



Mr Matt Brauer
Acting Principal

20th August 2021

Principal's Report

Greetings MSB Community,

This week the college coordinated a variety of activities and initiatives including Year 9 Expedition and the St Teresa's Primary School visit. In addition, we have started planning and preparations for our Torres Strait Community Engagement Tour, due to commence next week.

This week our Year 9 cohort travelled to the trails of Davies and Emerald Creek to participate in a three day expedition. On this trip, students will face a number of challenges, including long distance walks, navigation of bushland and other survival skills such as meal management and camping. We wish our students the best of luck on their journey and hope they bond as a cohort, whilst learning some valuable skills along the way.

On Monday 16th August, both myself and Deputy Principal Residential, Mr Scott Whitters, travelled out to St Teresa's School Ravenshoe to meet some of the Year 6 cohort and their families. It was a pleasure talking with the students about MSB and what our college has to offer. We look forward to welcoming these students back in Term 4, for an Orientation Day, where they will have an opportunity to tour the college and meet our friendly staff and classmates for the year to come.

This Sunday 22nd August Mr Kieran Ryan and Ms Brenda Talty will be travelling to the Torres Strait, where they will visit a number of our families. We strongly encourage TSI families to make a time to meet with our college team. This will provide a great opportunity for seeking feedback, discussing student learning and sharing stories of student success. Email and SMS will be sent to all relevant families this week, providing key times and dates. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact the college.

Sincerely,

Mr Matt Brauer - Acting Principal

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Mount St Bernard College will be conducting Community Visits and Enrolment Enquiries for Years 7 to 12 on the following dates.

Monday, Aug 23	Boigu Island & Hammond Is
Tuesday, Aug 24	Mabuiag & Badu Island
Wednesday, Aug 25	Warraber Island
Thursday, Aug 26	Coconut & Murray Island
Brenda Talty - Transition Support Officer Mob : 0408 074 962	
Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal Mob : 0429 962 246	

To book an interview or for further information:
Phone **4096 1444** or **4096 1485**

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Deputy Principal Report

Dear Torres Strait Island Communities,

Throughout Week 7 (22/8 – 27/8) Ms Brenda Talty (Transition Support Officer) and I will have the privilege of visiting some of the Island Communities. The purpose of the visit is to meet current students’ families to share some of the fantastic things the students have been doing this year at MSB. We would also love to meet families who would like to learn more about MSB and are thinking about sending their children to board and learn with our community.

Ms Brenda and I are extremely excited to have this opportunity. Ms Brenda has family links to Bamaga/Saibai and I had the honour of attending the Coming of the Light festival on Darnley/Erub Island in the last school holidays.

If you would like to catch up with Ms Brenda and I, please feel free to email me at kryan4@cns.catholic.edu.au or call the college on Ph: (07) 4096 1444 to arrange a time and place. Please see the schedule below for where and when we will be available.

We look forward to meeting you and seeing your amazing communities.

Mr Kieran Ryan—Deputy Principal – Curriculum and Administration

Monday 23rd August—Boigu Island from 10am—1pm

Monday 23rd August—Hammond Island from 3pm (depending on transfers)

Tuesday 24th August—Mabuiag Island from 10am—1pm

Tuesday 24th August—Badu Island from 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 25th August—Warraber Island from 8am

Thursday 26th August—Coconut Island from 8am-11am

Thursday 26th August—Murray Island from 12pm (midday)



Mr Kieran Ryan



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Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Dear Parents and Friends of MSB,

Many of you already know the adage of healthy body – healthy mind. This is even more important for students who live in a residential setting like MSB. Staying active is the key to improving both academic and wellbeing goals. It is often too easy for boarders to sit in their rooms and watch movies or listen to music instead of being outdoors.

At MSB we have wonderful facilities that promote a healthy lifestyle for all students. Many students take part in the following activities each week: Gym sessions, Yoga or Pilates, Recreational Touch Football, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, Mountain Biking, Bushwalking and Rugby. All residential staff promote physical activity everyday and encourage students to get involved in a wide variety of sports.

Often students sign up for a sport and then withdraw a few weeks later stating they feel slack. We encourage all students who sign up for sport to persevere and show commitment to their teammates and coach. Often, we must forfeit games due to students pulling out at the last minute. I ask all families to encourage your student to stick with their sporting endeavours to ensure future opportunities and partnerships for all involved with MSB.

