Principal’s Message

Dear Students, Staff, Family and Friends

Many of you will be aware that on Monday, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse began hearings into the case of sexual abuse of thirteen students by a teacher from Toowoomba. This is the first of a series of hearings the Commission will conduct outside of Sydney. There have been widespread media reports of the actions of a teacher and the apparent inaction of the Principal after the students made allegations about the teacher. The allegations as reported are shocking on many levels. School should be a safe place for students; if students do report abuse there are clear guidelines for staff to follow. Brisbane Catholic Education is committed to ensuring student safety is a priority. St Columban's College staff undertake annual training in Mandatory Reporting of Abuse/Harm and Suspected Abuse or Harm and have done for many years now. There is a genuine desire of the staff to ensure that the students in our care are safe at school. Developing positive relationships between staff and students is so important, as students need to feel comfortable to report any concerning behavior they may experience. The College also has Student Protection Officers; this includes the Principal, as well as the Counsellors. Please be assured of our commitment to making St Columban's College a place of safety for all students.

Last Friday a group of staff and students travelled to the Gold Coast to the funeral of Dr Pat Rebetz, husband of our College Principal, Ann Rebetz. The funeral was a wonderful celebration of the life of an extraordinary man – one whose passion for justice saw him (and Ann) spend many years working in indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. He was also a man with a keen intellect, and a desire to make a difference in the world. It was an honour to be part of the tribute to Pat. Fr Frank Brennan gave the homily and spoke so beautifully to our students whom we commended for their presence there, as well as challenging them to live a life of meaning.

The twilight QCS preparation sessions have started and it was wonderful to see over 100 students attend and participate on Monday afternoon. A big thank you to the staff, Mrs Kate Ruddy, Mrs Sharon Sweeney, Mr Eugene Tasker, Mr Vince Webb and Mr Mike Connolly for their facilitation and supervision of this. In the feedback for the 2013 Year 12s, the twilight sessions were seen as very relevant and helpful in terms of preparing for the test. This first twilight focused on the writing task and students completed a practice task. A reminder that all students at the College sit the QCS test, except in exceptional circumstances. See Mr Connolly for any questions or concerns around any senior schooling issues.
As I write this, the Year 8s are on camp up at Mt Tamborine. We hope they get great weather and have a wonderful time learning about St Columban’s, and getting to know each other better. The Year 8s seem to have settled in very smoothly, and have brought a great lively spirit to the school. The camp is a wonderful chance to relax and interact with their peers, and make new friends.

Next Tuesday night in the MMPC our information night for prospective Year 7 and Year 8 students for 2015 is on. If you know of a friend or family member who has yet to make up their mind about a secondary school, please encourage them to come along and see what we have to offer. We take our commitment to Every Student, Every Success very seriously, and we offer fantastic opportunities for our students across a range of areas including academic, sporting, vocational, social and cultural and spiritual.

We have some parents contact the College after receiving their fee statements earlier this week. Please ensure you read the letter that came with the fees carefully. At the request of many parents, this year we changed our fee system to encourage direct debit and BPay payments. The amount owing for the year is listed in order to allow families to organize their payments in a way that suits them. Parental feedback suggested that the term statements were challenging for some families to meet their financial obligations. We made the decision to offer more regular direct debit payments. The option is still there for fees to be paid on a term basis. Please contact Finance if you have questions about this.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Cathy Galvin
Acting Principal

Nothing in life is to be feared.
It is only to be understood.

Marie Curie

A Rising Star at St Columban’s

Shot of confidence

Young Golfer on the rise

Jacob Grams

The quiet surroundings of Kilcoy Golf Club have set Dylan Gardner on the path to what he hopes is a future professional golf career.

Dylan, 15, is a member at Kilcoy and Caboolture and will be looking for more experience at the top amateur tournaments throughout Australia after a promising summer.

He finished 21st at the Queensland Junior Amateur in December, followed by 17th at the Victorian Junior Masters – results which could soon find him in the Golf Queensland junior development squad.

