



Mr Matt Brauer
Acting Principal

17th September 2021

Greetings MSB Community,

Over the past 2 weeks the college has hosted a number of events, including the Year 12 Formal.

Year 12 Formal

On Saturday evening 11th September, our Year 12 graduating cohort gathered at the Pullman Reef Casino in Cairns for the much anticipated Formal. Students were dressed to impress, fitted out in suits and dazzling formal gowns, arriving in a brigade of classic and eye-catching vehicles. It was humbling to see a number of past students, families and friends, help celebrate with our graduates on this special occasion.

The formalities were exceptionally coordinated, by MSB's Head of Senior Years, Ms Jade Briscoe, making for a smooth and successful evening. Our student representatives, college Captains Stacey Edwards and Jessica Clauss, very powerfully articulated the significance this event held for all Year 12's, summarising the many trials and tribulations which have led to it.

Students and guests danced, reminisced, and forged new memories, which I am confident will serve our seniors well as they plough through their remaining days in school.

Future generations at MSB

Last week, we welcomed the Year 5 and 6 cohorts from Lockhart State School, who were invited to the college for a Boarding Readiness Camp. Students and staff of Lockhart School stayed onsite and were immersed in college life, from day school classes to Residential activities. During their time at MSB, Lockhart students built relationships with staff and students of the college and built familiarity with routines, expectations and key locations.

We hope that many of these students will join our MSB Family in the years to come.

Mercy in Action

At the conclusion of last week, we gathered and celebrated as a college community, with a Liturgy.

Deacon Michael & Alban unpacked the gospel, highlighting the influence of Merciful works on our everyday lives. Students were challenged to show Mercy in their thoughts, words and actions, especially as many of our community battle through the weeks to come.

This message will continue to resonate over the coming weeks, leading into our Centenary, where we celebrate 100 years of Mercy Education, inspired by Catherine Macauley.

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Deputy Principal Report

Progress Reports and ParentTeacher Interviews



Mr Kieran Ryan

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Over the coming weeks you will receive a progress report for your child/ren This will provide you with an up to date snap shot of how your student is progressing both academically and with reference to their learning behaviours. The sections within the reports are as follows:

Progress:

E (Excellent)	A very high level of progress has been made this term.
G (Good)	A high level of progress has been made this term.
S (Satisfactory)	A satisfactory level of progress has been made this term.
NI (Needs Improving)	A limited level of progress has been made this term.
N/A	Not applicable.

Application, Behaviour and Organisation:

E (Excellent)
G (Good)
S (Satisfactory)
NI (Needs Improving)
N/A



The report will also indicate if the class teacher recommends a ParentTeacher Interview to discuss progress.

This will take place on Tuesday 19th October (3 pm– 6 pm)—you will receive an email with booking information in the next week. If you are unable to attend a face-to-face interview with the teacher, please feel free to contact them via phone or email.

If you have any questions regarding reports and/or Parent-Teacher Interviews, please feel free to contact the college on Ph:4096 1444.

Kind regards,

Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration

Year 7 Food Technology made bacon and cheese scones, they are enjoying learning to cook different foods



Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

We have had a great few weeks in boarding.

Our Gold Reward students went on their end of term trip to Cairns Central for some retail therapy.

The rewards system is for students who do the right thing consistently throughout the term. Students who are always doing their chores, keeping their rooms clean and tidy and are respectful towards staff.

These Gold Reward students get to go on a special trip just for them to Cairns for a shop 'til they drop day.

The Year 12 Boarding students were getting ready for their big day, Year 12 Formal on Saturday 11th Sept. The girls were getting last minute dress alterations, buying their bling and heels and making appointments for hair and makeup, plus pedicures and manicures for their nails to look amazing while the boys were getting their suits measured up, cleaned, ironed and ready for the big day. Everyone was very excited to see the year 12's all dolled up to the nines.

Students have been packing, cleaning and preparing for holidays at home, fishing, diving, relaxing and camping. (plus no school work, Bonus!)

Staff are ready for a well deserved break but also looking forward to the final term in boarding for 2021.

Don't forget term 4 starts to get warmer in Herberton but with some cooler nights still. Remember to bring back your smile, your awesome attitude and a special something for your room like a photo of your family.

We look forward to seeing you in term 4.

Ms Sonya Frost - Residential Administration Officer



Library Report



Congratulations to our Student Library Assistants

Grace Hart and Ruby-Leigh Joinbee have been commended for their willingness to volunteer in the MSB Library. In a whole school assembly on Monday, Grace and Ruby were publicly congratulated and thanked. They were awarded badges to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to others at MSB. The girls are now our official Library helpers with privilege, power ... and jobs to do.

