



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE
— ABERGOWRIE —

Gowrie NEWS

SEMESTER 2 | TERM 3 | WEEK 1



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I am looking forward to another semester of our students imagining their potential and rising to the opportunities in all their endeavours across the school.

REPORTS

Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have any queries about your son's report, the best way would be via email or phone. The coordinators in the coming weeks will also meet with your son to discuss their reports and to see what learning they can recognise to help them improve over the coming semester.

NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome a number of new staff to the community:

Ms Megan Shanahan **Teacher**
(replacing Mr Peter Kirby)

Mr Sam Eldridge **Teacher**
(replacing Ms Deanna Chesterton)

Mrs Theresa Cowley **IYLP Tutor**
(1 day per week)

Ms Jenna Gilbert **IYLP Tutor**
(Fulltime)

Mr Zenard Deyana **Boarding Supervisor**

Mr Peter Corboy **Boarding Supervisor**

The new boarding supervisors are replacing Mr Zach Cantwell, Mr Kieren Sellers and Mr Simon McDonald.

Mr Darryl Haines **Indigenous Health Worker TAIHS**

Ms Teresa Santo **Indigenous Admin Officer TAIHS**

NEWS AND EVENTS

Abergowrie has been successful in a Black Spot mobile tower program. We will be notified when construction will commence. There is a three year window for construction across the successful applicants. (continued over page)

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 26 - 29
IYLP Brisbane Camp

JULY 29
Ingham Catholic Education Week Mass

AUGUST 6
College Athletics Day

AUGUST 7
NAIDOC Celebrations

INGHAM SHOW AWARDS Over the holidays, the College took out a number of awards for its display at the Ingham Show, including first place for best Secondary School Display and second place for Most Effective School Display. 2014 graduate Daniel Bosun took out the woodwork section for his mirror, and Tariq Ase received second place for his jewellery box. Thank-you to those staff members to who took time out from their holidays to put together the display.

CONFRATERNITY A huge congratulations to those boys who competed in the Rugby League Confraternity Carnival over the holidays. Our team finished in sixth place out of 48 teams. The boys were great ambassadors for the College and truly displayed what the Gowrie Spirit is all about.

MULKADEE Last week, 13 of our Year 8 students have travelled to Townsville each day to attend the annual Catholic Education Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival. The program offered our students, along with hundreds of others from Catholic schools in the Townsville Diocese, the chance to experience a variety of artistic workshops from experienced professionals across the country. They performed at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on Friday night, and from all reports, it was a wonderful show. The boys should be very proud of themselves!

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 - 2019

The St Teresa's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan is in the process of being developed through a consultative process involving staff across the College. I would like to extend the invitation for feedback to the wider Abergowrie family to help build a strategic focus that is relevant and achievable. Attached (via email) is the latest draft and I invite feedback either via email or phone by Monday, August 3.

Robert Corboy

PRINCIPAL



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HEAD OF BOARDING



From the stories that we've heard, the boys certainly enjoyed their holidays; spending time with family, fishing, hunting and catching up with friends. Leaving all that behind is quite difficult for some and homesickness is a real issue for students, and not just for the Year 7s. At the same time, many boys are excited about seeing friends here at the College again.

Homesickness is very normal and an experience that many adults go through – especially when people are away from family, it can strike at any time of life. One of our staff members was telling me a few days ago that she was homesick when she was in her 30s. The love of family and the connection to land is an incredibly strong emotion, and we are doing all we can to support the boys experiencing this. At the same time, I tell the boys that there is no magic solution, it is something they have to go through. Most of the boys get over it reasonably quickly once they engage in schooling and other activities. It is really wonderful to see the boys support one another through the experience.

CAIRNS SHOW

On the last week of the holidays, Mr Corboy and I had the pleasure of being at the Cairns show. St Teresa's managed to get a separate booth this year which allowed us to brand it in our own way. The booth was freshly painted green and gold, our school colours. What was most enjoyable was the number of past students who called in to see us and chat about their days at St Teresa's College. What struck me most was the way these men talked so positively about their experiences when they were students here and their interest in various staff members they remembered with affection. We hope to develop our booth even further next year with displays of the boys work.

BOARDERS LONG WEEKEND FORMS

During the holidays, we sent home forms for Boarders Long Weekend. We would appreciate it if parents and carers could send these forms back to us as soon as possible. If your boy/s is not going on leave for that weekend, please let us know as it helps with our planning.

The new term has well and truly started and most of the boys are now here. We hope and pray that it will be another good term. God bless you all.

Fr Pius Jones SM
HEAD OF BOARDING

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday break. A particular warm welcome to new students and staff – you will soon get to see and know how special the Gowrie spirit is at St Teresa's.

Father Damian has now finished walking all of the 800 kilometers of the Camino Way. He has prayed for us all on the Way. There is a good movie out at the moment called “Walking the Camino: 6 Ways to Santiago”—it's worth seeing. The movie also features a young, single parent mother, who pushes her 4 year old boy for the whole of the 800k... it's very inspirational.