Dylan said Kilcoy had given him a good grounding since he started playing the game aged nine.

“Kilcoy is one of the best clubs I’ve ever been to. I like the whole place and the people are great,” he said.

He was recently in Victoria competing at a tournament for the top 50 amateurs in Australia.

“It’s good to get the experience of playing everywhere, playing different shots and just getting a whole new experience,” he said.

Dylan said he tried not to get frustrated and just treated the game the way he always has.

“I play it just to have fun. It’s just a golf shot,” he said.

Dylan hopes to gain a scholarship at a US college to work on his game after he finishes school.

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College Notices to Parents/Guardians

SKI TRIP NZ 2014 is all systems go! If your son/daughter is attending and has not brought home the information letter, please have them collect one from Mr Harvey. Another option would be to check their school email account as a copy of the letter was sent to all Year 12s. A reminder that the second payment -$400 – is due this Friday 21 February.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP UPDATE

Years 8 & 9 Students
In coming weeks our Year 8 and 9 students will hear about an opportunity they have to be involved in a research project being conducted with members of the College community. The aim of the project is to establish how students, teachers and leaders experience teaching and learning about digital citizenship in a secondary school curriculum.

The research has been granted ethical approval by Australian Catholic University and Brisbane Catholic Education Office.

Participation is completely voluntary, and all information resulting from the study will not identity participants in any way.

If students would like to be involved they will be invited to participate in one or more of the following – an online questionnaire, a focus group interview with other students from their year level, an individual interview with the researcher and/or lesson observation.

Students that are interested in participating will be provided with an Information Letter and a Consent Form to discuss and sign with their parents/care providers.

Enjoy the coming week!

Talitha Kingsmill
Director Special Projects

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.

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.

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**Concert Band News**

We would like to introduce our two fantastic St Columban’s College Concert Band Captains.

**Kristina Pettersen** is in Year 12 this year and has been part of the Concert Band Family now for just over four years. Kristina started playing the Clarinet in Year 8 and is now the leads the Clarinet Section in the band.

**Eryn Fletcher** is in Year 11 this year and has been part of the Concert Band Family now for three years. She has been playing in Concert Bands now for 7 years (4 as a saxophone player and 3 as a flute player). Eryn plays four instruments and is an active part of the Saxophone, Clarinet and Percussion Ensembles here at the school.

Concert Band is held every Monday from 3:00G4:30pm in the Music Room. If you play an instrument and want to be part of this amazing Concert Band please see our band captains or Mrs Darlene Ferguson. We are still looking for some interested “Drummers” to be part of this exciting group.

Marion Kilchester

**StC Mentor Academy News**

A number of St Columban’s Students have had a very busy start to the school year with sporting competitions allowing no rest for the determined.

**Athletics**

For Ella Connolly and Ben Schmidtchen (both Yr 9) the school holidays began with the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships. Both students contested the U14 High Jump and their competitive streaks were evident as always with Ella finishing 4th with a jump of 1.60m and Ben taking out the silver medal on the count back with a jump of 1.70m.

Both students spent their break maintaining their fitness to compete at the Queensland Athletics Club Championships. Ben bettered both his place and jump taking out Gold in the U16 High Jump with a jump of 1.75m. Josh Connolly (Yr 11) too found success in the high jump taking out first place in the U18 age group with a jump of 1.80m getting closer and closer to his of 1.90m aim. Ella Connolly too did well at the event placing 3rd in the U16 100m with a time of 12.78sec and 2nd in the U16 400m in 58.90sec.

**Swimming**

Lucky Patterson (Yr 10) too has had a very hectic 2014 already being named Swimmer of the Meet at the Queensland Sprint Titles. The award for which she received a crystal vase was awarded to her after smashing out 5 personal best swims including Gold medals in Freestyle and Butterfly, Silver for her Backstroke swim and Bronze for her Breaststroke. Whilst competing against girls up to 10 years older than her who on top of that are already members of the Australian Paralympic Team may be enough to throw a competitor, Lucky simply took it all in her stride and impressed many including the National Paralympic Performance Coach.

