

# newsletter

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## Principal's Message

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### DATE CLAIMERS

**Friday 8 and**

**Saturday 9 September**

Beaudesert Show

**Friday 15 September**

End of Term Three

Mercy Day

**Saturday 17 September**

Installation of Fr Kevin Njoku

as Parish Priest  
of St Mary's Parish

10:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday 3 October**

First Day of Term Four

**Friday 17 November**

Opening and Blessing of  
McAuley College—Stage One

### 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 and 8 for 2018 and Year 7  
for 2019.

Over the past term, I have been lucky to be engaged in a course designed for leaders in Brisbane Catholic Education called *Leading with Integrity*. I know, you are intrigued and I am already starting to wonder if it is the best opening line for my newsletter article to grab your attention.

The purpose of the course was to focus on those aspects of leadership in Catholic schools which support 'the why'... being the education of the whole person in our care. One part of the course focused on Safety and Wellbeing. To me, this is such an important aspect of our work, and for me, core to my role is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of each person at McAuley College. Interesting enough, one presenter talked about it in terms of FLOW.

Flow is "being in the zone". It is when you reach the peak of your performance which is effective and sustainable. Achieving 'flow' means you can be creative, confident in making decisions and tackle challenges with ease. For these reasons, we all want to achieve 'flow'. Elite athletics are wonderful examples of factoring in time within their training for relaxation, rest, sleep and recreation. And so the capacity to achieve 'flow' is linked intrinsically with balance between work and play.

There are a number of take home messages regarding 'flow' for us all, students and adults alike:

- **Find the balance.** Flow can only occur if we factor in our other interests; join a Sports team, play a musical instrument, join a Service group. For our students, this is particularly important as the research shows engagement in co-curricular activities builds greater resilience... as it helps us to achieve our 'flow'.

- **Focus on the task in front of you.** Today there are many complexities and the lure of checking emails or engaging in social media, whilst trying to do a task is distracting and counterproductive. For our students, this is about turning off the mobile phone or social media, whilst trying to complete homework or assessment and whilst trying to enjoy some rest or sleep. Give our attention to the one task and do that well without the other distractions.

### Working for McAuley

- McAuley College is currently advertising for a number of teaching positions for January 2018. Please visit our website for more details: <http://www.mcauley.qld.edu.au>
- Canteen Convenor to start at the beginning of Term 4, 2018 - Refer to last page of newsletter for the advertisement for the Canteen Convenor.



*Baking for the Beaudesert Show  
Yummy Slices and Biscuits, those  
lucky judges!*

*Our Canteen Trial Day with our First  
Customer!!!  
Thank you Mrs van der Togt  
We had fun!*



In Mercy  
**Deidre Young**  
Principal

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

#### **We celebrate the role of Fathers and Grandfathers**

It was wonderful to have 22 fathers and grandfathers join the staff and students of McAuley College on Wednesday 30 August for a BBQ breakfast and liturgy. During the liturgy, Jake Robinson read the following excerpt from Pope Francis' exhortation to families entitled 'On Love in the Family':

*God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be close to his children as they grow –  
when they play and when they work,  
when they are carefree and when they are distressed,  
when they are talkative and when they are silent,  
when they are daring and when they are afraid,  
when they stray and when they get back on the right path.  
To be a father who is always present.*



We sincerely acknowledge and thank all McAuley College fathers for the significant role you play in the lives of your children. May you be blessed abundantly for your generous and committed love for your children.

## McAuley College students sleep out in solidarity with the nation's homeless

There are 'officially' more than 105,000 Australians who are homeless. A quarter of these people live in Queensland. Approximately 7,500 of them are families and 24% of homelessness is due to domestic violence. Given the national average of homelessness, there would be approximately 30 homeless people in Beaudesert on average for any given night.

These were some of the statistics that the Year 7 students from McAuley College delved into as they braved the cold at the McAuley College Homeless Solidarity Sleep Out on Friday 1 September.

Students were also able to engage on a personal level with the issue of homelessness by experiencing a little of the challenge of homelessness.

The students experienced a 'soup kitchen' style dinner where receiving something to eat was by chance. The students also experienced 'sleeping rough' and heard firsthand accounts of youth homelessness in Brisbane.

The sleep out was part of a series of solidarity experiences and fund raisers that the students of McAuley College have engaged in this year as they express their commitment to a more just and equitable society.



