



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE  
— ABERGOWRIE —

# Gowrie NEWS



## GRADUATION & SPEECH DAY 2016 — Friday 18th November

11am Award ceremony begins

Lunch

Mass

Graduation Performance

### IMPORTANT DATES

**7th-9th Sep**  
Community Visit  
Pompuraaw (Wed 7)  
Kowanyama (Thu 8)

**11th Sep**  
STC Parish Mass

**16th Sep**  
Term 3 Ends

**4th Oct**  
Term 4 Begins

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Gowrie Family,

Last week I had the honor of hosting two different yet significant groups to the College, the first being the Herbert River Rotary Club and secondly the Old Boys from predominantly 1962 -1963. For those unfamiliar with the Rotary organisation the club is part of an international network of business, professional and community leaders who strive to make the world a better place through practical efforts. Through Rotary, the reward of "paying it forward" unites men and women from different backgrounds, cultures, religious and political beliefs the world over, allowing ordinary people to do extraordinary things. The Rotarians joined the boys last Wednesday for dinner and a tour of the College and were taken by the warmth of welcome extended to them by the boys and impressed with the culture and vibrancy of what is happening at the College.

On Saturday the College hosted the Old boys, a walk back in time for many. I was honoured to meet Br Tony White the Principal from 1957 through to 1968; an extraordinary man who along with those who journeyed these years with him



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were a constant source of amazing stories filled with plenty of laughter. I made the old boys promise not to give our current Boarders any ideas including scrub leave where the boys were given a parcel of food on Friday and instructed not to return until Sunday evening! As character forming as this exercise would be and one based on the realities of the time, I can categorically confirm that this practice will not be part of our tradition.



I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Tracey Norrie our new Business Manager who previously worked at Tagai on Thursday Island and Phil Stefanos our new Facilities Manager who has worked for many years in the Mining Industry. I would also like to farewell Chris Schmidt who has been part of our community and along with his wife Dallas welcomed a healthy new girl into the world last week. Chris and his wife and daughter will be relocating back to Ipswich to be closer to family. I would like to thank Chris for his work at the College and wish him and his family all the best for the next stage of their life.

**Rob Corboy**  
PRINCIPAL

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



Dear families,

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 the 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 in the role of Pathways Coordinator.

Working in conjunction with the Middle Leaders 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 concluded with only one more Block to go for all of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. TAIHS is doing an excellent job with the delivery of the Primary Health with our Year 11's. The Year 12's are running the Rangers and AUSCO. The Rangers are continuing the good work down at the Dairy with Mr Wyles. The track down to Gowrie Creek is looking much better after each Block. Thanks to Mr Wyles our Rangers also had the opportunity to spend three days at Jourama Falls National Park doing valuable work experience.

The QCS Test was held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of September. During the QCS Test, our students remembered these four strategies for success: • use perusal time effectively • manage time • think and plan before responding • 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;

Jimmy Mestan, First place in the Bible Reading Yrs 7,8,9  
Anthony Brown-Sexton, Third place in the Bible Reading Yrs 7,8,9  
Trent Baldwin, Second place in the Bible Reading Yrs 10,11,12  
Damian Mulligan, Third place in the Bible Reading Yrs 10,11,12  
Fred McGilvary, Second place in the Impromptu Speaking  
Trent Baldwin, Second place in Impromptu Speaking  
Nasonah Ase, Second place in the Mime  
Nilbi Yasserie, Third place in the Mime

Other competitors who received Highly Commended were Soren Pryor, Jack Kris-Daniel, Daniel Nallajar, Jaliell Nathaniel, Preston Baldwin and Nicholas Kirori.

Thank you to Paula Henderson who helped the boys train for this event.

**Angus Galletly**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



# High Ropes Course — Charters Towers



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## FROM THE HEAD OF BOARDING

Dear Families,

The end of term is fast approaching and the boys are getting eager to be home and see family. It seems like yesterday that it started. Colder nights will soon give way to warm and humid weather.

