



newsletter

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Principal's Message **Issue 6: 5 April 2019**

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 23 April

First Day of Term Two

Wednesday 24 April

ANZAC Day School Service
11:00am

Thursday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Dawn Service 4:15am
Beaudesert March 11:00am
Fall-in across from Woolworths
Boonah March 10:30am

**Wednesday 15
to Friday 17 May**
Year 8 Camp

Accepting Enrolments for

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 2020

As I write this final article for the term, I am conscious of how busy our school still is as the term ends. It has been a very busy start to the year and we are all deserving of the well-earned break starting this Friday afternoon. Much has happened in these last two weeks.



Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of joining nine other staff members in representing our college at this year's **Scenic Rim Excellence in Business Awards**. We were nominated in the **Excellence in Professional and Community Services** category. Although not the winners of this award, we were ecstatic to be finalists. The evening was a great success for the Scenic Rim business community and highlighted the strong growth taking place in this part of Queensland. It was also wonderful to see many of our McAuley College community engaged in the evening.



Wednesday this week we again hosted a gala day for the Year 5 students from St Mary's Primary school. This was another successful event and my thanks goes out to our Pastoral Leader Years 7 and 8, Mr Christopher Borg and his team for the success of the day.





As has become our tradition, we finished the term with our Easter Liturgy and College Cross Country. My thanks to our Assistant Principal Religious Education Mr David Harris, and acting Sports Leader Mr James Way for their preparation of both important college events. Congratulations to Steele House on winner the Cross Country for 2019. Photographs will appear in the next edition of our newsletter.

Thank you also to Miss Ashleigh Beattie for running the Caritas Appeal during Lent. Our students have raised \$1355.25 during the last four weeks, which is a testament to the generosity of our parents, students and community.

Lent is traditionally a time of reflection. In the Northern hemisphere, it often begins in the last weeks of winter and continues into the first few weeks of spring. The weather is still quite cool and some areas are still experiencing snowfall. It is a time when they move from the harsh conditions of winter into the new life and rejuvenation of spring. As such Lent is a time of reflection. A time of introspection where we review how we have been traveling as Christians and make changes to better live authentic Catholic Christian lives.

It is poignant that as we end this term we ask students and their parents to reflect upon their progress thus far through their Term One Interim Progress Reports. It is important for parents to sit with their son or daughter and go through this document together, highlighting the areas of success and identifying areas that need greater focus. This is an important process, a growth process. It allows students to set themselves achievable goals to work towards in the coming term.



Just as spring follows winter, so does Easter follow Lent. Walking around the shops it's hard to avoid the overcommercialisation of the Easter season. Yet the symbols of new life, of renewal – rabbits and eggs – are visible everywhere. These same symbols direct our thoughts to the Easter story, which is the story of Resurrection. A story of renewal, of new life, a story of hope. The Gospels tell us of the fear the Apostles had following Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. However, these same scriptures also tell us of the Apostles' joy upon discovering Jesus' Resurrection. The hope that Jesus preached became a reality on Easter Sunday, and continues to be a reality for us today.

As this first hectic term ends I want to thank all who have made it a success. Thank you to our dedicated staff for the hard work they put in each day to ensure your children, our students, experience high quality learning and teaching. Thanks also to our School Officers and Administration staff who provide the daily support for our community. Thank you also to you our parents for your support as we work in partnership to educate the young people in our care. Moreover, thank you to our wonderful students who have engaged fully in the academic, sporting, cultural and religious life of our college throughout this first term.

I wish all in our community a restful and relaxing break. If you are travelling over the next two weeks, safe travels.

Happy Easter.

Michael Darcy
Deputy Principal