*Students in front of their infographic of homeless statistics*

## Queensland Child Protection Week



This past week was designated the Queensland Child Protection Week. Much of our effort at schools and indeed at home is focussed on ensuring the safety of our children. On Monday, Senior Constable Noel Kerger (our College adopt-a-cop) addressed the College on issues around Cyber safety and Cyber bullying. Senior Constable Noel Kerger reminded the students of the need to ensure that their online persona is the same as who they are in reality. He also stressed the need for vigilance, privacy and open communication with parents in ensuring their online safety.

The College's Child Protection Policy can be found on the College website. The McAuley College Child Protection Officers are Mrs Deidre Young, Mr David Harris and Mrs Kym Houston.

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing commitment to your child's education at McAuley College.

## Monthly Mass at McAuley

Starting this Friday we will be holding a monthly mass at the College, celebrated by Fr Kevin. The Mass will start at 8:00am in the Student Services room. Please see the attached flyer for future dates.

*David Harris*

**Assistant Principal – Religious Education**

## **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**



Congratulations to Ashlee Challis and Emily Stockwell who along with the rest of their Netball Team—The Blue Jay Freckles, took out the Cup at the Grand Finals last week. The score was a very exciting and close 26-25.

**GO THE BLUE JAY FRECKLES!!!!**

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

In choosing the laptops for students and staff last year we decided to go with the DELL laptops following excellent recommendations from Brisbane Catholic Education's IT services, as well as advice from a number of schools that were successfully using the models that we now use. Unfortunately, however, technology has a frustrating habit of breaking down, often when we most need it. Over the last couple of weeks a number of students have reported some minor issues with their Dell laptops, most issues are fixed in a couple of days from being reported.

DELL is very prompt at attending to any repair issues and as such we've been reporting these to DELL and technicians are usually onsite within 24 hours. If a student has an issue with their laptop they need to see Mrs Burr in the eCentre. Mrs Burr will lodge a repair request with DELL and the technician is usually onsite the following day and the issue resolved. In some instances, if the repair is a little more challenging, it may take a couple of days to resolve. However, most issues are fixed in a couple of days being reported.

A small number of students have also reported minor screen damage after they have dropped their machine. In purchasing the DELL laptops we also purchased an accidental damage policy. This is an insurance policy with DELL which allows us to have these issues repaired once in the life of the machine. As with any insurance policy, if more claims on a device are made then the College is charged an excess fee on the repair of the device, which is passed on to the parents. Although our students are generally very careful with looking after their laptops, it's important for students to remember they are responsible for their laptop and that it can be an expensive lesson if they forget to treat these devices with care and respect.

Good luck to our students who have entered art work and cooking into this weekend's Beaudesert Show. It's exciting to know that in our foundation year our students are producing high quality work for display to the Scenic Rim community. Thank you also to Mr Borg and Mrs Heit for taking the time to work with our students to prepare for these competitions.

Spring has definitely arrived in Beaudesert given the noticeably warmer weather this week. Enjoy our last week of term and I hope everyone has a wonderful break over two weeks of holidays that follow. Have a great three weeks.

**Michael Darcy**  
**Deputy Principal**



eCentre News

## Book Week Competitions

As part of our Book Week celebrations – *Escape to Everywhere* this year, we ran three competitions:

**Competition 1** - Guess how many pages in a stack of books (*winning entry Amber O'Sullivan*)

**Competition 2** - Write an escape story (*winning entry Loretta MacNellie*)

**Competition 3** – Draw an image of a place you would escape to (*winning entry Tia-Jade Anderson*)

I would like to thank all the students who participated in this year's competitions for the time and effort they put into their wonderful entries. Thank you to Mrs van der Togt for judging these competitions. It was definitely not an easy choice to make!

I can't wait for next year!

**Mrs Melanie Burr, Teacher Librarian  
and Literacy Coordinator**



## McAuley College meets the *Gladiators*, *Iron Man* and the *Marvel Superheroes*!



What an amazing experience for all of our students on Monday, 28 August as they travelled to Southbank to experience the *Marvel* exhibition at GOMA and the *Gladiators* exhibition at Queensland Museum!

*Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe* featured costumes, props, sets, artwork, film sequences and special effects from the blockbuster *Marvel* movies. Many of the items were on exclusive loan directly from the production company in Los Angeles. Our students were able to see and interact with the objects and get a glimpse into the incredible world of the *Marvel* franchise. The exhibition was a great way to enrich the students' learning in both Visual Arts and Media Arts.

