



Mr Matt Brauer
Acting Principal

12th November 2021

Greetings MSB Community,

We have officially passed the half way point of Term 4. A number of college events and activities have occurred already this term, including Year 12 Culmination activities, Years 7-10 Progressive Assessment Testing, Love Bites Relationship Education Program and various class excursions and immersive learning experiences.

In addition to this, our incoming Year 12 Cohort (current Year 11 cohort), have recently assumed the responsibility of school leaders. Their leadership formation started recently at the Year 11 Retreat, where all students engaged in a series of team building and reflective exercises, to better equip them for the role of 'leader' in 2022.

In visiting the Retreat, I was impressed with the level of student participation, maturity and cohesion as a student group. Students have proactively developed personal action plans to inform their contributions to the college agenda in 2022, whilst co-developing some group goals and norms, to ensure a united approach.

I am excited to see such vision and motivation from the incoming senior cohort.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the successful candidates of our classified 2022 student leadership positions including College Captain, Mercy Captain and Residential Captains.

The appointees include;

Emmy Riber and Mackenzie Smy as College Captains

Haeden Tuhoro as Mercy Captain

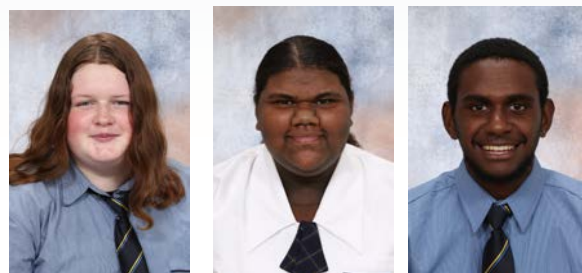
Tamika Neade, Melinda Obah, Jacklyn Day, Tayiesha Warria, Francis Ghee, Quentin Shortjoe, Stanley Bustard, Jonomick Lui, as Boarding Representative Council

Whilst many of our senior cohort have departed the college, and have started working towards establishing a life outside of school, a small group continue to persist through their Senior External Examinations. We wish them the best throughout the course of the weeks to come.

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Emmy Riber and Mackenzie Smy (above)
Haeden Tuhoro, Melinda Obah and Francis Ghee (below)



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COVID-19 School Vaccination Program: Thank you!

Recently, our school hosted an outreach vaccination clinic as part of the COVID-19 School Vaccination Program.

Pharmacists from the local community pharmacy administered Moderna (Spikevax) vaccines to staff and students aged 12 years and over (with parental/guardian consent) in the comfort and familiarity of our school grounds.

It was pleasing to see so many of our families take advantage of this opportunity and we hope the students who were vaccinated on the day feel proud of the steps they have taken to protect themselves, their family and the wider school community from COVID-19.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland Branch, has collated some resources parents, guardians and students are welcome to access following our involvement in the program.

A range of colourful social media tiles are available to brighten up your Facebook or Instagram profile. These tiles are a fun way for students to celebrate their vaccination status and show community leadership in the fight against COVID-19.

You can also access information about the Moderna vaccine used in the program, find out what it takes to pursue pharmacy as a career or learn more about the important role community pharmacy plays in helping us lead happy and healthy lives.

You can access the page [here](#).

With the timing of the vaccination clinic during the busy end of year period, some of our students may be unable to receive the second dose of the Moderna vaccine at school. If this is the case for your child, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment at your nearest pharmacy for the second dose to complete the primary course. You can find participating pharmacies and book here: <https://findapharmacy.com.au/our-services/vaccination-services-covid-19>

Thank you for your support of the COVID-19 School Vaccination Program.