One of our long-time partnerships is with the Herberton Magpies Rugby Club. This club relies heavily of students from MSB each year and shows enormous commitment to the development of our players. We are most fortunate to have a Rugby Club 5 minutes down the road where our players are nurtured and cared for by dedicated staff. MSB and the Herberton Magpies have a long history together and we plan to continue this association for many years to come.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the final round of the season this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Whitters - Deputy Principal - Head of Boarding



Assistant Principal - Well-being Report

This week in PBS students are learning about shame. Shame happens when we feel bad about what we have said or done. There are a few different ways we feel shame. Often times it is self produced as a result of something we have done or said to somebody. Afterwards when we have said something mean to somebody we can feel shame for that. We can also feel shame because we compare ourselves to others. When someone else seems to have more than us or has what we think is a better life we can feel shame for ourselves. Another way we can feel shame is when someone that represents us doesn't like how we behave. For example, when we do things that make our parents embarrassed they can feel shame because of our actions or words. Shame can be good if it keeps us in check and making up for our mistakes.

It can be bad if we let shame make us feel bad for the wrong reasons. If we feel like we are not good enough for other people and if we feel we are unworthy or don't belong, that is bad and unhealthy shame. You are always good enough and wanted. Don't let this kind of shame bring you down.



Mr Dan Niemerg

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Legal Studies Report

This term **Year 12 Legal Studies students, Jessica Clauss and Renee Edwards** met with **Professor Anthony Gray** from the University of Southern Queensland. Dr Gray is currently a member of the Human Rights Advisory Panel of the Queensland Parliament. In the beautiful Holy Spirit Centre at St Stephens' Catholic College, Dr Gray conducted an engaging seminar; its focus, the law surrounding negligence.



Mrs Chris Weedon
Teacher/Librarian



Joining St Stephen's Catholic College students, Jessica and Renee discussed a range of interesting and current cases of negligence with topics ranging from climate change, camp drafting and gambling. He also provided some sound and relevant advice to students planning to study law at university in the future.

Our sincere thanks to **Dr Anthony Gray, Mrs Prudence Vaughn, the Business Liaison Association and St Stephen's Catholic College** for hosting this informative workshop and supporting the hard-working students in our Legal Studies classroom.

C Weedon

Year 10 Geography Report



Ms Jennifer Rossiter



Toy Creek and Jamie Creek are on opposite sides of the mine mountain. Will their data be different? What do the pH and conductivity levels tell us about possible water contamination? Does it make a difference if the creek is flowing? How does this contamination affect the local residents? With the help of Lab Technician Ms Angela, lab discs and probes were used to analyse samples on site. The geography of the area and signs of human impact were noted. All this and more was investigated on our field trip to Baal Gammon mine area and the surrounding waterways. These results will help inform our assessment report for this term.



Mr Brendan Akers

Digital Technologies Report

11 Digital Solutions

Year 11 Digital Solutions are investigating the use of databases and data to solve problems in the real world. They have learnt about data and information and how analysts use this to predict outcomes and influence policies. Their knowledge will be put to the test when they develop an online application to sort through information and help people.

11 Applied ICT

Year 11's currently studying Applied Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have been studying Application (App) Development:

- Operating Systems: Android vs iOS
- Software and Hardware
- The social impact of ICT: social media, political and social change
- How to code an App: Created a few apps using Block Coding.
- Designing their own App: 10 steps of App design in 2021 (Currently doing ideation)

Next, they will; research the market, create features of apps to address ICT problems, develop a layout and design; use software to create aspects of the app; and present to the teacher their work and findings responding to topics covered in the term.

Year 10 Digital Technology

Year 10 Digital Tech are working hard on their How-to YouTube videos. Each student has picked an interesting topics; video game tutorials, cooking videos, paper craft and traditional weaving. They are learning how to plan for filming and scripting to prepare them for any media work they may do in the future. Next term, we are hoping to introduce a programming and electronics unit using Arduino to learn the fundamentals of electrical engineering.

Year 7 & 8 Digital Tech

The Year 7s are learning about coding using Scratch block coding. So far, they have made short animations using online tools and we are looking forward to seeing their final projects. The Year 8s are learning about the use of Digital Technology to solve problems in the world today through robotics. They investigated the movie "Wall-E" and its message of protecting the environment.