A big congratulation goes to all students who have had a great start to 2014 and I look forward to sharing more success stories with you in the coming weeks and months.

Andrea Hickey | Mentor Academy Program Coordinator

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**St Columban’s College**

**Charity Golf Day 2014**

**Friday 30 May**

**Sponsors and Players Welcome**

Email: scaboolture@bne.catholic.edu.au

www.stc.qld.edu.au

(07) 5495 3111

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we are looking for players, sponsors and prizes.

All funds raised support our Mission and Outreach Program

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**TAS Sport**

**Tennis**

We have had a mixed start to the tennis season so far. On Saturday our Open A team of Bryah Guilfoyle, Tess Holloway, Noemi Hadnagy and Megan Delaney all had very tough matches with only Noemi winning her singles. She overcame her own fears to win a very closely contested match. Megan also fought hard, the final score of 2-6 not a true indication of the battle.

Our Open B team of Joanna Giles, Jessica Burnett, Melina Lock and Elsa Magnusson won by one game, with solid performances by all girls. Special mention of Elsa who is new to the game and put in 100% to win her singles 6-1.

Year 10 also had close matches winning by seven games. Shankia Lal took her opportunities and turned them into success winning both doubles and singles. Lily Woodbridge played both sets to a tiebreak which was no mean feat given the temperature on the court.

Our Year 9 team of Tiffany McErlane, Brianna Van Der Meer, Ella Connolly and Elli Holloway went down in straight sets, however the girls gave it their all. Special mention of Tiffany for a very clinical performance and to Ella who put in a very spirited and feisty performance despite her lack of experience.

The Year 8 team of Rebecca Him, Jennifer Suen, Kailah Blackman and Courtney Staples also went down in straight sets. This team has very little experience and it’s good to see a smile on their faces despite the loss. An outstanding performance by Courtney who was 4-0 down and fought back to only lose by 2 games.

Margaret Hallinan
Tennis Coordinator

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**Volleyball**

Last weekend saw the TAS Boys Volleyball Teams come up against the fairly strong and experienced St John’s Volleyball Squad. The Year 10s, Seconds and Firsts all put up good fights, taking a set in each of the games and very close scores in the other sets. The boys really demonstrated a high quality of gamesmanship and sportsmanship against a tough opposition. All five teams are to be commended for their efforts and fighting spirit – they are all really doing St Columban’s proud.

A particular mention to 4 of the Year 10 Volleyball Boys who played cricket before and after their volleyball game… a full day of competition in two sports in sweltering heat. Well done Russell Rosenberger, Callum Clarke, Jeremy Brand and Callum Lederhose – you are to be commended on your commitment to the College and the TAS Sports.

**Year 8**

StC v St Johns: 0-3

The boys had to step up this week competing against a team which was obviously much more experienced. The athleticism of our players however held us in good stead, with StC ahead on points at various times in every set. Against a hard hitting opposition, the team learned an enormous amount about tactical defense and even built their own attack around the dig, set, spike combination. Great to see the training pay off! Although we didn’t collect the 2 points on the day, there was no substitute for the experience that will serve the boys well in the upcoming weeks.
**TAS Results StC v St John’s 15 Feb**

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**TAS Progress points after Round 3**

(each school has 1 bye and 1 double points round at varying stages during this season)

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**TAS Ecumenical Mass**

The TAS sporting year was officially launched last Wednesday with the TAS Ecumenical Mass held at St Paul’s School. The College’s captains and Spirit, Tradition and Community captains help to celebrate this opening liturgy with the 12 other schools that form the TAS sporting competition.

Thanks to our leaders for representing the College in such a positive manner and we hope to see a year filled with great sporting experiences, fair play and sportsmanship and involvement.

MS Michelle Wust
TAS Sports Coordinator.

