Dear Students, Staff, Family and Friends

It seems hard to believe but Term 1 is all but over!! It has been a busy one on all fronts. Reports will be sent home during the break and I encourage parents and caregivers to make an appointment to discuss your student’s progress at the upcoming parent teacher interviews on 6 May.

Monday of this week saw two significant events. One was the actions of Jessica Hallinan, graduate of 2012. Jessica was a close friend of Jessica McKiernan, also a 2012 graduate who recently lost her battle with cancer. Jess Hallinan wanted to honour her friend’s life in some way and make a contribution so she asked us if she could address the student body and then come and shave her head for a cancer cure. Martin Jonkers Travel employs Jess and Martin was also there to support her. Those who know Jess Hallinan know she has beautiful and thick hair so this was a big decision and one she hopes will make a difference to those facing cancer in the future.

Jess shaved her hair in front of the senior students and a number of past students who came along to support her. She raised an amazing amount of $2300 and still counting.

The other significant event on Monday was the farewell morning tea for a long serving staff member, Joe Torrissi. Joe commenced working at the College in 1982 as a member of the ground staff. For 17 years he worked essentially on his own taking care of the Banyo fields that were owned by the College in the Albion days. Joe’s ill health over the past 2 years has prompted his retirement and we wish him a continued good recovery and the opportunity to spend quality time with his family.

Other staff leaving us at this time include Diego Bonsangue, our IT technician and general IT whizz. Diego has been a wonderful asset and has overseen huge growth and expansion in the IT area. He will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best in his new role at Marist Ashgrove.

Mrs Kathryn Van Der Ros begins her maternity leave now and we wish Kathryn a happy time as she and her husband await the birth of their first baby. We are very keen to hear the news!

We received news last week of the passing of Bishop Michael Putney, Bishop of Townsville. You may be aware that Bishop Putney was a past student of the College and in fact, was the 1962 Dux. I have received emails from past students who remember him well and that is part of the joy of being in a community with such a long history. The Requiem Mass for Bishop Michael Putney will be celebrated at 11am on Monday 7 April 2014 at Emmaus Hall, Ryan Catholic College, Townsville followed by interment in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.
Tuesday night was the first TAS Sports night. Congratulations to all the students who have participated so well in our first trimester of sport for 2014. It was great to see so many parents and past students present as well as the coaches of the many teams. As special thanks goes to Ms Wust who puts in so many hours of work in setting up for the season, and indeed the year.

Heritage Day saw a change of the guard in the Silver Slipper with O’Driscoll House taking out the highly contested title! It was a wonderful day with great support from students and staff. Well done to Mr Darren Crilly and the House Coordinators for the organization of the day.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of the staff, students and parents during my time as Acting Principal. It has been challenging but rewarding and I have learnt a lot. I have been strongly supported by the staff and in particular the members of the Leadership Team and for that I am very grateful. We welcome Ann back in the hot seat from Term 2 and I know you will join with me in wishing her well. She has been on an unexpected journey but has been strengthened by the support of the College community.

My very best wishes for a relaxing and refreshing Easter break.

Cathy Galvin
Acting Principal
College Notices to Parents/Guardians

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW — TUESDAY 6 MAY
A letter will be forwarded home with your student’s Term One Report with information regarding Parent Teacher Interviews, this also includes password and login details to enable booking online.

We encourage all families that are concerned about their student’s Term One results to make an appointment with the teacher concerned. Each interview will be 7 minutes in length. For longer periods of time please contact the College after 6 May and arrange an interview with the teacher concerned.

The on-line booking system will be available for you to make an interview from 9am on Monday 28 April. The portal for bookings will close on 12 noon on Monday 5 May.

Students are to accompany the parent/s to the interview in full school uniform.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP RESEARCH PROJECT
Thank you to those Years 8 and 9 students and their families who have returned the Project Consent Form. The students are responding positively to the opportunity to be involved in sharing their experiences of learning about digital citizenship.

If you would like to be involved and haven’t yet returned your form – please return it TO THE BLUE BOX IN THE OFFICE or via your PC as soon as possible.

