

18th June 2021

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and community members,

On our last day for term, Deacon Michael lead us in a liturgy of thanksgiving for the term and semester that has been. It was very pleasing to reflect on the many events and achievements. From sports carnivals to creative arts events to excursions and classroom learning and everything in between there was certainly a lot to be thankful for.

*We thank you Lord, for this term.
For the opportunities, challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.
Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.
Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.
Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays,
to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.
To be peacemakers in our family.
Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.
We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents
And a community that cares for us.
May we always be conscious of you in our lives.
Amen*

At Assembly we also acknowledged and farewelled some staff members. Mr Mike Tolley, Ms Bereniece Cumming from the teaching staff and Ms Margaret Freeman and Ms Breanna Lyall from the Boarding staff. We wish them all the best.

Next term we will welcome to the teaching staff;

Ms Kathy Crooks - Kathy's qualifications include, TESOL International Certificate, Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education (ESL & SOSE), Bachelor of Arts and Kathy's experiences include, All Souls St Gabriels School, Charters Towers and before that a variety of positions in international schools and before that NSW

Mr Nathan Juhas - Nathan's qualifications include; Bachelor of Education: *Secondary Physical Education and Business*, Certificate IV in Fitness, Certificate III in Agriculture, and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Nathan's recent experiences include; Agricultural Coordinator, 11-12 Agricultural Practises, 11-12 Certificate II and III in Fitness, Industrial Technology Skills teacher at Ravenshoe State School.

In addition, and as per the announcement letters in this newsletter, I will be taking 6 months leave from Mount St Bernard College to fulfil a contract at St Mary's Catholic College as Acting Principal. I believe this short-term appointment will provide an opportunity for professional growth. As a first-time Principal 'you don't know what you don't know' so this is a great opportunity to gather ideas, look at how another school operates. The College will be left in familiar hands however as Mr Matt Brauer will return to the College (former Deputy Principal) to fulfill the role of Acting Principal for the next 6 months.

Wishing all members of our community a safe and restful holiday and I look forward to hearing about the many different highlights that I know Semester 2 will bring.



Mr Ian Margetts - Principal



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11 June 2021

Dear Bishop James, Clergy, Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students of the Mt St Bernard College community,

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mr Ian Margetts has been appointed to the position of Acting Principal at St Mary's Catholic College, Cairns, for Semester 2, 2021.

Ian will serve in this role while Mr Wayne Wood fulfils the role of Acting Director of School Effectiveness (Sec & P-12) for Catholic Education Services, Cairns. Ian's experience as the Principal of Mt St Bernard's College has provided him with a comprehensive range of leadership skills which he will bring to this acting position.

While Ian will be a temporary loss to the Mt St Bernard College community, he will return to the College for the beginning of the 2022 school year. Expressions of interest in the Acting Principal role at Mt St Bernard's will be invited from the Cairns Catholic education community.

Please join me in congratulating Ian on this well-deserved appointment as Acting Principal of St Mary's Catholic College.

Yours sincerely,

MR BILL DIXON
Executive Director





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24 June 2021

Dear Bishop James, Clergy, Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students of the Mt St Bernard College community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Matt Brauer to the position of Principal (Acting) at Mt St Bernard College, Herberton, commencing on 12 July 2021. Matt will serve in this position until the end of December this year.

Matt's most recent position was in Cairns Catholic Education Services as a Consultant: Clarity and Professional Learning. Prior to this, Matt was the Deputy Principal of Mt St Bernard College, a position he has held for the past three years. Matt's knowledge of the College, his relationships with students, staff and the community, along with his excellent organisational skills, will continue to be of great benefit to the College community.

Matt's qualifications include a Queensland Certificate of Education and a Bachelor of Primary Middle Schooling: Major in Health and Physical Education. He is currently studying a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, a Master of Education: Leadership and Management and a Master of Business Administration.

Please join me in congratulating Matt on this well-deserved appointment as Acting Principal of Mount St Bernard College.

