



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE
— ABERGOWRIE —

Gowrie NEWS

SEMESTER 2 | TERM 3 | WEEK 5



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 21-24

Boarder Long
Weekend

AUGUST 20-24

TSI Community Visit

SEPTEMBER 1-2

QCS

SEPTEMBER 4

NQ Athletics

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Gowrie Family,

As we conclude the Year 11 and 12 Block for Term 3, and with the Boarders Long Weekend upon us, I believe it is an opportune moment to reflect on where we are. If you have been following our Facebook or reading the newsletter or Gowrie Yarn, you will notice how busy the College is and the great successes your sons are achieving. Mind you, there are always the challenges of inappropriate behaviours and actions that we are constantly dealing with, but that is life of any school.

It is our charter to give students a vision of themselves and their potential. Being a Catholic school, we follow the mantra

that 'the heart of education is the education of the heart.' For students of St Teresa's, our goal goes beyond the classroom text books to ensure each and every one of them knows that Jesus loves them unconditionally.

These young men are our adults, parents and leaders of the future and it is incumbent on us to as a school and in partnership with our families to help form good character and gentle hearts.

I hope you enjoy the pages below as we celebrate our boys' journey of the heart.

God bless,

Robert Corboy

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Year 10s went on the 'Be The Change' Retreat at the Dairy on Monday. There are a lot of future leaders in the group who really took on the message of the day. The sessions focused on 'Masks' – we all wear different masks in front of other people in order to fit in with a group. Are the masks a true reflection of who we really are? In order to 'be the change in the world,' we have to take off the protective mask we wear. People we know need to accept us for who we really are – without the masks we wear.

The students had an opportunity to reflect and be honest with themselves on something that they will do from this day forward to 'be the change' in community, society and school environment. Father Damian celebrated Mass at the end of the day and mentioned how much he enjoys the Masses with the boys at St Teresa's. Well done boys!

We had honoured guests at our School Formal Dinner this week. Our Parishioners think a lot about all of our boys and enjoy the Masses we have together. The boys made them feel very welcome at the dinner with respect and good humour. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful occasion to be together to share a lovely meal.

After the long weekend, we have Mr Niel Helmore from TCEO who will give a presentation on World Youth Day and Vocations week during Friday's Assembly.

Enjoy the long weekend. Be safe, be respectful and enjoy a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards,

Diana Brodowska

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 10 RETREAT



Dear Lord,
We thank you for the week which ends today.
We thank you for all the blessings and challenges.
We look forward Lord for your guidance and protection over the long weekend.
During the weekend keep us close to you.
Guide us and protect us.
All our activities we engage in should be for your glory.
We pray for your blessing in preparing for next week.
We pray for the grace to make us understand the lessons of last week so that we can use them in planning for next week.
Remind us to find some time to thank you and praise you.
As without you the weekend will not be there.
Amen.



HEAD OF BOARDING



The Australian Boarding School Association held its three day meeting recently in Alice Springs. I had the privilege of attending that meeting and talking to Heads of Boarding from all over the country. It was good to catch up with old friends and meet new people. The sessions were most interesting with people like Waverly Stanley and Dr Shauna Sandow sharing insights about how best to care for Indigenous boarders, how to respond to their needs and yet continually raise expectations and expect them to meet those standards.

When going to conferences of this type, usually one or two insights stand out for me. At this conference, the insight that most stood out for me was 'Raise your expectations'. At St Teresa's, we do have high standards and we can rightly be proud of our boys. At the same time, it confirmed for me, and indeed for many others present, that we must not expect less of our boys; we should and must continually set before their eyes great expectations, achievable standards and goals. By doing so, young people develop a sense of self-worth, of satisfaction and of gratitude.

Another highlight of the conference was driving out into a desert like place, where we were encouraged to feel the red sand under our feet and look up at the stars that shone so brightly due to the absence of 'light pollution'. There, as we listened to the didge, the loneliness of the place was taken away and for many of us, we experienced a connection with the earth and sky. The stars were explained to us and the significance they have had for many different cultures. The night finished with Darryl Lovegrove singing a few songs for us as the cold drove us closer to the campfires. It is a night that I certainly appreciated and one that will stay in my memory bank.

I hope that many of you enjoy the opportunity of seeing your boys over the Boarders Long Weekend. For those who live far away, the term is half over and you will see your boys again.

God Bless.

With every best wishes.

Fr Pius Jones SM
HEAD OF BOARDING

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



The focal point of the second semester has moved towards the transition of our Year 12 students into a meaningful pathway beyond schooling. Over the years, staff at St Teresa's have endeavoured to build professional relationships with the ADF, universities and the business communities. The College is in the fortunate position to have Mr Terry MacErlean commence the new role of Pathways Coordinator. Working in conjunction with the Middle Leadership Team and myself, Terry plays a pivotal role in focusing students' attention on their longer term goals and aspirations.

