



# newsletter

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## Principal's Message

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### DATE CLAIMERS

**Monday 17 July**

Parent, Teacher, Student  
Conversation  
3:30—6:00 pm

**Friday 21 July**

Celebrating Academic  
Success Assembly  
10:00—11:00 am

**Saturday 22 July**

St Mary's Parish  
Community Fete  
11:00—5:00 pm

**Monday 24 July**

Beginning of Catholic  
Education Week

**Friday 28 July**

Steele Celebration Day

**Wednesday 30 August**

Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast  
8:00—8:45 am

### Uniform Shop

New operating hours:

Tuesday 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 PM

### Enrolments

We are currently enrolling students for Year 7 for 2018 and 2019.

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. A chilly start to the term, but my heart was certainly warmed with the triumphant win by our Queenslanders on Wednesday evening. It is amazing in the wash up of the game how so many have attributed the win to the 'culture of teamwork, belief and a 'hang in there' attitude... a determination to defy the odds. Is it a myth or a reality? All I know is that on paper, it seemed it was not our year, but through the miracle that is a positive and growth mindset, the Queensland team certainly were victorious.

As our students returned this week, we focussed on setting new goals for the term and reminded them of the power of a positive, growth mindset. "I can't do it" is replaced with "I may not be able to do it YET..." Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and students next week at the Parent Teacher Student Conversations on Monday 17 July from 3:30 – 6:00 pm to talk about how we realise improvement and grow a positive mindset that is at the heart of many great achievements.

As a community, this week, we welcomed several new people to the College.



Mr James Way joins us on staff teaching in the areas of Mathematics, ICT and ITD. He and his family have had a busy time relocating from Stanthorpe and settling into Beaudesert.



New Student Amber Maguire joined the McAuley Community on Monday. Amber attended Gleneagle State School and enjoys playing Netball.

Welcome Amber. We hope you settle

As well, we started our Instrumental Program and welcome Ms Joanna Funk (Piano teacher), Ms Caryn Eastman (Guitar and Strings teacher) and Ms Rebecca Teese (Choir Coach).

Next Friday 21 July, we will celebrate our inaugural Celebrating Academic Success assembly start at 10:00 am. At the assembly, students will be acknowledged for their success both in their studies for the first semester and their attendance. Parents are most welcome to join us for this occasion with a morning tea to follow.



Lastly, we congratulate Mrs Megan Field and her husband Ben on the safe arrival of their little boy, Zac Benjamin Field. Our first McAuley College baby! Molly and Tyson are most pleased with their new brother.



All the best for the fortnight ahead. Don't forget to put the St Mary's Community Fete into the diary on Saturday 22 July, starting at 11.00 am.

In Mercy,

**Deidre Young**  
Principal

## ***BELIEVE... In action***

**Aim high and do not let your life be defined by mediocrity.**

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light not our darkness that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,  
talented and fabulous?  
Actually, who are you not to be?*

*You are a child of God.  
Your playing small does not serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other  
people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.  
And as we let our own light shine,  
we unconsciously give other people  
permission to do the same.*

I remember reading this quote from Marianne Williamson's book *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of a Course in Miracles* some years ago and being struck by its audaciousness. And yet, as I sat with its sentiments and reflected on them over the years, especially as a parent and educator, its claims ring very true. Often the greatest limitations that we have in our lives are the ones that we place there ourselves. There is often a learnt behaviour or perhaps some false sense of humility that stops us from truly aiming high.

To aim high and to hold high expectations of ourselves are critical elements in students achieving their potential. A publication by Professor John Hattie, Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, the body that sets the standards for Australian teachers and school leaders, established that the thing that has the greatest impact on student learning is the students "self-reported grades". Children often predict how they will perform and work to that level. Hattie later entitled this learning strategy "Student Expectations" to express more clearly that this strategy involves finding out what are the student's expectations and pushing them to exceed these expectations. Once a student has performed at a level that is beyond their own expectations, he or she gains confidence in his or her learning ability. It is about enabling students to move beyond the limitations that they place on themselves.



Encouraging our children beyond their self-determined expectations in order for them to reach their potential is a responsibility that the College shares with parents. We serve our students best when we aim for high expectations in areas such as school attendance, uniform, behaviour, homework, generosity, expressing gratitude and adopting a positive approach to learning. These are behaviours that are important throughout their schooling and then into life beyond school. McAuley College spends considerable time and energy focussing on productive behaviours for learning. These behaviours assist our students in aiming high in regards to those behaviours that will set them up for success. I encourage parents to spend some time going over the latest reports with your son or daughter and looking for times to regularly read over their schoolwork. In doing this please encourage your child to aim high and always do their best work. This is a lesson best learnt in the junior years of schooling.