Yours sincerely,

MR IAN DAVIS
Executive Director (Acting)

Attachment:

Mount St Bernard Catholic Primary School - Letter of Appointment for the Diocese of Cairns



Deputy Principal Report

Dear MSB Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their outstanding efforts this term, it is hard to believe it is week 10 already. Throughout this term, staff and students have demonstrated just how special MSB is as a community.

Some of my personal highlights this term:

- Year 10 Expedition - where year 10 students hiked, abseiled, and canoed around the Lake Tinaroo area. They showed exceptional leadership and teamwork when hiking, setting up camp, building fires and cooking for themselves and the staff.
- Athletics day - where all so many students demonstrated just how talented they are in the sports arena.
- Creative Arts Showcase - .where a variety of students' work was put on show for the MSB community to admire. The variety of talent demonstrated was outstanding and I am now lucky enough to have a piece of that artwork in my office.

I wish all staff and students a restful and enjoyable break. Stay safe and have fun so you are ready for term 3.

Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal - Curriculum & Administration



Mr Kieran Ryan

Assistant Principal - Mission Report

Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

As you may recall from one of our recent newsletters, MSB students and staff committed to volunteering with **Rosies** outreach to people on the streets. Through this outreach, senior students and staff take the Rosies van filled with tea, coffee, hot chocolate and a variety of foods and offer food, drink and a yarn to people doing it rough or living on the streets.

As winter set-in on the Tablelands our senior students turned their attention to how those living on the streets or homeless might keep warm on chilly Tableland nights. So they rolled up their sleeves and organised the Term 2 Disco pledging the profits to Rosies to purchase sleeping bags and blankets for the homeless. Together with the significant support of the boarding staff, our senior students ran yet another successful disco, raising over \$200 for sleeping bags for Rosies.

Congratulations Students and Boarding Staff for not only another fun disco but for the support given to Rosies.

Mid-year Break

As this term draws rapidly to a close it surprised me how quickly we've now hit the middle of the year already. All in all, though, it has been a pretty full-on 6 months to date and for both the students and the staff these holidays are a long-awaited and well-earned break. May all of our MSB family—students, staff and families—have an enjoyable and safe 3 weeks and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the start of next term. God bless.

Deacon Michael Lindsay - Assistant Principal - Mission



Deacon Michael



Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Dear Parents and Friends of MSB

It has been a long and productive term for boarding students with many milestones achieved. Our senior students have shown great resilience and determination to complete their assignments and exams. As we all know, being a boarder is very difficult due to the separation from family and loved ones, along with the distance from familiar environments. We have noticed that staying connected to culture is a key component in enabling students to cope whilst away from their country and family. Recently we have begun providing more cultural activities for our students in an attempt to help them feel more connected to their community.

The students who are singing and dancing throughout the week and performing on weekends have demonstrated greater resilience, self-esteem and more confidence. We have created opportunities for students to feel proud of their cultural background and encouraged them to use song and dance to re-connect with family. We will continue to provide opportunities for all students to celebrate their cultural identity and share their skills and talents with the entire College community.

As we approach the school holiday period, I'd like to remind all families of the importance of routine and structure whilst your child is back at home. During the term, we have strict guidelines with regard to bedtimes and phones. We often find that students struggle to get back into routine after the school holidays due to different boundaries at home. It greatly benefits your child if their home routine is similar to the school routine. This will be of utmost importance with our senior students as term three will be the busiest year of their secondary education.

I hope all families and carers get a chance to re-connect and spend quality time with their children over the three-week break.

Kind regards,

Scott Whitters - Deputy Principal - Head of Boarding



Assistant Principal - Well-being Report

Term 2 is finished. The Wellbeing team would like everyone to have an enjoyable mid-semester break and come back refreshed and ready to tackle the second semester. Any students that need someone to talk to during the break can contact a few of the providers out there like Headspace 1800 650 890, Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636, Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or Lifeline 13 11 14. You can also stop into your local health clinic for support.

