



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE
— ABERGOWRIE —

Gowrie NEWS

SEMESTER 2 | TERM 3 | WEEK 7



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 8-9

Palm Island
St Michael's Visit

SEPTEMBER 10

Enrolment Interviews

SEPTEMBER 12

Year 12 Formal

SEPTEMBER 15-16

Travel Home Days

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Gowrie Family,

This week, an external review panel visited the college and spoke with various stakeholders including students, Community Consultation members, Traditional Owners and staff in Day, Boarding and Administration. The purpose was to validate a process of review that commenced in term four last year and a final report will be forwarded to the college in the coming weeks. Initial feedback from the panel was very positive and we look forward to its release.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this, at times arduous but critically important program. It is a report on our Gowrie family for our Abergowrie family. I'm extraordinarily

proud of our community and all that we have achieved and I look forward to our journey ahead as we continue to challenge ourselves to do better for the boys.

I would like to wish all our students involved in their respective AFL grand finals this weekend, and the Crushers grand finals next weekend the best of luck.

I am also looking forward to a wonderful Year 12 formal next Saturday night, it is always one of the highlights of the year.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads for this weekend!

God bless,

Robert Corboy

PRINCIPAL

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



It has been another busy time for the boys.

It's good to hear and see that our boys are all very positive about their meditation and prayer times, and that they enjoy that space. They have many opportunities where this is happening for them—in RE classes, homeroom, with Mr T at the Trade Training Centre in the evenings, with Mrs Kaurila in the Chapel on Wednesday's, and the colouring club after school in the Library. A big thank you goes to all the staff that make these things happen for the boys.

There was an assembly reflection in the Chapel on Thursday morning. The reflections give students the time and space to think about things in the world. This week's reflection was on Laudato Si – a letter from the Pope about respecting God's Creation. I've managed to buy Gurrumul's Gospel CD, and incorporate his wonderful, reflective music for the boys during Chapel time and retreats. The boys tell me they love the reflections and having that reflection time.

We also had a presentation by Mr Neil Helmore from TCEO about World Youth Day 2016. Quite a few boys are interested in taking part. I will get more details to you as they arrive.

Last Friday marked Daffodil Day – we had a special prayer for cancer patients and their families.

This weekend celebrates Father's Day – I wish all Father's a blessed and Happy Father's Day!

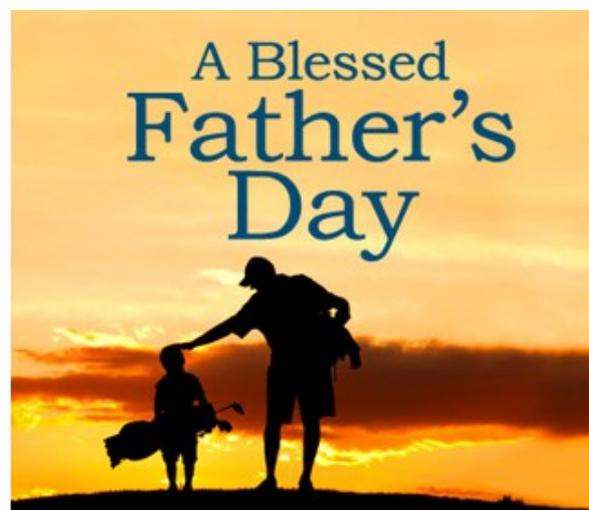
Kind Regards,

Diana Brodowska

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



The LEC staff have been working towards gathering valuable data on our students so that teachers can be tailoring planning to best suit the needs of the students in our care. PAT-R and PAT-M Testing will be done again early next term. The data will help to monitor the distance travelled for students who completed the test in term one. This test information is invaluable when staff gather for planning sessions in the last term to formulate strategies for the new curriculum to be implemented next year.

The OP eligible students sat the QCS Test on Tuesday and Wednesday. All students applied themselves well and will eagerly await their results later in the year. The students will now finish off any outstanding assessment items and folios will be finalised to be sent to Verification meetings in Townsville.

One of the main aims of St Teresa's is to retain students until they complete their Senior Phase of Schooling in a safe and caring learning environment. We endeavour to create a home away from home so that our students achieve success and courses of study are meaningful, relevant and lead to employment prospects.

Yours in curriculum,

Angus Galletly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



Year 12 students Andrew Eka, Junior Awute, Allan Wosomo, Milmarja Yanner, Joseph Wigness and Jaydon Coles sat the QCS Test this week.

