



**Mr Matt Brauer**  
Acting Principal

**15th October 2021**

Greetings MSB Community,

I am pleased to say it has been a smooth and successful start to Term 4, despite the fact this is our shortest and often most eventful term of the year.

Students and staff have been working diligently towards the completion of units of work and associated assessment, including many of our Year 12 students who are undertaking final preparations for their upcoming External Examinations, due to commence in week 4.

In addition to this, our senior cohort have been planning and rehearsing for their formal graduation ceremony, which is held next Thursday 21st October.

In addition to the many culmination activities in which Term 4 holds, it also marks the formal acknowledgement and celebration of student achievement.

Next Thursday 21st October, students who have consistently displayed exemplary standards, skills and accomplishments throughout the course of 2021 have been invited to attend our annual presentation evening.

As a community we gather to celebrate students' achievements in various facets of college life including Academic, Sporting, Leadership, Liturgical, Pastoral, Innovation and Diligence. Details surrounding this event will be sent directly to award recipients and their families.

Next Wednesday 20th October a collection of Satisfaction Surveys will be shared with our college community (Staff, students & Parents). This will be sent directly to registered email addresses, with a clear set of instructions for completion. To support our continuous improvement agenda, we ask all participants for your time and participation in this activity. We sincerely value your open feedback and hope that we can continue to work towards creating a culture of continuous growth.

I thoroughly look forward to the many events and activities in which term 4 holds and I wish our students all of the best in their upcoming assessment and formalities.

Sincerely,

**Mr Matt Brauer**  
Acting Principal



# Deputy Principal Report

## Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) and Senior External Exams



Mr Kieran Ryan

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

As of next week, year 7-10 students will begin their annual Progressive Achievement Testing. These will take place in Mercy Hall under the supervision and support of myself, classroom teachers and the learning support team. The programme for the day can be found attached to a broadcast sent. If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please feel free to contact me at [kryan4@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kryan4@cns.catholic.edu.au) or call the college front desk.

Furthermore, our year 12 students will begin their external exams as of Monday week 4 (25<sup>th</sup> October). For those students not involved in external exams they will not be required to attend school after this date. A revision and exam schedule has been shared with students and I strongly encourage students to access these revision sessions in the lead up to their exams.

We wish all our students the best of luck with their assessments, and I am confident they will do the College, themselves, and their parents proud.

Kind regards,

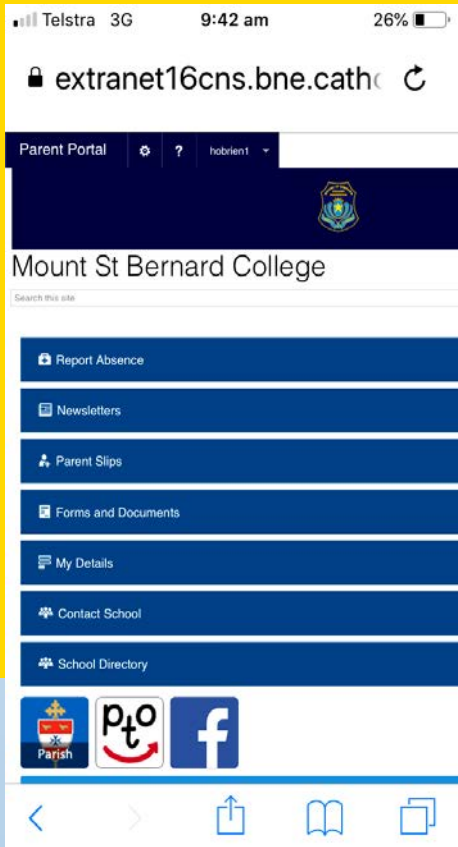
**Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration**



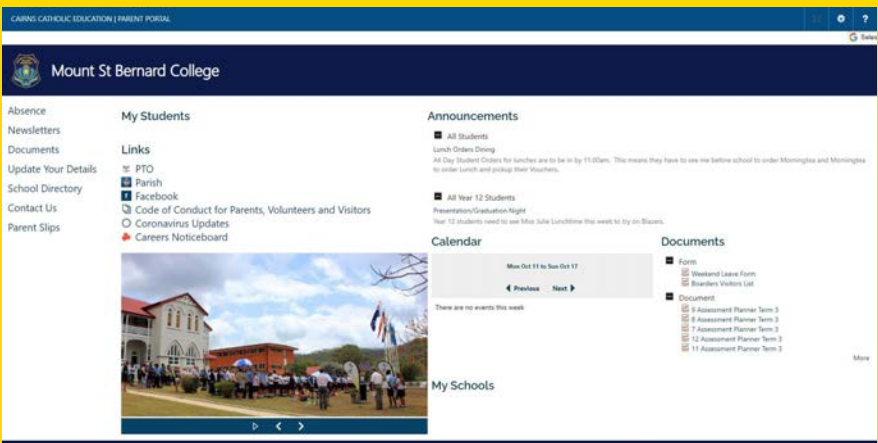
**Tues 19 October**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
**Mercy Hall from 3pm**