In the meantime, connect with your family and friends. Do the things you love and make sure you take the time out needed to recharge your batteries. Above all though....Stay Safe! We are halfway there...

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Mr Dan Niemerg



Ms Traylea Sexton

In the year of our school's Centenary, Mount St Bernard College celebrated student accomplishment in The Arts and Technology

Over 100 years - at this College - students have demonstrated outstanding creativity. Their contribution to our legacy has come through Art, Design, Music, Dance, Hospitality and Industrial, Technology Studies and Digital work.

This tradition was truly reflected in the Sisters' Convent courtyard as the sounds of sweet music filled the room. As you looked around the exhibition the students' work and their artist's statements provided a visual delight. You could see that creativity is connected to literacy, numeracy and wellbeing, respect and freedom of expression.

The People's Choice Award went to Teline Harris for her work entitled 'One in Three' and close second Bianca Price for her painting 'Greta'

The Principal's Choice Awards to Stacey Edwards for her work entitled 'We are the roses'

The Senior Award to Tanisha Vincent for her work 'Remembrance'

The Junior Award to Roy Robertson for his sculpture made out of Ghost Nets 'Iggy' the gecko

Thank you for supporting these young creatives

Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader The Arts and Technologies



Creative Arts Showcase

Teline Harris for her work entitled 'One in Three'



Principal's Choice Awards to Stacey Edwards for her work entitled 'We are the roses'



Junior Award to Roy Robertson for his sculpture made out of Ghost Nets 'Iggy' the gecko

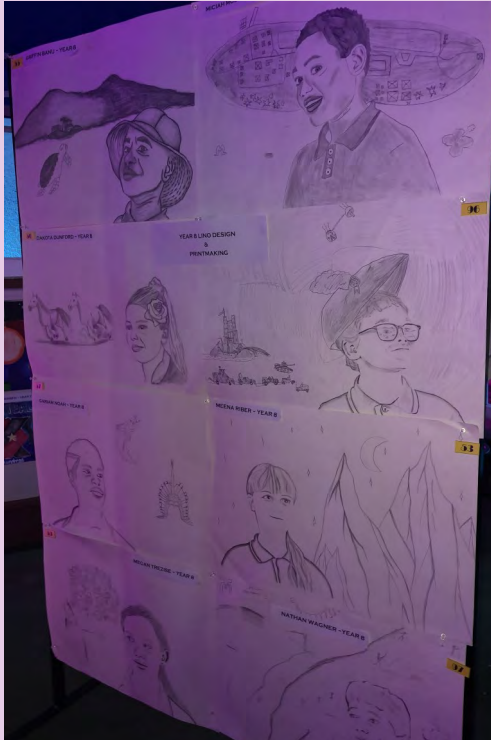
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Creative Arts Showcase



Creative Arts Showcase

The Year 10 Food Studies class planned, produced and served the hospitality requirements for the Creative Arts and Technology Showcase on the 17th of June. This was their assessment for term 2 and it was a fantastic night for all concerned. The students are starting to understand that the art of good hospitality is both a rewarding and engaging career industry. Special mention must go to Ayla Edwards, Misha Price and Mahalia Jones in Year 9 who helped lead and guide the Year 10 team. The students produced an ample spread of desserts and savouries to feed the guests. The clean up was fantastic, helped by Daliah Pearson and the energetic students from boarding. Many thanks to all those involved who made this one of the many highlights for term 2.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

Mr Marcello Cecchi - Food Technology & Design Teacher



Athletics Day



Mr Ryan Mawdsley

The students were full of excitement, competitive spirit and participating to their full potential throughout the day. The oval was a sea of Flynn, Power and Rush colours cheering, supporting and encouraging their fellow house members. It was a huge success as many students broke existing records whilst the overall house points were seen throughout the day. Points are awarded for all participants for each event. Fantastic to see students wearing ribbons with pride.