HEAD OF STUDENTS

"Failure is only postponed success as long as courage coaches ambition. The habit of persistence is the habit of victory." (Herbert Kaufman)



We are getting down to the business end of term three and my how time has flown by. With assessment and verification upon us, it is important to remember that being persistent is one of the ways our students can achieve success. Students who have mastered persistence are able to work through challenges, deal constructively with failures and adversity, and achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

Some of the strategies to assist a student develop an attitude of persistence are to:

- 1) Resist the temptation to step in and do something or finish something for them. It can be frustrating, especially if you could do it faster, but restrain yourself!
- 2) Once they've done it, give them other opportunities to do it again. Practice makes perfect!
- 3) If something is proving difficult, remind them of the last time they had success and how it felt. Get them in a positive state of mind.
- 4) Have high expectations and that you have confidence that each and every one of them can meet those expectations.
- 5) Be sure they have access to the tools they need to be successful, and that they know how to use them.

Students learn persistence in the same way that they learn sight words or multiplication tables – through repetition. Strategies like modelling persistence, connecting effort to achievement, and pushing students to do a little more than they think they can aren't a one-time deal. But when repeated over time, the cumulative effect will likely be increased stamina, improved persistence, and intrinsic motivation for ever greater learning.

Kind Regards,

Shawn Hague
HEAD OF STUDENTS

HEAD OF SPORT



Hi everyone,

What a busy two weeks of sport we have had! Last week saw a combined team of Year 10s and 11s play rugby league against Cleveland Youth Detention Centre. We were down at half time but came home strong in the second half to win by more than 20 points. A big thank you to Ben Dewan (Coach) and Sue Botto (First Aide, strapper, bus driver and all-rounder of getting things done). The entire game was played in great spirit and was a credit to both teams!

On Monday, our school hosted four rugby league teams from Innisfail,. All four games were of a great standard and all students and coaches need to be commended for their effort. We won two out of the four games and look forward to getting another opportunity to play them again. A big thank you to Alex Bluck and Sam Eldridge for looking after the two junior teams and a special mention to some of our year 12 seniors; Peter Nai, Dabus Mauga, Travis Gulliver and Joseph Wigness who looked after the U14 and U15 teams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Pius and the kitchen staff for welcoming the Innisfail students for dinner, I received so many compliments from students at both schools to say how great it was to have dinner together.

We had the inter-school athletics just over two weeks ago and that has now led into boys being eligible to trial at the North Queensland Athletic Carnival. Three U12 students competed on Tuesday; Fredrico David, Jamal Shortjoe and Henry Filewood (pictured). All three boys did themselves and the College proud and deserved to be recognised for their efforts.

On Friday, we took another 18 students down to Townsville, with hopes that some of these boys will cement a spot in the North Queensland Team. Results to come.

Thank you to all the staff and students that assist me in organising these events, without you, my job would be much more difficult.

Brendan Napier
HEAD OF SPORT



COMMUNITY VISITS



It has been quite a busy few weeks as we hit the road with a number of community visits. Firstly, year 7/8 teacher Mr Alex Bluck and I travelled over 1800km to Woorabinda to take part in the Transition Forum for Grade 6 to High School. This was our second visit for the year and has strengthened our connections with the Woorabinda community. Mr Bluck spoke to the students about the transition from primary to secondary and the experience of growing up in the small central Queensland town of Hughenden, which many of the parents made connections with.

On return to the college, it was a quick turnaround for me as I joined Fr Pius and Mr Corboy on our second trip to the Torres Straits. This time, we visited our Western Island communities of Moa and Badu before hopping on the ferry from Thursday Island to Seisia and onto Bamaga community. From the red dust of Central QLD to the blue waters of the islands, our trip involved meeting with families of current students, interviews with prospective students and joining in the fun of a community fundraiser. All in all, it was one of the best trips we have had this year and a great success.

Kind Regards,

Aaron Thaiday

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



HMAS CANBERRA



As part of the Defence Career Pathway, Abergowrie students were invited aboard HMAS Canberra where they were given the rare privilege of accessing all areas on Australia's largest Naval vessel. From the flight and heavy machinery decks to the living quarters, students were given an opportunity to experience first hand what it's like to live and work on a naval vessel. Many thanks to the staff and crew on HMAS Canberra who escorted our students and answered their questions about the ships operation and possible careers within the Navy - **Terry Macerlean, Pathways Coordinator**