The VET Block for Term 3 has commenced for all of our non OP-eligible Year 11 and 12 students. TAIHS has taken over the delivery of the Primary Health with our Year 11s. The Year 12s are running the Rangers and AUSCO. The Rangers are continuing the good work down at the Dairy with Phil and Paul. The track down to Gowrie Creek is looking much better after each Block. The AUSCO students have been kept busy with Jay, Sue and Terry. One of the highlights was having Craig Canning (NQ Manager AUSCO) and Joe Rees (OHS Officer AUSCO) visit our facilities.

The QCS Test is being held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of September. During the QCS Test, students should remember these four strategies for success: use perusal time effectively, manage time, think and plan before responding, and review what has been done. These are all skills that every student across the College could use in any year level.

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Ingham Arts Festival;

Year 7: Fredrico David, Soren Pryor, Liam Sawers, Darnell Donahue

Year 8: Philemon Baira, Samuel Bon Wosomo, Jimmy Mestan, Jack Kris-Daniel

Year 12: Allan Wosomo, Jaydon Coles

Special mention must go to Jimmy Mestan, who received third place in the Bible Reading, and Allan Wosomo, who got first place in the Public Speaking Section. Thank you to Paula Henderson who helped the boys train for this event.

Yours in curriculum,

Angus Galletly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

HEAD OF STUDENTS



It has reached the half way mark in the term, and it is usually at this time where a variety of emotions start to take hold in our students. Sometimes however, the toughest thing about emotions is sharing them with others. Whether you are having a good day or a bad day, sharing your feelings can help you, and can also bring you closer to people you care about and who care about you. The way a person feels inside is important. It can be really hard not to tell anyone that you're feeling sad, worried, or upset. Then, it's just you and these bad feelings.

If you keep feelings locked inside, it can even make you feel sick! But if you talk with someone who cares for you, like your mum or dad, you will almost always start to feel better. It doesn't mean your problems and worries magically disappear, but at least someone else knows what's bothering you and can help you find solutions. Here at St. Teresa's, we even have counsellors to offer support. Some children— just like some adults — are more private than others. That means some people will feel more reluctant about sharing their feelings. A child doesn't have to share every feeling he or she has, but it is important to share feelings when they need help. You don't have to solve every problem on your own. Sometimes you need help. And if you do, talking about your feelings can be the first step toward getting it.

Kind Regards,

Shawn Hague

HEAD OF STUDENTS



Ingham Arts Festival competitors:
(back) Samuel Bon-Wosomo,
Jaydon Coles, Allan Wosomo
(front) Jimmy Mestan, Jack Kris-
Daniel, Liam Sawers, Darnell
Donahue, Frederico David, Soren
Pryor.

YEAR 7/8 COORDINATOR



Term 3 is the term where reality sets in. The boys are no longer in awe of everything around them and the novelty of school has worn off. They are truly high school students. It is now time for them to make their own decisions, go in their own direction and be wholly in charge of their learning. No longer seen as the new boys at the school, it is the decisions each of them make during this time that will set them up for failure or success. Many of them are starting to learn the expectations that they need to meet to become young Gowrie men. As a coordinator and with the efforts of the teachers, it is our job to guide them in their decision making to ensure they give themselves the best opportunity to succeed and reach their potential.

Success this term has come in many forms; as singers in the choir at Mulkadee, as readers during chapel, as athletes competing in the inter school athletics carnival in Ingham, as dances during the NAIDOC festivities and as good role models to the visitors who regularly come to our school. Attention to school work, being in class on time and respectfully participating in each and every lesson is success that can be measured every day and many boys are meeting these expectations with the maturity expected of year 7 and 8 students.

With four weeks left of the term, success for the boys will be completing all assessment items to the best of their ability and showing a willingness to engage in all aspects of their learning. We will continue to place expectations on the boys, expectations that will set them up for success in the future. It is these formative years that lay the groundwork for the patterns of learning in the senior years, so we all have to work together to make sure these foundations are strong and supported.

Kind Regards,

Jo Davey

YEAR 7/8 COORDINATOR

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS 2015



The College took out the Junior Boys Division, Senior Boys Division and overall Boys Champions at the Interschool Athletics Carnival last Friday.

Age Champions:

Under 12 - Frederico David
Under 13 - Sammy Bowenda
Under 14 - Rebes Thaiday

Records:

Frederico David - 200m, Triple Jump, Long Jump
Jamal Shortjoe - 100m
Henry Filewood - 800m
Bryce Kebisu - Discus