In John's Gospel, Chapter 10 Jesus says, "*I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full*". Such a wonderful promise that our children can reach their potential. Let's always work together to help our sons and daughters to aim high so as to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous.

Many thanks to all parents for your ongoing support of the College in the education of your child.

*David Harris*

**Assistant Principal—Religious Education**

## ***LEARN... In action***

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all our families had an opportunity to enjoy a break over the school holidays, and enjoy the beautiful weather that was on offer.

The start of Semester 2 marks a number of changes in curriculum, specifically changes in core and elective subjects. Core class Tamborine has changed from History to Geography and from Health and Physical Education to Spanish. Core class Wyaralong has done the opposite. These changes allow our students to cover all the core subjects across the year. There have also been changes in Elective subjects. With the arrival of Mr James Way all students will complete Digital Technologies as one elective for this term. Bojaxhiu and Steele (Group 1) will also study Civics and Citizenship with Mrs Heit while students in Frassati and MacKillop will study Media Studies with Mr Borg.

This coming Monday we will hold Parent Teach Student Conversations from 3:30pm to 6:00pm in rooms W1 and W2. Interviews will be 10 minutes in length. By the time of publication Parent Teacher Online (PTO), the software we use to arrange bookings, will be closed.

If you are no longer able to make your appointment please contact the College during business hours to cancel your appointment and allow us time to inform the relevant teacher(s).

Please be aware that Mrs Megan Field will be unavailable as she is now on leave and Mrs Melanie Burr will also be unavailable due to her attendance at a two day professional development course being run at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

It was most enjoyable to watch the Queensland Maroons once again win the State of Origin. Let's hope the Wallabies can replicate a similar success when the rugby championship begins a few weeks.

Have a great fortnight.

**Michael Darcy**  
Deputy Principal

### **SPORTS NEWS**

It was a busy Semester One of Sport and Semester Two picks up where we left off with the final rounds of our SECA competition throughout the first part of Term Three.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

We celebrated our final 'first carnival' on the last day of Term Two, and what a spectacular day it was with stunning weather and remarkable participation from students throughout the day. As has become custom, our students displayed excellent House spirit and physical prowess throughout the carnival. We were once again blessed to have the support and assistance of many parents and families throughout the day, helping to ensure the success of our carnival. It was also fantastic to see a number of spectators from the St Mary's Primary School Community throughout the day, with many commenting on the wonderful spirit demonstrated by the McAuley College students. Special thanks must also go to Beaudesert and Districts Little Athletics for their assistance with the carnival, including use of equipment and preparation of the venue. Well done to Mrs Field, Mrs Heit, Mr Borg and the Mackillop House for completing the trifecta and emerging House Champions.



Congratulations must go to our Inaugural Age Champions and new McAuley College record holders. Given the number of events, details about College records will be made available on the school portal.

Age Champions:

<p><b>12 Years Girls</b> Winner: Anna Brandon Runner up: Sofiya Bentley</p>	<p><b>12 Years Boys</b> Winner: Max Hohl Runner up: Jayden Tomlinson</p>
<p><b>13 Years Girls</b> Winner: Annalise Heit Runner up: Abi Henry</p>	<p><b>13 Years Boys</b> Winner: Harry O'Reilly Runner up: Sam Blyton</p>

### SECA Athletics

On Tuesday 1 August, McAuley College students will travel to the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre (QSAC) in Nathan for the SECA Athletics Carnival. I am very excited to announce all students will attend this day to represent our College as an athlete, reserve or spectator. This is an amazing opportunity for our College community, a chance to visit a world-class facility and showcase our school pride. Further information will be provided for students early next week accompanied by a permission letter with specific details about the program for the day.

### Upcoming Pacific Rim Trials

On Thursday 24 August Pacific District trials for Athletics will be held at Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre (QSAC). Any students interested in trialling to make the district team will need to make contact with me for further information around the nomination process. All nominations for this trial will be due by Friday 18 August.

A comprehensive list of Pacific District sporting trials can be found on the South Coast website; <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/pacific%20rim/2017-pacific-district-trial-information-south-coast-website-current-as-of-6-03-2017.pdf>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the nomination process.

**Mrs Amy Richards**  
**Sports Coordinator**



### *Birthday Wishes*

Guess who turned 21 again, and again and then some more!!!

We started of the term with a birthday and lots of food.  
Jenny Craig does not work here!

**Happy Birthday Deirdre**



### **Attachments:**

Please view the two attachments in this week's newsletter

1. St Mary's Parish Community Fete Permission Form
2. Little Athletics sign-on flyer