Grace and Ruby, both Year 7 students, have spent countless hours in the Library during their lunch and morning tea breaks. They have built new ICT skills, demonstrated persistence, handled 'difficult customers', dealt with interruptions and solved problems with software and space. Together they have helped Ms Weedon 'weed' hundreds of old, yellowing and tattered texts from our shelves.

Our unwanted resources are bound for The Sustainability project, a recent Catholic Education initiative that avoids landfill and supports recycling.

Big thanks to Grace and Ruby for stepping up to volunteer and build their skills.



Mrs Chris Weedon

C Weedon

Deadly Choices Good Quick Tukka Program

Year 7 students celebrating their graduation from the *Good Quick Tukka* program run by the Mulungu Deadly Choices team.
Ms Janet Wigan - Year 7 & 8 Coordinator



Ms Janet Wigan



Health Centre Report

R U OK?

Three easy words that most of us forget to say to each other. **R U OK Day** is a day that reminds us to connect with people around us and check on how they are going with life. That simple gesture can change someone's life and can show them that there is support out there for them when they are struggling.

Our students are in the thick of assessments and exams at school and checking in with them and asking them 'R U OK?' is a great way to see how they are coping.

Common signs that your child may not be coping include:

- Irritability
- Sleeping issues
- Social isolation
- Lack of self-control
- Headaches and stomach aches
- Feeling tired, anxious, depressed

Nurse Stef



Ms Stef Henebery



Remember a conversation can change a life!



Teachers, Janet Wigan, Christine Weedon and Julia Cazita-Mazeaud were left out in the cold on Friday evening 3rd of September when the boarders opted for a long weekend and Queensland decreed a pupil free day across the state. Our school gladly supports Rosies' Outreach, as often as possible, and frequents Mareeba on some nights, supporting the homeless and hungry. Just this one night, we gave out more than 25 meals to those in need.



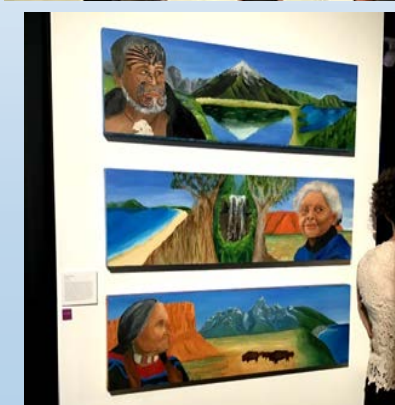
Visual Arts News

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 in the showcase with their outstanding artworks. Tamika received two awards, one from TAFE and the others from the PAEA. The exhibition will be on display for a month. Go to the TANKS website if you are interested in supporting our young artists

<https://www.tanksartscentre.com/visual-arts-exhibitions-and-residencies/calendar/2021/energy-2021>



Ms Traylea Sexton



Year 7C Mathematics News

Recently, Year 7 math students assisted in measuring out the perimeter, length, and width of an area in the school we are planning to develop into a Sensory Garden. A Sensory Garden is a place where students, families, and staff can sit in nature and take time for mental health and wellbeing. The Sensory Garden will have activities to help students meet their need for movement and also provide an opportunity for students to showcase their cultural and artistic expression. Thankyou to the year 7 students who helped in the first stages of measuring and designing the garden.

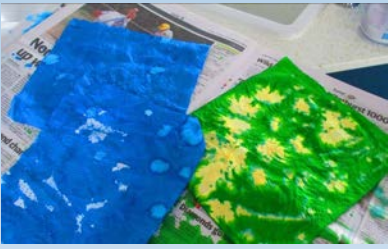
Mr Peter Graham - College Counsellor



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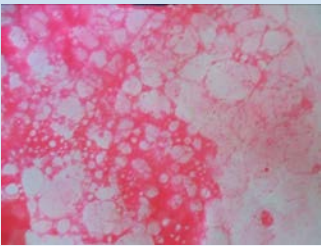
8B Science Report Report



Ms Julia Cazita-Mazeaud



Can you think of a name for this one??



