Principal's Message

Dear Students, Staff, Family and Friends

As you are aware, Dr Pat Rebgetz, husband of our College principal, Ann, passed away last Saturday, Feb 8, surrounded by family and friends. As I write this, a large group of staff and students are preparing to travel to Miami on the Gold Coast to pay respects to Pat and Ann at his funeral. When speaking with Ann after Pat’s passing there were three clear messages she gave me as she reflected on Pat’s life and death. One was her great sadness that she and their family had Pat for such short time. The second was her relief that he was out of pain, and the third was her deep gratitude for the rich and full life they shared together. Some of you may know that Ann took some long service leave in September last year and she and Pat travelled overseas. Much of that time was shared with family, as two of their children are currently living overseas. Had they been aware of Pat’s illness, they probably would not have taken that trip. Obviously it was time that they were meant to have together as a couple and as a family. Pat was a much-loved figure in our community and as a former student of the College, we have a very deep connection with him.

Ann has also expressed her sincere appreciation for the very many messages of support and condolences she has received from our community. Our prayers are with Ann and her children as they come to terms with life without their husband and father. We pray especially for strength and courage over the next few months in particular. May they be comforted by that and the fact that God is with them in their sorrow.

One of the wonderful highlights of the week this week was the Opening Mass and Tie Ceremony held in the MMPC on Tuesday. We were honoured our Area Supervisor, Dr Pat Coughlan, was able to attend and share this special occasion which was led by Fr Wrex Woolnough, our parish priest. Fr Wrex challenged us in his homily which was based around the theme of a continuing journey – life is a journey and we are on one small part of that journey at the moment, and living fully today is so important. It was also the day our leaders were inducted into leadership of the College, and it was lovely to see the pride and excitement in the faces of our leaders as well as their families. It was obvious to me on our recent leadership day that we have terrific leaders and are set to have a wonderful year ahead.

Today we shared a luncheon with our leaders and many of our indigenous students for National Apology Day. Mr Shaun Morris prepared food using traditional spices and flavours such as eucalyptus mixed through cream served on scones with Davidson Plum jam. The students were very keen to taste flavours that were not familiar to them. We also heard from Stephanie Van Der Meer and Briana Guy talk about their experiences on the Garma trip last year. National Apology Day commemorates the day ex-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd moved a Motion of Apology to the Indigenous Peoples in the House of Representatives, apologizing for past laws, policies and practices that impacted so deeply and negatively on indigenous peoples, particularly those of the Stolen Generation. This day is a day where we also look forward as we build better relationships with indigenous Australians in order to have a brighter future for all Australians. There is still much to do in terms of bridging the gap between white Australia and indigenous Australia in terms of health and education outcomes, to name two.
Ironically, Dr Pat Rebgetz spent much of his working life in the Northern Territory, in the Tiwi Islands as well as at Wadeye (Port Keats). During our luncheon today we also decorated a candle by making fingerprints on the candle in traditional indigenous colours. We will use this candle at a ceremony to be held at the College to celebrate the life of Pat at a later date.

Tonight at the College we have the annual P&F BBQ where parents come along and meet the staff. This is a great chance for staff and parents to mix, and also a great chance for new parents to meet members of our P&F. We are extremely fortunate here to have such a supportive parent community and I urge you to get involved with them and enrich the life of the College.

Last week I mentioned the swimming carnival and at that point the carnival had not been held. I am happy to say that it was a great day with positive energy and lots of student involvement. The swim-throughs were a particular success and I thank Michelle Wust and Brad Anderson for their organization of the day. Whilst I tried to be neutral in terms of houses, I have to say I was thrilled to see Molloy take out the carnival!! I was most pleased however with the spirit of involvement and house pride that was so clearly on display.

My best wishes for the week ahead.

Cathy

Join an ‘Encounter’ to East Timor or Kiribati with Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has been preparing, placing and supporting skilled Australian volunteers in placements in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for 50+ years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty. During this cross-cultural experience, you will gain insight into the life of work of Palms’ volunteers, and learn about the pressing development issues facing our neighbours. Dates are 7-19 April 2014, 26 July-7 August 2014 and 22 Sept-4 October 2014. For further information visit: http://www.palms.org.au/encounters, email: encounter@palms.org.au, or call Palms on 02 9518 9551. Limited places remain as numbers are restricted to 8 per Encounter.

“The Timor-Leste Encounter was so much more than I expected and gave me a much better understanding of education in a developing country, and enabled me to develop a better social justice program for my own students. One of the most humbling experiences of my life.”