<https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au/Logon2.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f%3fschool%3dthmeb&school=thmeb>

## STAY CONNECTED WITH MSB - PARENT PORTAL - FACEBOOK - NEWSLETTERS - WEBSITE



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Website - Enrolment Information, Newsletters, Links to Parent Portal and Student Emails and so much more! Click on the link <https://www.msb.qld.edu.au/>

Facebook can be accessed by all family members. Another way MSB is helping families keep connected. Click on the link

<https://www.facebook.com/MountStBernardHerberton>





# Residential News

Dear Parents and Friends of MSB,

Term Four has begun well for students in boarding. I wish to encourage parents and carers to support the College's Mobile Phone Policy. Please do not allow your child to have more than one phone. All phones must be handed in at bed check each night of the week. Always inform us when your child gets a new phone or new number. This will ensure students are sleeping at night and not playing on their phones.



Mr Scott Whitters

Another area in which I request your support is related to Weekend Leave. If you endorse weekend leave for your child, please ensure you know where they are throughout the weekend and ensure they return to MSB on the Sunday evening. Far too many students are missing the bus and consequently missing too much school.

We are currently attempting to create a Parent Consultative Committee to work with our Leadership and Transition Teams. We are looking for parents and friends to represent the various regions from which our students come from. The role of these committee members will be to liaise with communities and support transition between school and community. If you wish to express interest in a role on this committee, please contact Sonya Frost by the end of October.

All students were given a water bottle last term to ensure they were able to stay hydrated throughout the day. This also prevented students having to leave the room to get a drink and miss valuable learning time. I have become aware that many students have lost or misplaced their water bottle. New bottles can be purchased at student reception.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0438341203 or [swhitters@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:swhitters@cns.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to discuss matters related to boarding.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Scott Whitters - Deputy Principal Residential**



## Term 4 Start

Where has this year gone! We are into term 4 already, and it's a short term, just 8 weeks in total. There is a lot to do in one short term but I'm sure we are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays fast approaching.

**Congratulations** to those students who returned on time and on their allocated travel date. This makes Mr Whitters and staff very happy. We always look forward to seeing you all arriving back to boarding.

This term, as far as sports go, is very quiet. Most sports have finished by now and we are looking towards next season/year for students to participate in their chosen sports. Some of the sports we participate in after school hours are Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, plus more if there is enough interest. At the start of 2022 we will be asking around to take lists for each sport so keep an ear and an eye out for that.

This term we have a few things happening. We farewell our lovely Year 12 students who will finish up in week 3 with their Graduation day. We also have Presentation night for the whole school on the same night. The Year 11 students go on their Retreat out to Genezzano's where they will participate in activities focused around leadership skills. Plus of course there will be more things that pop up as the term goes along.

The one thing I think most students look forward to is the end of term 4 and going home for Christmas. Term 4 travel day is Friday 26th Nov. Travel requests will be sent to Abstudy Travel in week 2.

**Boarding Facebook Group** - We are in the process of setting up a Boarding Facebook Group for parents and guardians. This will be somewhere parents/guardians can see what is happening day to day in boarding. This group will only be available for parents and guardians and you will need to ask to join the group. So, watch this space for more details to come, it is a work in progress at the moment but we are excited to make it a great space for you to see what your children are up to in boarding.

This weekend we took students to the Malanda Bull Ride. With lots of dust, horses, bulls, cowboys and cowgirls, the students had a ball. Some students even met with their cowboy uncle while there.

**Mrs Sonya Frost - Administration Residential**

## Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing Report



We are back into the swing of things now as we find ourselves in the final term of the school year. The PBS topic of the week is **WHOLE BODY LISTENING**. Whole Body Listening is where we keep our eyes on the speaker, mouth is quiet, both ears are listening, hands and feet are quiet and still, body facing the teacher and our brain is thinking. Optimal learning occurs when students are using whole body listening skills in the classroom. Using the whole body listening strategy allows us to help stay focused on what is being said and show respect to the speaker.

If students use whole body listening they are more likely to understand and remember what is being taught in class. Training your mind to think and focus will lead to greater success in the world as well. The more we are able to focus intently the more we will take from a situation.