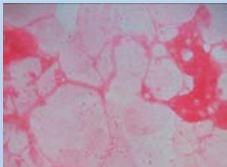
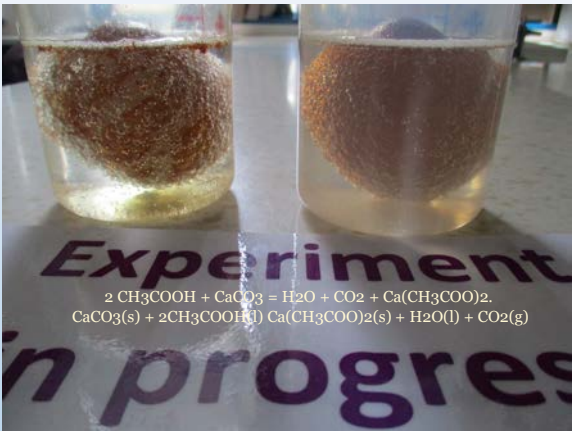
Please ~~DO NOT~~ DO THIS.. AT HOME..

*8B waited all term to do some cool experiments and so, we decided to do something that wasn't too dangerous and yet, could be tried at home.

*Citizen Science is very popular, these days, and when students learn how easy it is to be a scientist, they can quickly be consumed by a passion for asking questions.

*These are all experiments with chemistry, the subject of this term's study, and like every science, there can be hazards and risk.

*Parents, I hope you ask the students of 8B to show you some chemistry experiments! Though you might still have to make sure they are supervised ;Happy Holidays.



MSB Careers Expo 2021

Last Tuesday, our annual Careers Expo was held in Mercy hall. In addition to stalls run by Middle Leaders for all subjects offered in years 11 and 12, the following industry organisations were represented: Skill 360, Tablelands Regional Council, Connect and Grow, Indigenous Youth Mobility Program, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Australian Defence Force Recruiting, Mi Haven, TAFE, James Cook University and Central Queensland University. Students had the opportunity to ask each of our Middle leaders and guests what subjects they should be choosing in years 11 and 12 so that they are able to follow their chosen career path.

It is important that parents have ongoing discussions with their students about the career pathways they would like to take when year 12 has been completed. Importantly, the strengths of each student needs to be taken into consideration during these discussions. If a person likes to work with their hands then asking them to be a teacher may cause difficulty. Similarly, if they like to work inside then being a gardener would be equally unsuitable. If you would like assistance with discussing pathways with your student contact Mr Peter Graham or myself at the college.



Mr Malcolm Fahey

Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader Careers



Uluru Statement of the Heart Presentation



Walk with us to a better Australia

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an invitation to the Australian people to work with First Nations people to create a better future. It is a gift: a strategic roadmap to peace, where First Nations peoples take a rightful place in our own land. It is a moment where all Australians can come together to realise our nation’s true potential. This roadmap, set out in the Uluru Statement, is Voice, Treaty and Truth. The path to a better Australia. But we need your voice to get there. We need you, your family, friends, organisations, and communities to rally together and to help us make this a reality. The time is now. We are calling on all Australians to walk with us in support of a Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution. For more information go to <https://ulurustatement.org/our-story>

“A First Nations Voice, protected by the Constitution, will mean that agreement-making and truth-telling can finally be done on equal terms. With Voice, we can begin the journey of coming together after a struggle – Makarrata.”



2021 NAIDOC DAY

HEAL COUNTRY

Wednesday 15th September was Naidoc Day at Mount St Bernard College. The National theme this year was - Heal Country. The day was truly a celebration of our cultural diversity. I'd like to thank the organising committee Hillary O'Brien, Kenny O'Brien, Lorraine Muckan, Brenda Talty, Richard Savage, Andrea Gower Deacon Michael Lindsay and traditional owner, Desley Mosquito for their coordination of the days proceedings.

Many staff and students had a role to play on the day and without staff and student the day would not be possible. Thank you to all the visiting families as well as local community members, your support is appreciated! We enjoyed, we celebrated, we recognised the diverse culture of the Mount St Bernard College community.

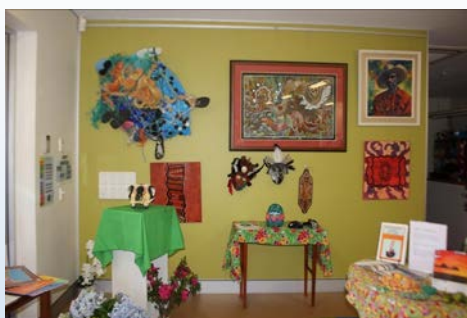
Our sincerest thanks to the following organisations for their contribution to the days proceedings; Local Jirrabal Indigenous elders and emerging—Lillian Freeman, Desley Mosquito and Zemekis Hunter, including the Gooliwanabana Dancers -Herberton Historic Railway, Herberton Lions Club, Alwyn & Jacinta Lyall, Black Star Radio, Deadly Choices Team, PCYC Emergency Services Cadets, Tablelands Regional Council Disaster Management Team, Watsonville Rural Fire Brigade, Herberton Fire Brigade, Sea Shepherd, Wuthathi Rangers, Tablelands Rural Fire Volunteer Community Education, Samantha's Bush Tucker.