Overall champion house are 1st place Rush, 2nd Flynn and 3rd Power

Age champions are awarded to competitors who have achieved highest placing in all track and field events throughout the carnival. Students who have placed 1st and 2nd in all track and field events will make the MSB squad to compete in the Tablelands District Carnival on the Thursday 29th and Friday 30th July at Atherton State High School.

A super effort achieved by all the students. Well done!

Ryan Mawdsley - Middle Leader - HPE

Champion House
RUSH— 1st. 1390pts
FLYNN— 2nd. 1186ts
POWER— 3rd. 992pts

New MSB Records

Student	Age Gp	New Record (2021)	Old Record
Reem Sam	12	4.30m—Long Jump	4.29m—C.Aruba (2015)
Melinda Burns	12	3.85m— Long Jump	3.77m— A.Mudu (2015)
Aaron Christie	13	12.73m—Shot Put	12.6m— T.Gutry (2008)
Tae Dempsey	15	9.75m—Shot Put	9.45m— M.Laza (2015)
Jayden Gibuma	15	24.00s—200m	24.47s— R.Hudson (2012)
Jayden Gibuma	15	13.17m— Shot Put	12.21m— T.Cutry (2010)
Francis Ghee	16	6.05m— Long Jump	5.88m— J.Malachi (2015)
Tina Dau	Open	10.87m— Shot Put	10.21m—R.Mene (2016)
Gidieon Larry	Open	6.10m— Long Jump	6m— J.Malachi (2016)

MSB Age Champions

12 yrs Girls	Athena Cecchi
12 yrs Boys	Reem Sam
13 yrs Girls	Caitlyn Murray
13 yrs Boys	Mairee David
14 yrs Girls	Donnelle Holness
14 yrs Boys	Roy Roberston
15 yrs Girls	Tae Dempsey
15 yrs Boys	Jayden Gibuma
16 yrs Girls	Matraima Faud
16 yrs Boys	Stanley Gela
Open Girls	Zoe David-Sabatino
Open Boys	Gidieon Larry

Health Centre Report

Winter is coming!

As the days begin to get colder we need to make sure our students are coming to school with weather appropriate clothing. I will be working closely with student reception to ensure all students are keeping warm during these cold winter days. It is extremely important that we protect our bodies by making sure we do the following:

- Keep warm—wear the MSB winter uniform
- Wash our hands regularly
- Cover our sneezes and coughs with a tissue or our sleeve
- Drink plenty of water
- Eat healthy
- Stay home if you feel unwell

Let’s keep our MSB community safe and healthy!

Nurse Stef



Ms Stef Henebery



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Winter Uniforms in stock

Tracksuit pants \$25 each

MSB Jacket \$40 (See image left)

MSB Fleece Jacket \$40

To purchase please contact

Julie Titlow at Student Reception on

Ph: 4096 1445 or

Em: jtitlow@cns.catholic.edu.au

COMING SOON

MSB Beanies \$10 each



Thank you



Mrs Chris Weedon

Recently our College received an outstanding donation, a substantial gift of First Nation’s Art books. Arriving in two large boxes, these valuable books recognise and document the work of artists from northern and central Australia and the Torres Strait. Representing diverse times, traditions, country, forms and stories, these beautiful books have enhanced our MSB collection, brought greater knowledge and appreciation of the skill and creativity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. To our donor, our heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude.

C Weedon Teacher in Charge Library



2021 YEAR 7/8 READERS CUP

Dakota Dunford Melinda Burns
Athena Cecchi Jack Jones
Meenakshi Riber



Mrs Chris Weedon

MSB’s Year 7/8 Readers Cup Team recently competed in the Children’s Book Council of Australia Readers’ Cup Regional Final at Cairns State High School.

The team spent many hours and weeks reading, making notes and discussing five diverse texts. They gave up their after-school time and lunchtimes. Regular picnics, cups of tea, cheese-cake and fine china in the Library helped with motivation.

DID WE SUCEED?