Peter Nugent, Principal,
The Assumption School, Bathurst
College Notices to Parents/Guardians

Uniform Shop Open this Saturday 15 February 8—10am

Directions for Back Carpark Traffic
As you are well aware, we are undergoing lots of construction of our new classrooms to assist with the Year 7 inclusion into our College. As a result, the amount of space in our rear car park is greatly reduced.

To assist in the flow of traffic and improve student safety, we ask that parents please comply with the following:

♦ Turn left once inside the back gate and follow the arrows on both the signs and on the ground.
♦ DO NOT go straight after entering the gate, this is for buses only.
♦ Only use the car parks allocated either side of these two lanes if you intend to park.
♦ Follow the two lanes through and merge into one to leave the grounds.
♦ When leaving, please turn left and go around the roundabout to assist in the flow of traffic in and out of the grounds.

Whilst this isn’t a perfect solution, we are doing our best until the official approval of our car park plans are received. We ask for your patience during this period and if it isn’t vital that you pick up your child right on the bell, that you consider a later pick up time to help alleviate some of the initial congestion.

Drummer Auditions for Concert Band
Concert Band are looking for drummers to audition for the concert band. If you are a drummer this is a great opportunity to put your drumming skills to use. We meet every Monday from 3:00-4:30pm in the Music Room.

Drum Instrumental Lesson Available
Students wanting to learn Drums at St Columban’s now have the opportunity to study with performer and tutor, Bob Oliver. Bob studied with Alan Dawson at Berklee School of Music in Boston USA and has worked on stage with John Farnham, Rhonda Birchmore, The Osmonds and The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, among many others. Do not miss out this chance to learn from this musician.

Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
Immunisation forms have been distributed to your Year 8 and 10 student. Please complete these forms and return to the College by MONDAY 10 March, (change of date for Yr 8 forms). Year 8 Immunisation will be Monday 31 March, second round of Immunisation and Year 10 will take place on Wednesday 4 June.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Inaugural Mass and commissioning ceremony. It was a wonderful celebration and a chance to share this important occasion as a community. Fr Wrex shared some important insights in his homily, the one that resonated strongly and I think is particularly pertinent to the students is to have courage and to realise that their time here at the College is part of their journey. Past, present, and future students make up the community of Columban’s and it is important to remember that each student leaves their mark on this community. What legacy will they leave behind? We have 106 extra curricular activities to choose from at the College and there is nothing better for the whole development of the person than to become involved. We become stronger, more confident, and develop a sense of belonging when we share our gifts and talents with others.

Do You Know the True story about St Valentine?
This may seem a strange item to read about in a Catholic school newsletter but the true origins of Valentine’s day has been lost to the hype of the Hallmark cards, fancy dinners and expensive roses from florists. The true story of St Valentine, like most early saints is mostly lost to the mists of time, but our best understanding is that he was a priest in Rome under Emperor Claudius II. When the Emperor forbade young men to marry so as to more easily recruit them into his army, St Valentine began conducting secret weddings. For this he was arrested and imprisoned and eventually executed. His life stands as a testament to the importance of life-long romantic love, sacrificing his liberty and his life in order to support couples in their pursuit of marital holiness. So Happy Valentine’s Day everyone!

Nobody flips pancakes like the Spirit Committee
Our Spirit committee has started practising flipping pancakes to promote Caritas Australia’s major annual fundraiser, Project Compassion. Although pancakes are traditionally made and eaten at the beginning of Lent on Shrove Tuesday, which this year falls on February 28, many Catholic schools, parishes and businesses around Australia use this tasty activity as a way to signal the start of their Lenten giving. This time of Lenten Preparation is a good time to think of others by either sacrificing something for the benefit of others or taking up an activity that promotes the dignity of others. You as parents or caregivers may like to encourage your son or daughter to get involved with Project Compassion and talk to your children at home about the benefits of helping others. Take them around to see Grandma and Grandpa or get them to offer to help garden for old Mrs Jones down the road.

Irish Eyes are smiling
We are looking for expressions of interest for any student wanting to travel to Ireland and Italy this September for the travelling in the Footsteps of Edmund Rice and St Columban. If your students are interested please email raechel.fletcher@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Movers & Shakers 2014
Movers & Shakers is a week-long Christian Leadership training program for young people aged 16-19 running from 7 April – 11 April, 2014 at the James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba. If you want to become the best leader you can be, this is the training for you!