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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.

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Careers News

SCHOOL BASED
- Hospitality Traineeship – Beerwah (Certificate III in Hospitality)
- Media (Games Design) – Brendale (Certificate III in Media)
- Hospitality Traineeship – Caboolture (Certificate III in Hospitality)
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship – Caboolture & Woodford (Certificate III in Hairdressing)
- Mechanics Apprenticeship (Light Vehicle) - Caboolture
- Carpentry Apprenticeship – Caboolture
- Business Traineeship – Strathpine
- Disability Traineeship – Strathpine (Certificate III in Disabilities)
- Civil Construction Traineeship – Caboolture
- Horticulture Traineeship – Petrie
- Aged Care Traineeship – Sandgate & Taigum (Certificate III in Aged Care)
- Cabinet Making Apprenticeship – Narangba (Certificate III in Cabinetmaking)
- Child Care Traineeships – Caboolture (Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care)
- Wall & Floor Tiling Apprenticeship – Caboolture (Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care)
- Business Administration – Caboolture Hospital (Certificate III in Business)
- Business Administration x 2 – Redcliffe Hospital (Certificate III in Business)

FULL TIME
- Apprentice Wall & Floor Tiler – North Lakes
- Apprentice Bricklayer – Mango Hill
- Apprentice Industrial Spray Painter – Banyo
- Apprentice Sheet Metal Worker – Brendale
- Apprentice Shopfitter – Brendale
- Business Administration Traineeship - Nambour

CASUAL JOBS
- Cleaning for Pest Control (2 shifts per week)
- Junior Wait Staff Position – Caloundra
- Red Rooster Customer Service Crew - Caboolture

For further information on any of the above, please visit the Careers and Training Department or contact:
Lyndel Russell
Career & Training Officer
Ph: 07 5433 7384
Email: larussell@bne.catholic.edu.au

Log onto www.stc.qld.edu.au and click Blog for Positions Vacant, Scholarships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Jobs
Community Notices

FUN RUN / WALK  Leukaemia Foundation 8am Sunday 23 February at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture. Support Leukey's Angels effort to fundraise $50 000.
Registration Fee: 2Km—$20 (under 3 Free) or 5Km—$30 (10 yrs and above).
Must register online at www.ifqcab.com.au. Contact Jane McMillan 0422 584 080 or Vicki Wood 0402 065 619

Mountain Bike Orienteering: on a bike, in the forest, with a map.
For friends, families or hardcore athletes!
Recreational Course 1 adult 4 kids $15.
You need a bike and a helmet. Register and more info at: www.sunshineorienteers.com.au Or phone Stu on 0439979261

CAN YOU HELP????
We are looking for Host Families who would be willing to host our Japanese student attending St Columban's for a term.
This is a wonderful opportunity to share your lifestyle and home while your family experiences another culture. Host Families will receive a stipend of $20.00 per night to assist with hosting costs.
If you would like more information about being a Host Family please call:- Rosemary Stols on 3888 8808 or 0404 535 394.

CENTRAL LAKES SHOPPING VILLAGE

WIN a $500 Woolworths voucher or a $200 Priceline Pharmacy Hamper!
For your chance to WIN spend $10 or more in any Central Lakes Shopping Village store (excluding Woolworths), attach your store receipt to this voucher, fill in your details below and place in the prize draw box in front of Woolworths. Additional vouchers in Central Lakes Shopping Village Newsletter and 5th, 12th and 19th March editions of Caboolture News.
Prize Draws: Friday 7th, 14th and 21st March
Enter multiple times to increase your chances!

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Terms and Conditions:
- Store spend must be $10 or more.
- Personal information provided is confidential and will not be passed on to any third party.
- By providing your email address you agree to receive future marketing information from Central Lakes Shopping Village.
- All entries valid for subsequent prize draws.
- Entries must be in prize draw box by midday 7th/14th/21st March.
- Competition ends midnight 21st March.

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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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