Brendan Akers - Middle Leader Business & Information Technology



9B Science - Ms Nikki Symons

9B science enjoyed their experiment finding out the pH scales of various items such as toothpaste, dishwashing liquid and lemon juice to see which ones were acids and which ones were bases. They really loved watching the colours change when they added an indicator to the substance and were quite surprised at how acidic some common house hold items are.



Ms Nikki Symons



Centenary News

The Centenary Weekend is approaching very quickly and it is shaping up to be a wonderful weekend.

The Heritage Rooms are nearing completion and provide a wealth of insight into the history of the Mercy Sisters and MSB. The labyrinth is well underway with the pathway edges installed. We were very excited about the arrival of the engraved pavers that will be installed into the pathways in the coming weeks.

If you are planning to come along on Friday night or Saturday please be sure to let us know so that we can cater appropriately. Contact Moira on Ph: 4096 1586 or msb.centenary@cns.catholic.edu.au with any enquiries or to book in for lunch on Saturday.



Year 7 & 8 Mixed Netball Gala Day

Our College sent a team of Year 7 /8 students to Smithfield State High School for a day of mixed netball. Playing six hard-fought games, the team won five times to go into a thrilling final against Mossman.

Shooters **Tyler Everett** and **Megan Trezise** sealed an amazing victory with a golden goal after teams tied 9—9 at full time. **Megan Trezise** was **Player of the Final**, well-deserved recognition of her outstanding shooting, rebounding and movement in the attacking court.



Mrs Chris Weedon
Teacher/Librarian



Caitlin Murray was unstoppable in defence. **Ernestine Richards** commanded the centre court with stunning athleticism. Filiara Salam defied her size, intercepting passes and blocking play with courage. **Johnny Yuen** took a critical intercept at a critical moment. Indeed, all players worked hard for each other to win the trophy.

Congratulations to this impressive team.

(L to R) **Ernestine Richards**, **Caitlin Murray**, **Ruby-Leigh Joinbee**, **Johnny Yuen**, **Tyler Everett**, **Filiara Salam**, **Crystal-Lee Linnell**, **Shakira Namponan** (Front) **Megan Trezise** and **Kaychell Blowhard**.

Big thanks to Smithfield SHS, Ms Sonya and Ms Weedon for training, coaching, umpiring and organising, and Herberton SHS for being the best travelling companions. C Weedon



Year 12 near the end of their IA3 Visual Arts Project
Here's a Sneak Peek!



Ms Traylea Sexton

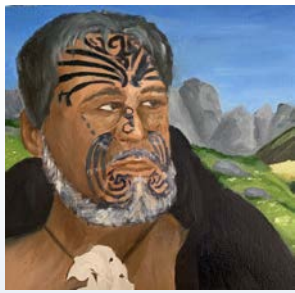
Jessica Clauss



Zoe Sabatino



Stacey Edwards



Traylea Sexton—Middle Leader The Arts



Learning about The Great War



Thanks to the generosity of the **Australian War Memorial** and the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum Smithfield, MSB students were able to experience a hands-on display of primary sources about WWI.

From nurses' armbands, art works, photographs, military uniforms, hats, emu feathers and white feathers, posters, postcards, medals, maps and wartime magazines, this exhibition of primary sources brought to life the horrific scale of death and adversity of Australia's wartime experience.

And every item has a story.