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7A POETRY



Cinquain

Furry, cute
Barking, running, playing
Best puppy on earth
Bernie


By Luwarnah Butcher



Haiku

Small and pretty birds
Lots of different colours
Budgies are the best

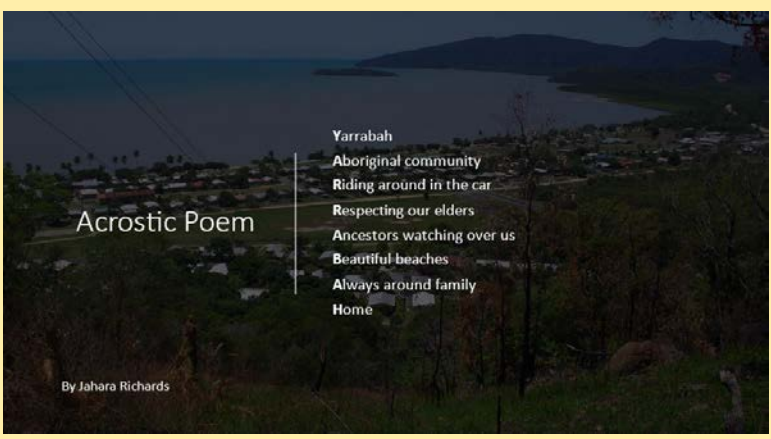
By Lincoln Fitzgerald



Acrostic- Summer

- Smell of sizzling sausages cooking
- Under the gum tree
- My nose
- Melting at the smell as
- Evening stars
- Rise

By Grace Hart



Acrostic Poem

Yarrabah
Aboriginal community
Riding around in the car
Respecting our elders
Ancestors watching over us
Beautiful beaches
Always around family
Home

By Jahara Richards

Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Bernie Update

Bernie has now been with us for two full weeks. During this time he has been learning his way around the College and visiting as many people as possible. Bernie enjoys early morning walks around the grounds, inspecting the yard for rubbish and any possible tasty treats left on the ground. He often goes to dorm in the morning to greet students and enjoys doing yard duty with Ms. Leah.

Much of Bernie's day is focused on becoming familiar with all the sights and sounds of MSB. He is a very calm and friendly dog who enjoys contact with people. He is not yet going into classrooms to visit students, however, is meeting with students in small groups to have cuddles and tickles. Bernie is doing well with his toilet training and has only had one accident since arriving. He is eating well and really enjoys little bacon treats now and then from the kitchen.

I have been extremely impressed with the attitude and behaviour from all students who have had contact with Bernie. They treat him gently and approach him using all the correct techniques. Bernie is learning to socialise with people and has to learn manners associated with jumping and using his mouth to play. As with all puppies, Bernie likes to chew everything he comes in contact with. We are slowly teaching him what he can chew and what is off limits.

Recently Bernie was on the Channel 7 News which gave the College great exposure around the ways in which Bernie is supporting the wellbeing of students and staff at MSB. The local paper and the Cairns Post will feature articles on Bernie next week. So far, Bernie's introduction to MSB has been an enormous success. He is fitting in very well and brings much love and joy to our community.

You can keep up to date on Bernie's adventures via the College and Boarding Facebook pages.

Kind regards,

Mr Scott Whitters - Deputy Principal Residential



Residential News



Mrs Sonya Frost



Boarding at MSB

Private group - 15 members

NEW Facebook Group

A reminder to all boarding families. If you are a parent or guardian of a current boarder, we invite you to come and join our new Facebook group, 'Boarding at MSB'. It is a Facebook group, not a page therefore you need to request to join. Once you have answered a couple of easy questions, you will then be approved to join. It is as simple as that.

I hope to see you in there soon.

Scarecrow Festival

On the 30th October our local community came together for the Scarecrow Festival. This festival was a yearly event but due to Covid it has not happened for a few years. This year some locals got together and made it happen again for the community.

The festival is a fun family day where any one can build a scarecrow and enter into the competition. We had six girls who created our MSB scarecrow. He was well received by all and is now living amongst the trees at the College.

The girls had a great day with games, displays, jumping castle, mega slides and of course fairy floss.



Weekend Leave for 2022

As of Term 1, 2022 students who do not return on Sunday evenings from weekend leave without a valid reason will not be able to go on weekend leave again for the remainder of that term. This has come about due to students continually missing the Sunday bus and not returning until Monday or Tuesday, therefore missing school.

Please ensure your child is returning on time, Sunday, ready for the start of school Monday morning. Your help in making this happen is greatly appreciate. We have your child's best interests at heart and with your help getting them back on time will give your child the education they need for their future.

Boarders Christmas Fun Fair

Watch this space! This is going to be one to remember.

This year we are doing something different for the end of year break up for boarding students.