If you have lost the form or need a new one to sign please email Mrs Kingsmill at tkingsmill@stc.qld.edu.au

Is your current or past student looking for a job, traineeship or apprenticeship?
Log onto the College Website www.stc.qld.edu.au
Click onto StC Blog in the Quicklinks box.

Subject News

StC ARTSpace
Welcome to ARTSpace, a monthly feature that highlights some of the fantastic projects, events and simply great ‘moments’ that are taking place in the St Columban’s Arts Community.

In the Dance department the Year 11 and 12 students enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills with support from two guest artists as they participated in a Circus Workshop.

The Year 9-12 Drama students viewed the performance of ‘What Simon Said’, a one-person show that focused on the protagonist, Simon, and the daily battles he had to face with his mum, his job and his own sense of worth. A unique feature of this performance was the use of live and pre-recorded projection that created the world Simon lived in. The Year 11 students followed up the performance with a master class, exploring how to use and manipulate cinematic conventions in performance, a task that the students will be challenged with in term 2.

The Year 10 Drama students also recently enjoyed an energetic Street Theatre and Clowning workshop, once again working with some industry professionals. The students were also introduced to the masked ‘stock characters’ from the traditional Italian style of street theatre known as Commedia dell’Arte.

Kirstie Cochrane, Ian Sweeney and Tamara Johnstone recently attended the annual Drama Queensland State Conference, Fusion 14. The two-day conference provided an opportunity to investigate and share innovative curriculum and arts making practice, research and pedagogy. They look forward to inspiring their students with the skills learnt and the continued enrichment of the Drama curriculum.

Finally, Michael Dougherty’s Year 9 Music students shared their instrumental and vocal performance skills with an intimate audience, promoting the ‘magic of music’. We look forward to more of their performances in the near future.

Steve Ruddy
Arts Coordinator

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Learning Enhancement Centre

CONTACT Leanne Mathiou I Tel: 07 5495 3111 I lmathiou@bne.catholic.edu.au

Did you know
there is a Learning Enhancement Centre at the College?

Their Mission?
To Enhance Individual Student Learning and Performance for ALL Students at the College.

What happens there?
- Tutoring before school and during lunch breaks
- Access to technology to assist with homework and assignments
- Assistance with organisation and time management
- Education in learning skills to help with study, assignments and exams
- Assistance from additional teachers during class
- One-on-one tutoring with qualified teachers

The Support Team works with parents and teachers to assist students to experience personal learning success!

You can discuss your student’s progress ANY TIME by booking a time to sit with a Support Team Member at the Learning Enhancement Centre.

Angela Woodriff
Learning Enhancement Teacher

I have been a full time classroom teacher in many subjects including Italian, Geography, Science, SOSE and Mathematics. I understand the challenges of getting to know and understand students and catering for all of their needs. I enjoy supporting both teachers and students. I love working with students in small groups and one on one. My understanding of pedagogy allows me to cut through very quickly to assisting learners with the best support structure for them as individuals.

Sandra Granger
Learning Enhancement Officer

I have 5 children all educated at St Columban’s College. I’ve been part of the Learning Enhancement team since 2005. Seeing students succeed and grow is very fulfilling work for me. I feel very comfortable in the classroom working one on one with students. I enjoy supporting them to achieve the best they can by helping them solve problems and more fully engage in their learning journey. Our team of teachers are positive, non-judgmental and willing to do what it takes - it’s a fantastic learning environment for teachers and students alike!

How To Spot An Organized Learner

- Bringing correct equipment and learning materials to College, including pencil case, writing materials, ruler, calculator, eraser, sharpener, stickies, etc
- Charged laptop, power pack, laptop bag, USB/external hard drive – labelled with student name
- Diary as a means of recording homework, assignment due dates, making lists
- Processing, updating and referring to a monthly/term planner
- Skilled in accessing daily notices, emails, files on student common drive
- Clarifying what is expected of them in class and assignment work
- Periodic checking of progress with teacher
- Drafts and final copies submitted by due dates

Laptop Strategies for Time Management and Organisation - Some Useful Tips:

- Process your personalized colour coded 7 day cycle timetable and save to your laptop Desktop for easy access
- Use St Columban’s College electronic diary to record homework, due dates and things to remember
- Create a monthly planner by using Outlook Express or iCal
- Create colour coded subject files on your desktop to save resources and assessment tasks
- Download iProcrastinate (free Mac App) to create subject folders, attach assessment tasks, set priorities and timelines
- Access Studywell via QUT Library site (www. http://studywell.library.qut.edu.au) to confirm how to respond to a variety of genres, watch and listen to tutorials to support your study management and habits (Study Management & Study Smart), use Assignment Calculator to assist with managing your time to complete assignments
- Use Word Notebook Layout to record and play back audio notes, organise written notes under colour coded section tabs
- Active MacSpeech to convert text to speech to listen to information

Please contact the Learning Enhancement Office if you think your student could benefit from one on one support to organise their learning or implement some of the strategies listed here.
TAS Awards Night – Trimester 1

Thank you to everyone who has attended the Awards night on Tuesday Night to share in the reflections of the teams successes and seasons.

Honorable mentions need to go to a few teams. The TAS Swim Team had fantastic results, once again finishing in 2nd place, and the girls Swim Team performed admirably with another second place finish. The Year 9 Cricket team was undefeated during the season and with their final washed out were awarded the premiership.

The Year 8 & 9 Basketball girls also had a great season season, finishing in 2nd place behind JPC, with much tighter finals results than their first rounds game. They also helped the Basketball teams finish in 2nd place overall behind JPC for the season. Congratulations to all the Basketball teams on this great finish to the season.

Congratulations and well done also the Trimester 1 Athletes who were awarded with their TAS services badges for involvement in the same TAS sport since Year 8. Congratulations on your achievement and the dedication that you have shown to your sport and team mates over your time at St Columban’s.

There is a number of people that I would like to acknowledge for their assistance in enabling our involvement in TAS.

- Brad Andersen – for his assistance in organizing and running TAS sports.
- Pat and his ground staff of Wade, Corrina and Phil; for their help with setting up and getting fields etc ready.
- The P&F for their support with the TAS program and BBQs.
- Eugene Tasker - for his assistance with the photography at games and AV for the awards nights.
- Nedra Rose who is of invaluable assistance training and organizing our First Aid Officers for the games.
- The Coordinators - Ms Kelly Woods, Mrs Julie Atkins, Mr Sean O’Kane and Mrs Margie Hallinan and their coaches for their efforts and enthusiasm in taking on these roles.

I would like to thank all of the players and the parents for your involvement in TAS sports this season and to congratulate you on putting your best efforts into your trainings and games. Once again thanks to all parents for providing transport to games and training and assisting with scoring.

Congratulations to all our award winners listed below, who through their sportsmanship, fair play and leadership have played an integral role in the success of their teams and once again thanks to all team members for your efforts and achievements.
# TAS Sports Awards Evening—Trimester 1 2014

## Service to TAS Sport

**Swimming**
- **Girls Tennis**
  - Kristina Petterson
- **Girls Basketball**
  - Marnie Hewitt
- **Boys Volleyball**
  - Sam Treasure
- **Boys Cricket**
  - Kasey Lucas

**Girls Tennis**
- Jaclyn Sampson
- Noemi Hadnagy
- Xiena Bevan
- Maddie Schuster
- Lily Bindon

**Girls Basketball**
- Cory Parker
- Georgia Gwyn
- Brice Warburton
- Pierson McClory
- Caleb Parker
- Brenton Ferguson
- Hayden Jeffrey
- Michael Morgan
- Jacob Hallinan

**Boys Volleyball**
- Sam Treasure
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- Pierson McClory
- Caleb Parker

**Boys Cricket**
- Kasey Lucas
- Pierson McClory
- Brenton Ferguson
- Michael Morgan

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**SPORT** | **AWARD** | **STUDENT NAME**
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**Swimming Boys** | College Champion | Marco Roelfs
| U/16 Champion | Louie Beatty
| U/15 Champion | Tyler Wykman
| U/14 Champion | Jarrod DeSmit
| U/13 Champion | Mitchell Lowrie
| TAS Top Points Scorer | Mitch Lowrie & Ben Allanson

**Swimming Girls** | College Champion | Megan Delaney
| U/16 Champion | Erin Allanson
| U/15 Champion | Jasmine Horsfield
| U/14 Champion | Ella Parker
| U/13 Champion | Phillipa O’Brien
| TAS Top Points Scorer | Ella Parker