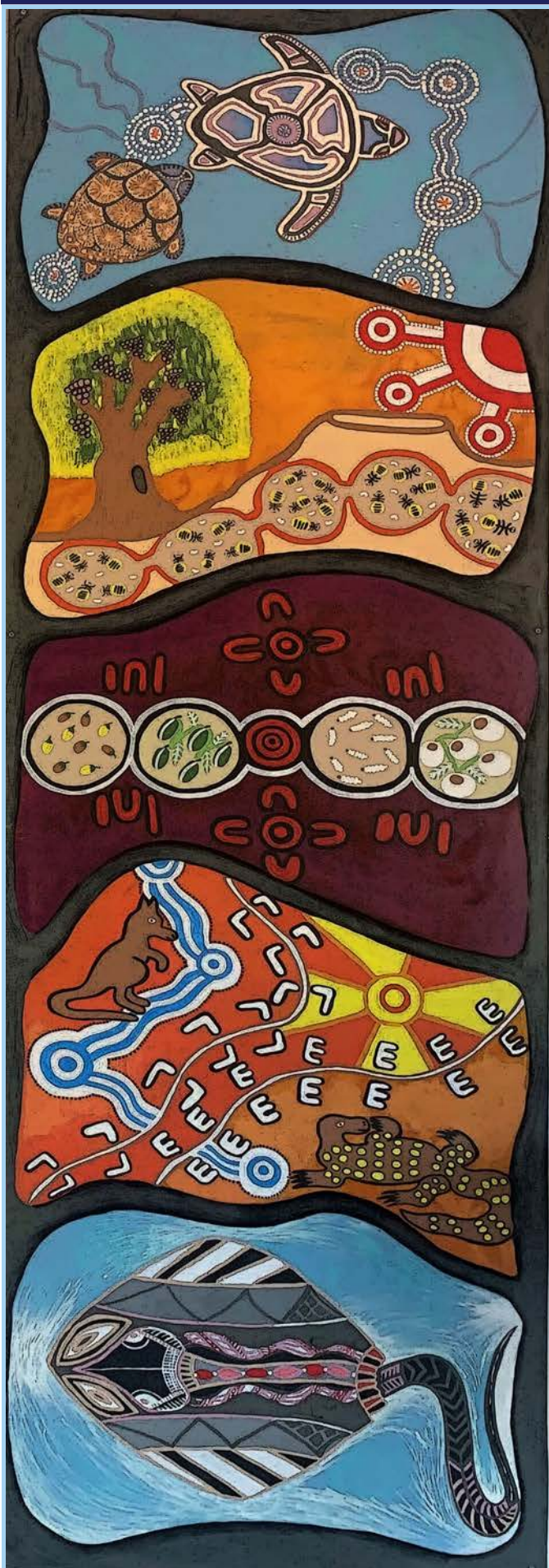


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Teacher/Librarian

Our students' astute questions highlighted a curiosity, at times macabre, about the Great War: a topic embedded in the Australian Curriculum for Year 9 students, specifically, the causes, nature and significance of WWI and its impact on Australian history.

- ⇒ Why do people even go to war?
- ⇒ Did women go to World War One?
- ⇒ Are these things real?
- ⇒ Did a soldier wear this uniform?
- ⇒ Is the hat bullet-proof?
- ⇒ Why did people get a white feather?
- ⇒ Where did they sleep in the trenches?
- ⇒ Why did the young men see war as an adventure?
- ⇒ Why are red poppies a symbol of the Great War?
- ⇒ Did Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders join up?
- ⇒ Why did two referenda to bring in conscription fail?
- ⇒ What is Two up allowed on Anzac Day?
- ⇒ What happened to the horses?





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Mount St Bernard College

NAIDOC DAY

Heal Country!

**Wednesday
September
15th**

Times to be advised

**Bus transport available
from Cairns, contact
Hillary O'Brien**

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or

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**Artwork by Tahnee Stewart,
Kaylisha Mamarika and Tae Dempsey**

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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 23 - Thurs 26 August - Torres Strait Island Community Visits

Thu 26 August - Years 10 BLA Careers Expo - Cairns Convention Centre

Thu 26 August - Year 11 RYDA Driving Education Program - Mareeba Leagues Club

Student Free Day

Fri 3 September - QCAA Secondary Verification Day

Tue 7 September - MSB Subject Expo

Fri 10 September - Year 8 Orienteering - Barrabadeen, Lake Tinaroo

Sat 11 September - Year 12 Formal - The Reef Hotel Casino Cairns

Wed 15 September - NAIDOC Day 10am - 3pm

Thu 16 September - End of Term 3

Fri 17 September - Boarder Travel Day

Fri 17 September - Mon 4 October - School Holidays

Tue 5 October - Boarder Travel Day

Wed 6 October - All classes commence Day 1 Term 4



*Cairns String Orchestra presents
September Strings 2021*

featuring Keith Sharp and Natalie Sharp

The CSO is running a school holiday intensive
for school aged players of violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Senior 2 day workshop 22-23 September 9am-4pm

Junior 2 day workshop 24-25 September 9am-4pm

\$140 CSO members / \$175 for non-CSO members.

A 50% fee discount on Workshop fees applies for additional children from the same family.

For more information contact:

Georgie Stevenson, President

Mobile: 0415839556

Email: cairnsstringorchestra@gmail.com

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Enrolments close 5pm Friday September 3rd

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Wednesday 29th September
Ph: 4096 5339