The purpose of the competition is to read, build skills of comprehension and vocabulary, tackle genres not normally favoured, work effectively in teams and have fun. Developing empathy is the ultimate benefit. But there is also a day of reckoning, the challenge of competition. In a closely fought contest, our team emerged **8th out of 28 teams** from across the Far North.

Congratulations to these hard-working Year 7 & 8 students. They showed grit, perseverance, dedication to each other and effort.

C Weedon Teacher in Charge Library



Year 8 Humanities Excursion

The Year 8 Humanities excursion to the many wonderful, unique landscapes and landforms in the Tablelands, was a whirlwind experience that gave the student's a fantastic insight in how unique the natural environment is up here in the Far North. The Year 8's were boisterous, energetic and 'full of beans' on the day, and it was a fun-filled field trip that will definitely go down as one of their favourite school days for term 2. It was real 'run through the jungle' experience and not for the faint hearted. A big shout out to the administration who allowed us to take the students on this trip. Hopefully, we can go on a Humanities excursion once a term to further develop the students' knowledge and gain great memories.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

Mr Marcello Cecchi - 8B Humanities Teacher



Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator Report

Year 11 Roads, attitudes and action planning talk



Ms Jade Briscoe



As operational firefighters, the team were passionate about the program, and its main intent of reducing the death rate of young drivers. Students explored the different reasons road incidents can occur and evaluated the types of choices they could make in situations on the road.



Students also considered how their choices may affect others around them and discussed how they may be able to prevent road incidents from occurring.

The team delivering the talk were informative and provided relevant and needed advice to the students.

The Year 11's appreciated the talk and felt they had been able to view driving as something they need to take seriously.

Thank you to Queensland Fire and Rescue and the RAAP team for delivering this necessary talk.

Jade Briscoe - Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND
Diocese of Cairns



SAVE the DATE

PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY
CAIRNS | SAT 4 SEPT | 12.30-6.30PM
Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlvile

FEATURING
Andrew Fuller, Psychologist discussing 3 topics:
Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation
and Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project

All Catholic School Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.
Free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.
Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12

FURTHER DETAILS AND INVITATION
TO REGISTER WILL FOLLOW



Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse

Malanda Health Centre

Wednesday 30th June

Ph: 4096 5339.



The College Parents & Friends Association is looking for Parents or Carers to join in 2021. We would welcome your ideas and involvement in the college community. To register your interest please email: hobrien1@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone Hillary O'Brien on Ph: 4096 1485

Upcoming Events 2021

Mon 21 - Fri 25 June - Year 10 Work Experience
Thu 24 June - End of Term 2 @ 3pm
Fri 25 June - Boarders Travel Day home
Fri 25 June - Mon 19 July - School Holidays

Term 3

Mon 12 July - Staff Week MSB Office Re-Opens
Mon 19 July - Boarders Travel Day to school
Tue 20 July - All classes commence Term 3
Sun 25 - Sat 31 July - Catholic Education Week



ENROL NOW FOR 2022!



Places filling fast for next year...

- ❖ For a tour or more info - (07) 40961444 or email msb.enrolments@cns.catholic.edu.au
- ❖ To enrol visit <http://msb.qld.edu.au/documents/enrolment.html> or ring (07) 40961444

Limited vacancy for 2021

- ❖ Year 7 – waiting list*
- ❖ Year 8 – limited vacancy
- ❖ Year 9 – waiting list*
- ❖ Year 10 – limited vacancy
- ❖ Year 11 – limited vacancy
- ❖ Year 12 – waiting list*

* Where a waitlist exists, families should still apply and if accepted we will advise as soon as a position becomes available

Learning in the Mercy tradition with emphasis on:

- **Community** – living and giving gracious hospitality in the spirit of family,
- **Mercy** – acting justly with a compassionate heart,
- **Respect** – valuing self, others, environment, and the purpose of school,
- **Excellence** – striving towards personal best, and
- **Wisdom** – gaining life enhancing knowledge and skills.

Small class sizes supporting personalized learning

Modern boarding, classroom & trade training facilities

University (ATAR), TAFE, Training and Work pathways