On Friday 19th November we are hiring a Mechanical Bull, Gladiator game and Sling Shot along with yummy food like, fairy floss, donuts, pop corn and so much more. This will be a fun day for boarding students to celebrate the end of another year at MSB.

Look out on our Facebook page and our Facebook group for loads of photos of students having the time of their lives.

Just quietly, even the staff are looking forward to having a go on the games.



Mrs Sonya Frost - Administration Residential

Year 7 Music

This month in music class, we have been experimenting with beat and rhythm. To do this we have learned about crotchets, minimum, quavers and rests, as well as 4/4 rhythm. On this day, we had fun playing different instruments to practice what we had learned, and even played a song together as a class. We are now working on writing our own songs using a music app called Soundtrap.

Ms Louise Kimber - Teacher



Library News

Chess is the New Black (and White).

The hotter weather brings more students into our Library during break times.
Enjoying a revival this term is the game of chess: learning it, playing it, demystifying its ancient moves and terminology.



Mrs Chris Weedon



Congratulations to Year 7 & 8 students, Maxwell, Lawrence, Ernestine, Shakira and Kaychell. They have all improved their skills, their knowledge and some deadly King-checking strategies in this very old (6th C BCE), portable and universally- loved game.



Student Library Assistants Grace and Ruby-Leigh built new skills in the anachronistic art of the cashier; how to handle cash, graciously refuse the IOU and work out the correct change.

Bandanna Day: a huge MSB Effort

Canteen’s Bandanna Day at MSB turned into a week of compassion and fun. Our school community, which includes our latest enrolment, Bernie, the therapy dog, raised **\$505** for young people dealing with cancer. Thank you every one for getting behind this worthwhile fundraiser

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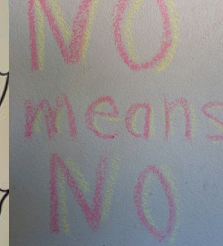
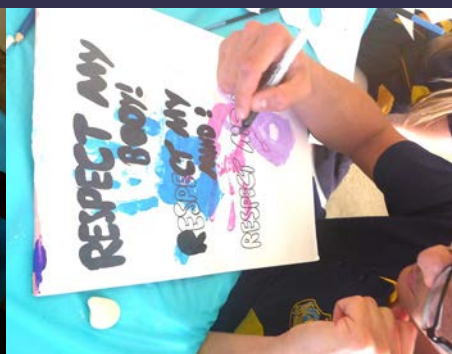
LOVE BITES

Year 10's participated in the Love Bites Respectful Relationships Education Program facilitated by Jo and Kellie from TSAS. The sessions aimed to provide our young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships and develop critical thinking skills to be able to make good choices.



"Shocking how many women get abused a year. Makes me embarrassed." Jayden
 "It was a real eye opener when presented with the sexual violence facts." Leandra
 "It was good to learn these things whilst in school to know how to help and get help." Caitlyn
 "It's uncomfortable but the topic needs to be covered." Jimmy
 "It was disgusting to hear the way people treat the ones they love." Griffin
 "It's a bit of a shame how people don't respect each other." Tay
 "It was a good experience." Sophie

Jenny Rossiter





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 Term 4

Fri 19 November - Boarders Christmas Party

Christmas Liturgy - 2pm in Mercy Chapel

Thurs 25 November - Community Day @ Quinola Lakes & Last Day of School Year

Fri 26 November - Boarders Travel Day home for School Holidays

Fri 26 November - Fri 3 December - Staff Week

2022

Mon 17 January - Fri 21 January - Staff Week MSB Office Re-opens

Mon 24 January - Returning Boarders Travel—New Boarder Travel

Tuesday 25 January - All Classes Commence—New Boarder Travel

Wednesday 26 January - Public Holiday

Thursday 27 January - New Student Orientation



Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc.

All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Atherton Health Centre

Tuesday 30th November

Ph: 4091 0263



Atherton Performing Arts Youth
Theatre & MSB present:



In a Grove

Four Japanese
Ghost Stories
By Eric Coble

Friday 12th Nov 2021 - 7pm
Saturday 13th Nov 2021 - 2pm
Silo Rd Theatre, Atherton
Tickets at the door—cash only
\$10 adults \$5 children

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