The Dalai Lama once said... 'When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But when you listen, you may learn something new.'

So, listen with your eyes, mouth, ears, hands, feet and brain.

**Mr Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing**



Mr Dan Niemerg

## Year 7 & 8 Co-ordinator Report

Year 7B students learnt how to walk the MSB Centenary Labyrinth. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for contemplation and prayer. You walk slowly while quieting your mind and centring yourself. They learnt that a labyrinth is not a maze - in a maze you may lose yourself, whereas in a labyrinth you may find yourself!



Ms Janet Wigan



# Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator Report

## Year 12 Formal

Week 9 of Term 3 saw the Year 12 Formal being held at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino in Cairns. The Formal was a great opportunity for families, friends and Mount St Bernard College staff to celebrate the completion of Year 12 with the Graduating students. Each of us are privileged to have been a part of the forming years of these wonderful human beings. I am sure many reading have a moment to rejoice in the journey these students have taken, and a moment in which you despaired and probably grew a few more grey hairs than you cared to experience. As parents, caregivers, family, friends, and educators of the graduating class it was clear that there was a deep sense of pride in the people they have become and for the potential of who they have yet to become. The formal was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves. I wish the Year 12 students all the best in their upcoming studies as they reach their final exams and their graduation ceremony.



Ms Jade Briscoe

## Ms Jade Briscoe - Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator





## Visual Arts News

### ENERGY

Young artists from across the region shared their creative energy at this year's Energy Exhibition on Friday night. Teline Harris, Tamika Neade, Stacey Edwards and Bianca Price represented Mount St Bernard College in the showcase with their outstanding artworks. Tamika received two awards, one from TAFE and the other from the PAEA (Peninsula Art Educators Association). The exhibition was displayed for a month. Please see the fabulous photos from the night courtesy of the PAEA.



Ms Traylea Sexton



Ms Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader The Arts

# Torimba Festival



Mount St Bernard College students, Renee Edwards, Teline Harris and Stacey Edwards entered the Torimba Festival this year.

How lucky we are to live in a community with so many special events each weekend for our youth to engage and gain experience and learn values of community volunteerism.

Well done Ravenshoe for another great local festival.





# 8A Science Report

Year 8's have been showing off their impressive skills while working in the Science laboratory. Last term, they studied chemical sciences and this term they will be studying geology with a focus on igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and the rock cycle. Students have demonstrated the ability to work safely, efficiently and productively while conducting investigations. They can be proud of their achievements while working in the lab. Well done, 8A science students!

Ms Wendell Majer - Junior Maths/Science Teacher



Ms Wendell Majer





# 2021 Allan Rockley Memorial Interschool Touch Football Competition

The 2021 Allan Rockley Memorial Interschool Touch Football Competition was a great event with 3 divisions operating, seeing 23 teams from 9 schools and close to 250 students playing the great sport of Touch Football every Wednesday afternoon in Term 3.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

## Intermediate Division

The Intermediate Division Grand Final game was played between Malanda SHS and Mount St Bernard College. MSB were the victorious team winning with a 14-10 final score.

Congratulations to the player of the final, Limferd Lui from Mount St Bernard College

Congratulations to the Intermediate Division Best and Fairest Players – Sannah Pearson from Mount St Bernard College

Congratulations to the Intermediate Division Sportsmanship Award - Athena Cecchi from Mount St Bernard College

## Senior Division

The Senior Division Grand Final game was played between Malanda SHS and Mount St Bernard College. It was an exhilarating grand final with scores all tied at the end of the game , with a drop off needed to be played. In the exciting finish, both teams scored in the drop off from their initial plays, and it was the Malanda SHS team that ended up on top with 15 tries to 14.

Congratulations to the Senior Division Best and Fairest Player - Jonomick Lui from Mount St Bernard College

Congratulations to the joint winners of the Secondary School Champion Trophy— Malanda SHS and Mount S Bernard College.

Many thanks to Sonya Frost and the team in boarding for transporting the students to and from the matches every week, and for Ryan Mawdsley for facilitating this very successful event.