The *Gladiators* exhibition was equally amazing! It featured more than 110 original artefacts including pieces of the Colosseum, authentic elaborately decorated bronze gladiator helmets and original arms and armour preserved in the ashes of Pompeii. Students and staff were immersed in the everyday lives of Ancient Roman Gladiators with interactive games and displays that revealed who gladiators were, where they lived and how they trained. The exhibition is a wonderful resource and discussion point for our unit study of Ancient Rome in History this year.

Our students were wonderful ambassadors for McAuley College on our first whole school excursion. They represented the College and our community with pride, and we congratulate them for their enthusiasm and participation on the day.

**Melanie Burr and Chris Borg**



## **SPORTS NEWS**

What a wonderful term of Sport it has been, with so many opportunities for students to be involved. As I reflect on the term that has been, I am so proud of the McAuley College students and staff for their ongoing commitment to Sport within our community. From SECA sport, to Athletics, morning training, Thursday sport and other initiatives, there has been much to celebrate as our students strive for personal excellence in many different contexts.

### **Pacific Rim Trials**

Congratulations to Anna Brandon, Melanie Gustar, Loretta MacNellie, Peter Riddle, Max Hohl and Charlie Love who represented McAuley College at Pacific District Athletics trials on Thursday 24 August. Special mention must go to Charlie who successfully made the District team after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12 Years Boys Discus at the carnival, moving on to the Regional trials held on Wednesday 6 September. Once again Charlie performed exceptionally well, placing 5<sup>th</sup> at this carnival. Well done!

### **Around the community**

September not only brings with it a change of season, but a change in sport for many of our students. This time of the year can be an exciting one as students take on a new challenge for their summer sport season or reflect on the trials and successes of their winter sporting season. Many of our students have been involved in finals over the past few weeks and I would like to acknowledge the achievements of the following students who have been members of grand final winning teams.



Charlie Love – U12 Kingfishers Captain

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team/Sport</u>
Charlie Love	Beaudesert Kingfishers Rugby League
Jake Robinson	Beaudesert Rangers Soccer
Sam Higgins	Beaudesert Rangers Soccer
Emily Stockwell	Jimboomba Netball
Ashlee Challis	Jimboomba Netball

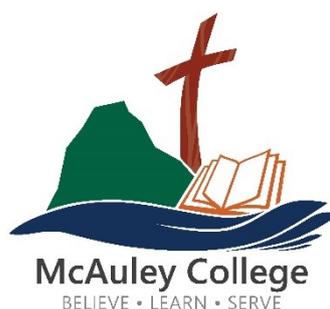
I encourage all students to share their stories of sporting success within the wider community, allowing us to celebrate as a College.

## Bridge to Brisbane

On Sunday 27 August a group of McAuley College students hit the pavement on the streets of Southbank to raise funds for charity and participate in the largest fun run in South East Queensland. Anna Brandon, Sofiya Bentley, Abi Henry, Felicity Greber, Max Hohl and Jake Robinson were up bright and early to complete the 5km run where they were able to see some of Brisbane's most iconic landmarks. I am so proud of the commitment and determination shown by these students as they achieved their goals and represented the College within the wider community. It certainly was incredible to have a McAuley College representation within the 30,000 participants at Bridge to Brisbane Day and it is something I am sure we would love to continue into the future. Special thanks to Mrs Young and Evie for joining us and to the parents who were so supportive of this wonderful event.



Mrs Amy Richards - Sports Coordinator



McAuley College invites applications for the position of

**Canteen Convenor**

to commence Term 4, 2017

The Canteen Convenor is a part time contract for 8 hours per week over two school nominated days for term time only

The successful applicant will be required to have, or be eligible to apply for a Blue Card

Completion of a Food Safety Supervisor Course would be desirable

Duties will include the general operation of the canteen, such as:

- ordering
- preparing and serving food
- cleaning
- managing volunteers

Applications should include an Expression of Interest letter addressed to Mrs Deidre Young, Principal including any experiences or skills that will assist you in filling the role advertised, as well as providing the names of two referees – Professional and Personal.

Email to [sbeaudesert@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbeaudesert@bne.catholic.edu.au) or Post – PO Box 36, Beaudesert

For any further information, please contact the College on 5542 3000

Applications close **5.00 pm on Friday 15 September 2017**