This week is a busy one—all of Year 9s will be in Townsville for the Catholic Education Week Mass at the cathedral with all the other Townsville Catholic Schools. The rest of the school will be able to see the Mass by livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBPZobUjttw>

On Wednesday July 29, the whole school will be in Ingham with the rest of the Ingham Catholic Schools for a special Mass together. More details will follow. There will be no Thursday school Mass next week. A big part of Catholic Education Week is to do Acts of Kindness. Teachers will give students ideas how to carry this out to help those around us.

Diana Brodwoska

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Father,

At the start of the new term, we remember the love of our families and the companionship and support of everyone at St Teresa's.

We rejoice that you have entrusted us with the care of each other, and have called us to help others to grow in your image and likeness.

Empower us to bring out the best in others and express appreciation to all who encourage us and bring us new life.

Inspire us to be positive in attitude, encouraging in words, and loving in actions.

Amen.

HEAD OF STUDENTS



Welcome to Term 3!

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

For many, including me, the holidays were an important opportunity to affirm connections with family and friends. I was lucky to spend my holidays with my beautiful family, although I was lucky enough to run into a couple of boys from my Gowrie family. The Gowrie community is one that invites relationships, wherever we are. Those occasional conversations are part of what makes a community, although there is that closer connection with special individuals that we need to nurture. My time with family on holidays was enriching- whether it was camping, reading books together, playing a variety of board games or just enjoying each other's company. The cornerstone for all of these activities was the family conversation that term time does not always allow. Family holidays are a time to cherish, especially as our children get older, and I hope that all of our families had an opportunity to experience this.

TECHNOLOGY

Over the holidays, we had an ICT upgrade. We see technology as a real priority at St Teresa's and over the time I have been here, we have improved our technological infrastructure, equipment and the number and variety of devices that we have on site. This has boosted and assisted our programs wonderfully and is now an integral part of the way we deliver and allow the students to access and be engaged in their learning. However, there can be a downside if technology is abused. Here at Abergowrie, we have a strict ban on personal technology in the day school. This means that mobile phones, iPads, iPods, headphones etc. are not welcome in the classroom. This is for two main reasons: firstly, it takes away from teaching and learning if the boys aren't focused and secondly, the personal security of students who are bringing in the technology is at risk. I ask that you have conversations with your sons regarding this as to not cause any angst later down the track.

I wish everyone a prosperous and happy Term 3 and remember if you ever need to get in contact to chat about how your son is progressing, please don't hesitate to call.

Kind Regards,

Shawn Hague

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LEARNING ENRICHMENT CENTRE



This term sees the inception of a new program which will run under the umbrella of the Learning Support Centre. As a part of the IYLP Scholarship Program, we have been fortunate enough to secure more personnel resources with the aim of targeting literacy and numeracy for the students on the program. Therefore, we welcome to our Learning Support Team, as IYLP tutors, teachers Miss Jenna Gilbert, Mrs Madonna Corboy, Mrs Paula Hendersen and Ms Teresa Cowley. Teachers will provide in class support.

The National Collection of Consistent Data for students with a disability process is well under way. Learning Support Staff and Teaching Staff have been very busy examining and collating data in regards to this new national mandate. With the broadening of the definition of a disability to include learning difficulties, we now must adjust the way we look at this area. The aim of this is to then be able to ensure students receive the support and appropriate benefits within the school setting. Recently, all families should have received information regarding this national process being undertaken by all schools.

Anna Burberry

LEC COORDINATOR

UPCOMING DATES

July 21 - 24	Mulkadee
July 31	Orange Sky Laundry CEW Ambassadors presentation (Year 11)
July 26 - 29	IYLP trip to Brisbane
July 26 - August 1	Catholic education Week
July 27	Townsville Catholic Education Week Mass (Year 9)
July 30	Ingham Catholic Education Week Mass 9:30am (Year 7-12)
August 6	STC Athletics Day
August 7	NAIDOC celebration
August 9 - 13	Community Visit trip (Yarrabah/Mossman/Mareeba/Wujal Wujal)
August 17	Year 10 Retreat
August 22 - 24	Boarders Long Weekend
August 19 - 20	Palm Island staff immersion
September 1	NQ Athletics Carnival
September 3	Dalrymple Gap Walk
September 4 - 7	Community Visit (Doomadgee/Mornington Is/Bourketown/Mt Isa)
September 16	PNG Independence Day
Sept 28 - October 1	Community Visit (Kowanyama/Aurukun/Pormpuraaw/Weipa)
October 8 - 10	Community Consultation Committee Meeting
October 12 - 13	Boarding staff immersion trip Palm Island
October 21 - 22	Day staff immersion trip Palm Island

MULKADEE, INGHAM SHOW & MOSAIC TILING PROJECT



CONFRATERNITY