This program is organised and sponsored by the Queensland Catholic Diocesan Youth Coordinators. For more information or to register go to www.moversandshakers.org.au or speak with Mrs Lauren Dunn or Mrs Fletcher. Registrations close 14 March.

I hope you all have a happy and peaceful week.

In the Spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice and St Columban
Raechel Fletcher
AP Religious Education and Identity

Absentee Hot Line: 5433 7366 (24 hours a day)
**TAS Results StC v JPC**

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### Volleyball

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*Julie Atkins*

Volleyball Co-ordinator

### Cricket

TAS cricket began last Saturday with STC travelling to Daisy Hill to take on JPC. The First XI was heavily depleted with many regular players on Club duty. JPC showed why they are the benchmark in the TAS cricket competition by scoring 6/317. Michael Morgan did well with the ball taking 3-29 off 8 overs and Jacob Hallinan took a sensational catch in the outfield. In reply, STC had no answer with the bat against the very accurate bowling and were routed for a paltry 16 runs.

*Sean O’Kane*

Cricket Co-ordinator

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Last week against JPC saw the TAS volleyball boys come away with mixed results. The Year 8 and 10 teams had great success coming away victors, however the 9s, Seconds and Firsts all suffered close losses. Hopefully with the progression of the season and more match practise – we will see some more successes.

A reminder that we have a home game this weekend and that all teams are expected to do DUTY either before or following their games. DUTY includes lines people, scorers and second referees. Students are expected to participate and parents are most welcome to assist wherever they can. If you have experience refereeing or coaching volleyball – we would love to hear from you as we would love to run some specialist coaching and refereeing sessions throughout the year.

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TAS Girls Hockey 2014

This week, the girls have signed on ready to begin the 2014 Hockey season. At a meeting later this week, I will provide a letter to all prospective players and their families about the upcoming training sessions and the planned intensive 1 day camps. If your child has signed up for the hockey season and did not attend the meeting, please ask them to see me at some stage this week to get a copy of the letter. We are still seeking players for the year 8 team, if you daughter would be interested in learning the skills of Hockey, please encourage them to come and see me ASAP.

In the letter provided, I have also proposed two items. The first is looking at starting a hockey supporters group that has the sole focus on raising funds to host a hockey break up celebration for all players at the end of the season. If anyone is interested in looking at the possibilities of the formation of such a group please contact me via email asap, I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas – aschimke@stc.qld.edu.au

Secondly, I am looking for families or business that would be interested in sponsoring the TAS Hockey players this season. We are endeavoring to look at the possibility of organising a training shirt similar to the rugby-training shirt or a water bottle that all players will be presented with for the season. Should you be interested in being a sponsor for the season please email or contact me at the College by the end of February. All sponsorship options have been outlined in the letter.

Finally, as part of the uniform this year, the girls have requested a soft visor. These have been ordered and will be available for the hockey season, please stay tuned to the newsletter for prices and availability. As the games this year will continue to be early in the morning, I highly recommend that all players look to purchase a visor, as Hockey rules stipulate no hard caps.

Yours in Hockey
Amanda Schimke

TAS BBQ

To all old helpers and those who may wish to take up the challenge of being a new helper,

We have our first TAS home game on tomorrow, Saturday 15 February. The days are busy for the P&F as well as the school in general and I ask that you consider providing some of your time to assist with the P&F BBQ.

The BBQs assist in providing sporting facilities at St Columban’s and any help you can give will greatly assist in the future of the students extra curriculum activities.

Like last season, this season will see us utilising the Mary MacKillop building to sell BBQ food and drinks to home and visiting teams.

If you are able, can you please advise me of the time that you can assist, even if only for an hour it would be much appreciated.

Even if you cannot help this weekend, but you are interested in helping down the track, please let me know as I will add you to my email group for future P&F emails.

If I can have your replies by Wednesdays, I will have a roster out on Thursdays night. Times required are between 7.30am and 1pm.

Tom Cooper
STC P&F Secretary
0407673780 or tcooper@northgroup.com.au

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Please phone for Appointments:
Rona—0439 851 660
Tracie—0401 091 182
Anne—0417 119 256

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**TAS Draw**

**St Columban’s V St John’s @ StC**

**TAS Trimester 1 Round 3 – 15th Feb 2014**

The following are the details for TAS sport. In case of wet weather, please check the *St Columban’s College APP* for any sports cancellations after 6.30am. If you are unable to access the App, or as a last resort the sports coordinator can be contacted on 0407 580 891. Please no calls before 6:30am! Students must wear full school sports uniform to and from the sports venue.

