48 and had your measles vaccines?

“No” or “not sure”, then you could be at risk of catching measles

Contact your GP or local Community Health Centre for your free vaccine

Note: It is recommended that all born in or since 1966 have 2 doses Measles vaccines (given as MMR – measles mumps rubella). MMR is part of routine immunisation schedule at 12 months, 18 months and/or 4 years of age.
Can you afford to send your child to MSB? Can you afford not to?

Come along and talk to us and have a look at our new & refurbished facilities.

You will find MSB is a viable option, offering:

- Small class sizes. The average class size in 2014 is less than half the Queensland average class size, a great opportunity to give your child the best chance to succeed.

- Streamed classes, allowing each child to make progress from where they are academically placed.

- A wide variety of career focused courses in Year 11 and 12, OP Eligible Courses and Vocational Courses.

Day students in 2014 number just over 50. We are looking to increase this two fold in coming years.

The support from the local area is critical and appreciated; this is important to the school.

In 2015, MSB’s enrolment numbers will grow with the addition of grade 7 as will all other secondary schools, but we will still retain the benefits of a small school that our reputation has been made upon.

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OPEN DAY – AUGUST 23
10.30AM – 2PM