Enjoy the many images of a fantastic day.

Ms Deborah Booth - Naidoc Committee Member









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Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Friday in the media, it was announced that there would be a secondary school vaccination program taking place in Cairns in Term 4. This has been an initiative of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. Catholic Education Services has been in discussion with education providers, Queensland Health, and the Pharmacy Guild over the last few weeks. There have been a number of milestones to reach before an announcement could be made including approval for the vaccine and ensuring adequate supply.

In helping to facilitate the vaccine roll-out we are mindful of our governments and chief health officers' consistent advice that mass vaccination is our best strategy out of this pandemic.

What is proposed at this stage?

- A consent form will be sent home to all parents of secondary students this week and will need to be returned to the college by the time outlined on the consent form.
- The vaccine that will be used is Moderna and there is sufficient supply for both students and staff.
- All secondary students from Year 7 to 12, who have the informed consent of their parents, will have the vaccination available to them at the college.
- The local pharmacy will coordinate and administer the vaccine.
- A timetable will be available this week, outlining when the vaccination will be administered.

The timeline, at this stage, is that the first dose will be administered in Week 1 and 2 of Term 4 and the second dose will be administered in Week 5 and 6. This will be confirmed this week.

We are still awaiting the consent form and the timetable from Queensland Health and will make these available as soon as we receive them.

What do we need to do?

- At this stage this is for information only and there is nothing you need to do until further communication and the consent form is sent home.
- If you wish your child to receive the Moderna vaccine in this program, then please return the consent form when it is sent home, within the timeline outlined on it when you receive it.
- If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine, then please advise the college.
- If your child is already booked in to be vaccinated at another location, please do not wait. It is clear we need to have as many people vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Parents of Year 12 students please note that Week 5 of next term is during exams, and I would encourage you to have your child vaccinated as soon as possible.

It is important to note that vaccination for secondary students is not mandatory, but we strongly encourage it. If your child has chronic health conditions, we have been advised that parents/caregivers should seek their own medical advice.

Sincerely,



Matthew Brauer

Acting Principal



Let Your Light Shine!



In the Mercy Tradition



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

Fri 17 September - Boarder Travel Day

Fri 17 September - Mon 4 October - School Holidays

Term 4

Mon 4 October - Qld Public Holiday Queen's Birthday

Tue 5 October - Boarder Travel Day

Wed 6 October - All classes commence Term 4

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

Thurs 21 October - Year 12 Last Day in Class

Year 12 Graduation Liturgy @ 1.30pm in Main Hall

Presentation Evening @ 6pm Main Hall

Fri 22 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



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

Malanda Health Centre

Wednesday 29th September
Ph: 4096 5339

Team Momentum

TUMBLE ON IN

Great Affordable Holiday Fun! Calling all 5-10 year olds Come along for this great learning experience!

Thursday 30th September
1.00pm - 3.30pm
\$22.00 per gymnast
BOOK IN TODAY!
E: info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

Family Ninja Fun Day

Tuesday 28th September
1.00pm - 2.00pm
\$25.00 per family
Family consists of 4 people
\$10.00 a person
BOOK IN TODAY FOR SOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
E: info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

COACHES WANTED

EXTRA INCOME

1. Do you have a bluecard?
2. Want to earn some extra money?
3. Contact us 4091 2114

Corner of Louise & Robert Streets
Atherton Showgrounds Reserve
E: info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

TERM 4 PROMOTION

FREE MEMBERSHIP

Calling all 5 & 6 year old girls

We'd love for you to come and hang with us.

Limited spaces available in our Gymfun Bronze Program

Tuesday or Thursday
3.30pm - 4.30pm
BOOK A FREE TRIAL TODAY
info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

Atherton Showgrounds
Cnr Robert & Louise Streets
P: 4091 2114
info@momentumgymnastics.com.au



9B Humanities cooked ANZAC Biscuits with Ms. Crooks. This term we have been exploring World War I. As part of our unit we looked at how people from home supported soldiers on the front and one



way was to send ANZAC Biscuits. All students participated and did really well. All biscuits cooked perfectly! Well done to 9B and I hope they enjoyed it.

Ms Kathy Crooks