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**St Columban’s College – Main Oval, College Ave, Forest Lake.**

Any questions please contact the following persons – Mrs Julie Atkins (Volleyball), Ms Kelly Woods (Basketball), Mr Sean O’Kane (Cricket), & Miss Margaret Hallinan (Tennis). Ph 5495 3111 during school hours.

### Sports Date Claimers

- Round 4 V’s Ormiston @ ORM - 22nd Feb (NO BUS)
- Round 5 V’s CHAC @ CHAC - 1st March (NO BUS)

**Miss Michelle Wust**
Sports Co-ordinator
Mobile: 0407 580 891
Email: mwust@stc.qld.edu.au

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**Students Absent from College for Sport**

Any students who are absent from college due to other commitments (unless they are with a TAS team) need to ring through the office to inform the school of their sporting absence. We are not always aware of your sons / daughters selection into representative teams, so please contact us to let us know.
Interhouse Swimming Carnival

With a sunny day ordered, the swimming carnival once again was a great start to the Fr O’Connell competition with fierce competition heating up the lanes. The lead changed a number of times and no team could get much of a breakaway at any stage.

Swim thru’s showed great numbers for all teams, with bonus points being hotly contended for. Once again the relays played an integral role in determining the overall winners on the day. After an 11 year absence from the swimming trophy, for the second year in a row Molloy house was once again victorious in taking home the Fr O’Connel Swimming Trophy with 801 points. In 2nd place was O'Driscoll on 765, with English on 688 and Duhig on 667 points.

While the competition was hot in the main pool, there was not less excitement and cheering occurring in the warm up pool with novelty events being fiercely contested. Featuring a scavenger hunt and pool pony races, 10 students from each house battled it out in each age group and had a lot of laughter and fun. It was great to see so many involved and competitive house spirit shining through.

Congratulations to Ella Parker, who broke the 14 Years Girls 50M backstroke record on the day.

Congratulations also to our Age Champions:

- **13 Yrs:** Philippa O’Brien & Mitchell Lowrie
- **14 Yrs:** Ella Parker & Jarrod de Smit
- **15 Yrs:** Jasmine Horsfield & Tyler Wykman
- **16 Yrs:** Ashlyn Evans & Louie Beatty
- **Opens:** Meagan Delaney & Marco Roelfs

Thank you to all staff for their assistance in running the day to ensure that it was a smooth and enjoyable day for all involved. In particular thanks to Mr Brad Anderson for all his assistance and organisation and Mr Pat Green and the grounds staff for their assistance. Congratulations to all students who competed in both the competitive races, swim thru’s and novelty events. There was great house spirit shown and all students conducted themselves well on the day.

Miss Michelle Wust
Sports Coordinator

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Subject News

**Home Economics textile donations.**

This semester, the Year 10 Home Economics students are undertaking a project based around reusing scraps of fabric to create their own modern individualized fabric. I am therefore seeking donations of 100% cotton fabric remnants.

I am particularly interested in fabric offcuts from completed patchwork projects. Later in the term, the students will be developing a toy that is suitable for young children. For this project, students will be required to incorporate ribbon and buttons. Any donations of these items would also be appreciated. Any donations can be left at the College reception or students can bring them to my office in the Trade Training Centre.

Thanks in advance

Amanda Schimke
Head of Design and Living Technologies Faculty.
Invitation to Attend
BPW Caboolture’s Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony

DATE: Saturday 8th March 2014
TIME: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start
PLACE: Bobbio Restaurant
St Columban’s College
Pettigrew St Entrance, Caboolture

Cost:
$40.00 each Members & Partners
$50.00 each Guests
(2 Course Dinner and one complimentary drink)

Celebrating
International Women’s Day

For more information please contact:
Debby Gubesch - 0409 597 405
d.gubesch@tigpond.com - www.bpwcaboolture.com.au
This is a prepaid function and seating is limited.
(Partners and Friends are welcome to attend to help us celebrate this special evening)

RSVP & Payment to be received by Monday, 3rd March 2014

For further information, please visit the Careers and Training Department or contact:
Lyndel Russell
Career & Training Officer
Ph: 07 5433 7384 or Email: larussell@bne.catholic.edu.au
Absentee Hot Line: 5433 7366 (24 hours a day)
As many families would be aware the College began offering a middle years curriculum with integrated digital citizenship teaching and learning opportunities in 2012. Our staff continues to work to extend those opportunities to our Senior Phase students also.