**Cricket Boys 1st XI** | Most Valuable Player | Hayden Jeffery
| Best Batsman | Hayden Jeffery
| Best Bowler | Michael Morgan

**2nd XI** | Most Valuable Player | Martin Jonkers

**U/15** | Most Valuable Player | Caleb Foote

**U/14** | Most Valuable Player | Joe Small

**U/13** | Most Valuable Player | Zac Bennett

**Basketball Girls – 1sts** | Most Valuable Player | Marnie Hewitt
| Most Consistent Player | Xiena Bevan

**2nds** | Most Valuable Player | Georgia Hayes

**U/15** | Most Valuable Player | Stephanie Hudson

**U/14** | Most Valuable Player | Matissa Robinson

**U/13** | Most Valuable Player | Emma Grehan

**Volleyball Boys – 1sts** | Most Valuable Player | Ryan Rosenberger
| Most Consistent Player | Scott Thomas

**2nds** | Most Valuable Player | Elijah Blowes

**U/15** | Most Valuable Player | Rusty Rosenberger

**U/14** | Most Valuable Player | Lachlan Egan

**U/13** | Most Valuable Player | William Back

**Tennis Girls 1sts** | Most Valuable Player | Noemi Hadnagy
| Most Consistent Player | Bryah Guilfoyle

**2nds** | Most Valuable Player | Elsa Magnussen

**U/15** | Most Valuable Player | Shanika Lal

**U/14** | Most Valuable Player | Tiffany McErlane

**U/13** | Most Valuable Player | Courtney Staples
Athletics
Over the weekend eight St Columban’s Students attended the Queensland Track Classic at the State Athletics Centre. St Columban’s College was represented by a girls and a boys school relay team with the boys leaving everything out on the track in their race. The boys team of Jasper Sawtell, Ben Schmidtchen, Zane Brown and Jack Lowrie put on an impressive run to claim the bronze medal. Following on from the 3rd place, Jack Lowrie backed up to race in the under 16 1500m in which he fought it out for a 6th place to finish his night. Not to be left out the girls did their thing too and right in the middle of it all was Ella Connolly. Coming off the back of the Little Athletics State Championships, Ella was keen to have a run in the showcase event that featured big name athletes including her inspiration Sally Pearson. Ella’s first run of the night was in the U16 100m Race where she placed 3rd in a time of 12.37. Next up for Ella was the Schools 4x100m Relay event where along with Morgan Eldrett, Ally Nicholson and Taylor Stickler the girls were able to represent the College with a 6th place finish, ahead of John Paul College in the strong group of 10 schools. Ella’s final race of the night for Ella was her biggest. She received the call up only days before offering her a place in the Women’s Open 400m Race which in itself was an achievement. Ella got up to the start with hope, anticipation and some nerves and raced her little heart out. With no expectations other than her best Ella ran the 400m in 56.40s, a time that saw her finish in 4th position behind Queenslander Caitlin Sargent (1st in 53.11), Morgan Mitchell from Victoria (2nd in 53.33) and Alicia Kerr from New South Wales who finished just before Ella in a time of 55.10.

Swimming
St Columban’s College was also represented in the pool last week with 7 students taking part in the Queensland Schools Swimming State Championships. All students were vying for a spot in the Queensland School Swimming Team to compete at the National Championships in July. Success was enjoyed by a number of the Columban’s swimmers including Mitchell Lowrie who was placed 6th as a member of the Sunshine Coast Schools 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Team. Ella Parker also found success in the relays placing 1st in the 4 x 200m Medley Relay and 3rd in the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay. Being sick in the lead up had clearly taken its toll on Ella who stepped up again and was rewarded with a 4th place in the 100m Backstroke. None of the Columban’s students experienced more success than Lucky Patterson. Lucky had another terrific carnival receiving 8 gold medals from her 8 swims! Lucky placed 1st in all of her events in the 13-15 years Multi-Class Group including the 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 200m Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley. Achieving first place in all of her events is an amazing achievement, which also saw Lucky named the female swimmer of the meet. A great burst for her confidence as she prepares for the Australian Swimming Championships in Brisbane this week.