## Mr Marcello Cecchi - Teacher





# Food Technology and Design Report

The Food Studies department has run with a Year 7, 8 and 9 class this semester, once more, focussing on simple, nutritious recipes that the students can make at home. Kitchen hygiene and safety has been one of the main themes, combined with the practical , relevant skills the students have learnt along the way. These includes the techniques used in correctly cutting meat and vegetables, how to read and follow a recipe, how to clean as you go and the importance of working in a productive team. Food studies remains a very important part of the curriculum, teaching the students the life long skills of being able to cook competently.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

Mr Marcello Cecchi - Teacher





# Certificate II in Kitchen Operations Report

The Year 11 and 12 Certificate II in Kitchen Operations course is almost complete for the year, with the majority of students completing all 13 units of the online course. Most of the students have been actively participating in the Wednesday evening tutorial session with Mr Cecchi and the Friday full day practical session with TAFE chef Steven Gould. It has been a very rewarding experience for the students involved and has taught them the basics of being a chef and what it takes to succeed in the Hospitality industry. I would like to congratulate, in particular, the following students for their outstanding effort throughout the year, in both the theory and practical components of the course— Annatania Escott, April Tabo, Heidi Luke, Kaylisha Mamarika, Shennele Roughsey, Jakayda Schrieber and Haeden Tuhoro. The many practical skills the students have learnt is invaluable and hopefully most of the students will be able to obtain this certificate in due course. Special thanks to chef Steven Gould for facilitating the process and Moira Dettori for ordering the stock throughout the year.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

## Mr Marcello Cecchi - Teacher





# NEW STAFF @ MSB

## Nathan Juhas—Teacher

I would like to introduce myself to the Mount St Bernard community, My Name is Nathan Juhas (or insert any one of the nicknames the students of MSB have given me), I have been teaching at MSB now for a full term after moving across from Ravenshoe State School where I was a Senior Agriculture Science, Cert II in Agriculture and Industrial Technology teacher for many years. It has been refreshing making the move over to Herberton to teach some junior classes whilst building new relationships with staff and students. I am a warm and caring teacher who wants all children to be successful learners and works to create a classroom atmosphere that is stimulating, encouraging, and adaptive to the varied needs of students. I am committed to working towards senior career pathways and working to provide a vast network of community leaders in which students can participate and build knowledge and skills. I am an active Rugby League and Rugby Union coach with many years of experience and enjoy getting out on weekends on my dirt bike. I welcome any correspondence and can be contacted through the main office.



## Toni Stefanaras—College Nurse

I have worked in acute medical care in South East Qld.  
I transferred to the South West area, 1000km from the coast where I worked in a multi - purpose health facility in emergency outpatients, inpatients and aged care.  
I moved to North West Qld spending 3 years at a boarding school as well as agency and corporate work.  
I love working with children, often my weekends are taken up with youth outside of the college.  
I love water sports - fishing, scuba diving, anything on the water.

## Leah Whiting—Middle Leader Diversity

I am very excited to be part of the Diversity Team at MSB. I have worked in Learning Support and Special Needs for many years and am passionate about inclusive education. Building communities where learning is accessible to everyone, encouraging a sense of belonging and understanding that everyone has value to add is my mantra. I enjoy working holistically and creatively with colleagues, students, and families to ensure that every child has a voice, is provided opportunities to achieve their potential and recognised for the unique gifts they bring. I am a trained music teacher and sound therapist and look forward to being involved with the college in this capacity also!







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](mailto:hobrien1@cns.catholic.edu.au) or phone Hillary O'Brien on Ph: 4096 1485

**Upcoming Events 2021**  
**Term 4**

**Tues 19 October** - Parent Teacher Interviews - Mercy Hall from 3pm

**Wed 20 October** - Year 12 Activity Day @ Lake Eacham

**Thurs 21 October** - Year 12 Last Day in Class

*Year 12 Graduation Liturgy @ 1.20pm in Main Hall*

*Presentation Evening @ 6pm Main Hall*

**Mon 25 October** - Commencement of Year 12 Travel

**Tues 26 October** - Orientation Day for Year 7 2022

**Wed 27 - Fri 29 October** - Year 11 Retreat @ Genazzano

**Fri 29 October** - Year 7 & 10 Immunisation Day

***NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY***

**Wed 10 - Fri 12 November** - Year 7 Camp @ Mungalli Falls

**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



**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.

**Atherton Health Centre**

Tuesday 19th October

Ph: 4091 0263

# Free Gardening Presentations

**Water Wise Gardens  
with Yvonne Cunningham**

10.00-11.30am Saturday 16 October  
Yungaburra Community Hall



**How to Grow Vegies  
with Jodie Eden**

10.00-11.00am Saturday 30 October  
Herberton Town Hall

**Learn by Doing  
with Yvonne Cunningham**

12.30-2.00pm Saturday 16 October  
Yungaburra Community Hall



**Attract Butterflies to Your Garden  
with Garry Sankowsky**

10.00-11.00am Tuesday 9 November  
Atherton Disaster Coordination Centre

**Register at [trc.qld.gov.au](http://trc.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 362 242**  
**Tea and coffee provided**