The following summary may be helpful for our new families and provide a refresher for existing families.

**So what is Digital Citizenship and why is it so important for 21st century learning communities?**

Society is becoming increasingly intertwined with digital technologies. Schools as a microcosm of society reflect this situation. In any society or group, there is a set of guidelines or laws that require citizens to act in a certain way. However to date, due to the constant and rapid evolution of digital technologies, few social guidelines have been developed for their use. It is therefore essential, that as members of the digital community, all digital technology users (digital citizens) are educated and therefore aware of the rights and responsibilities that accompany technology use.

Digital Citizenship is a set of norms of appropriate and responsible behaviour regarding technology use. While students are “digital natives” in the sense that they have grown up around technology and therefore often instinctively understand it, this does not mean that they know how to use the technology appropriately, responsibly and effectively. These skills need to be explicitly taught and not just ‘assumed’. Listening or reading the daily news, offers continual and repeated evidence of a lack of digital citizenship. Just as we teach our children from a young age how to safely cross a road, society (parents, schools, communities) need to educate our children and ourselves how to safely and responsibly use digital technologies and participate in digital community. Contemporary society involves citizens being part of three communities concurrently – their local, global and digital communities. Digital Citizenship is all about equipping citizens for digital community.

The Digital Citizenship framework that the College has adopted involves nine elements and was created by Mike Ribble and Gerard Bailey in 2006. Mike Ribble was one of the keynote speakers at the College’s 2012 Staff Retreat and is the ‘founding father’ of digital citizenship in the United States of America.

The nine elements of Digital Citizenship involve three main themes:

- **Respect** (Digital Law, Digital Etiquette and Digital Access)
- **Educate** (Digital Literacy, Digital Commerce and Digital Communication)
- **Protect** (Digital Security, Digital Health & Wellness and Digital Rights & Responsibilities)

For ease of use, the elements can be divided within these themes. However it is important to remember that the elements are not rules but rather a lens to learn how to responsibly and appropriately use technology. Therefore there are naturally many overlaps between the elements. Across each of their subjects students will be learning about digital citizenship, and how to ensure they make smart and safe decisions when participating in the virtual community.

All Year 8 students were involved in an *Introduction to Digital Citizenship session* in Week 1 and spent time unpacking what the concept means. It was wonderful to see so many of the students engaged in discussing the different elements and how they think they may relate to their own lives.

Please speak with your sons and daughters about digital citizenship. Ask them what they understand it to mean. A well-known saying is “…it takes a village to raise a child”, this was never more applicable than with digital citizenship. It will take concerted, ongoing and community effort at home and school to develop and nurture 21st century digital citizens.

If you have any questions, comments or would like to know more about this College priority please contact tkingsmill@stc.qld.au at your convenience.

Enjoy the coming week!

Talitha Kingsmill
Director Special Projects
Community Notices

**FUN RUN / WALK** Leukaemia Foundation 8am Sunday 23 February at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture.
Support Leuky’s Angels effort to fundraise $50 000.
Registration Fee: 2Km—$20 (under 3 Free) or 5Km—$30 (10 yrs and above).

**Pine Rivers High Community Education Classes** Term One classes commence from Tuesday 4 February. Update your skills, learn new ones or get fit! Small classes, great tutors. See [www.pineriverscomed.com.au](http://www.pineriverscomed.com.au) or phone Jenny on 0432 116 973 for more details.

**FOR SALE:** Mapex 5 Piece Drum Kit with Shalimar cymbals. Excellent acoustic quality, sapphire blue in colour and in great condition. Perfect for beginners to advanced performers. $699.00 ono. Ring Bronwyn 0419 857 201.

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**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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Tuckshop Roster 2014

Mon 17 Feb  Shelly Gregory, Jodie Hollinger, Kathy Lather
Tue 18 Feb  Rosa Fili, Adele Sutcliffe
Wed 19 Feb  Deidre Burton, Julie Gemeri, Laura Wykman
Thur 20 Feb  Julie Totoro
Fri 21 Feb  Therese Walsh, Danielle Holloway

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

Attendance is voluntary
MATHS
Wednesday 3 - 4pm
Webb 2.3

ENGLISH
Wednesday 3 - 4pm
O’Driscoll 1.4

Uniform Shop

Term hours:
Tuesdays: 8am - 9am
2pm - 3pm
Thursdays: 8am - 9am
Saturday 15 Feb 8-10am