Golf
The first week of the holidays will see Dylan Gardner travel to Victoria to contest the Australian Boys’ Amateur Golf Championship. With a field of 156 contenders and past winners including Stuart Appleby and Robert Allenby he is sure to have his work cut out for him. We wish Dylan all the best with the event and look forward to hearing his results next term.

Andrea Hickey | Mentor Academy Program Coordinator

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM
Australian Mobile Recycling was founded in September 2011. Their aim is to collect as many used and unwanted mobile phones as possible. All mobile phones will be recycled for reuse, which means they will be refurbished for resale. Handsets are restored to factory conditions and all Sim card and memory cards are destroyed.

Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their constituent parts and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers.

For our recycling efforts our school will receive $3 for every mobile phone returned. Your contribution will not only raise money for our school community but also help the environment in a positive way by reducing waste. BRING IN YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES and place in the box at the school office student counter.

Chris Jones
StC Environment Committee

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ATHLETICS

Ben strikes pay dirt

Silver performances provide foundation for golden days

By JORGE BRANCO

After two years of silver medals, Ben Schmidtchen is "relieved", more than anything, to be crowned national high jump champion.

The Narangba teenager won gold at his first national competition in 2011, but had fallen at the last hurdle the past two years.

But this time was different. With a personal best of 180cm, the 14-year-old stepped up to jump, needing to clear 181cm to go past his only remaining rival.

Earlier in the competition Schmidtchen felt the doubts creep in as he remembered all those near misses.

"There was one moment where he cleared a jump and I missed it and I was like 'I'm not going to let this happen to me again' so I just went off and jumped to the best of my ability," he said.

But not this time.

He soared over the bar before going on to clear 183cm and claim gold in the high jump at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships.

His opponent struck out at 178cm.

"It's relieving," the St Columban's College Caboolture student said of his medal win.

"I've been just chasing gold.

"Now I've finally got it... I just need to hold it.

"If I put my mind to it I reckon I could probably keep it."

Previously Schmidtchen's national championships efforts have all been in school athletics.

He'll have the chance to see if he can convert his latest win into school-competition gold towards the end of this year.

Just eight days after his national win at Sydney's Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Schmidtchen was at it again.

Last weekend he flew to Cairns for the Little Athletics Queensland IGA State Championships at Barlow Park.

The Year 9 student returned with an impressive haul of three gold medals in the high jump, long jump and 200m hurdles.

He had only been training in hurdles for the past few months, but still managed to finish within a second of the state record.

"It's pretty amazing with that as well because I've only been doing it a couple of months," he said.

GOLDEN GLOW: Ben Schmidtchen shows off his medal haul from the Australian Junior Athletics Championships and Little Athletics Queensland State Championships.

PHOTO: JORGE BRANCO

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**Community Notices**

**Caboolture Basketball Inc. 2014 - SIGN ON**
We have age groups from U10s through to U18s
Where: Morayfield Park Leisure Centre
When: Friday 4 April 2014
Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Contacts: Ph/Fax (07) 54986633
Email: caboolturebball@bigpond.com
Internet: www.caboolture.basketball.net.au

**SPC Netball Club**  Needs players for the 2014 Saturday Competition. If your child is looking to play club netball this season and has missed sign on, it is not too late.

**SPC Netball Club has the following places available in our teams**
- 2 x players born in either 1998 or 1999
- 2 x players born in either 2000 or 2001
- 2 x players born in either 2002 or 2003
- 1 x player born in either 2007 or 2008

Contact Kathy on 0402 024 331
Website www.spc.qld.netball.com.au
Facebook SPC Netball Club
Twitter SPC Netball Club
Email spcnetballclub@hotmail.com
**St Columban's College**

**Charity Golf Day 2014**
Friday 30 May - 10am

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**Tuckshop Roster 2014**

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If unable to attend tuckshop please let Tracey know at the earliest possible time. Phone 5433 7328 and leave a message any time of day or night.

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**Tutoring**

**MATHS**
Wednesday 3 - 4pm
Webb 2.3

**ENGLISH**
Wednesday 3 - 4pm
O'Driscoll 1.4

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**Uniform Shop**

Term hours:
**Tuesdays:** 8am - 9am
2pm - 3pm

**Thursdays:** 8am - 9am