Technology has changed the face of boarding. Mobile phones, tablets, ipods and computers allow for greater communication through internet and mobile. Here, the computer rooms are the most popular place with two rooms full every afternoon, evening and on weekends. Some years ago it would be common to see huge numbers of boys out playing touch footy, and even though the boys get out and play touch, computer rooms are the most popular.

The up side is that boys get great enjoyment and some research shows that boys who engage in computer games actually do better in class. How conclusive that research is remains to be seen. The down side is that some boys spend too long on computers and are not getting enough fresh air, although the majority do surface for food!

The Residential Staff will be reviewing our policy on computer usage in two areas: the amount of time an individual is permitted to be on a computer and the amount of time computer rooms are open. Whilst we have to acknowledge that technology and computer gaming is a real part of today's generation, we want to ensure that all boys have a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

### END OF TERM TRAVEL

Soon QBT will start issuing itineraries for end of term travel. Parents are reminded that ABSTUDY will not vary the departure or destination points. ABSTUDY will only arrange for travel from the college, no other point, and only travel the boys to the address given to the college as home address.

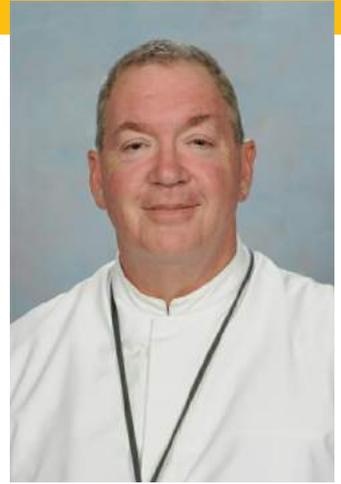
For the younger boys, a chaperone is provided to and from the college. Residential staff have been chaperoning the boys and now that we have got things up and running, parents will also be given the option of chaperoning boys. It would mean that parents would be travelled to the College, meet the boys and then travel back home with them. A chaperone does not have to be a parent, a family member is permitted to be a chaperone, provided that person is a responsible adult. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please let me know. The next opportunity to be a chaperone will be at the end of Term 4.

Holidays are upon us in a couple of weeks. I hope that you enjoy that time with your son/s.

Wishing you all the very best and all God's blessings.

**Fr Pius SM**

**HEAD OF BOARDING**



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I'm sure many of you have been watching the Olympics. There has been some social media comments on how some of the top athletes have a Catholic faith—including Usain! He prays before and after every race, kneels and does the sign of the cross, then looks up to heaven. He also wears a miraculous medal. Usain also visits the Missionaries of the Poor orphanages and centres in Kingston, Jamaica.

Faith plays a part in sport. It was also good to hear how faith and prayer helped our school Confraternity team. Good on you guys!

Year 10 and Year 11 had a great time on Retreat this week. The boys had a great time on Retreat reflecting on their relationship with each other as Gowrie Boys, with family, and God. They also learned about good leadership. Our thanks go to Jo from the Passionist team, who led the retreats.



Mrs Kaurila will be organizing visits to Canossa Home for some of our RE classes over the next few weeks. This will be a chance to show Acts of Mercy and kindness to others. Last year my Year 9 group really enjoyed the experience.

“Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen.”

**Diana Brodowska**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# 2016 Senior Formal



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## FROM TERRY MACERLEAN

Last week Yr 12 students completing the Cert II in conservation and Land Management were given the opportunity to complete work experience as Rangers with Qld National Parks and Wildlife Service. The students, Chance Sellars, Leon Barney, Frederick McGilvary, Tate Thompson and Nathan Garrawurra worked around Jourama Falls and Crystal Creek and were involved with the Q.N.P.W.S maintenance program. They required specialist skills and tuition which was provided by the Indigenous Rangers—Josh Spina, Tim Delwin, Simon Smallwood and Clarence Wyles.

Students were also responsible for their own laundry, sleeping and eating arrangements having camped at the site for 3 full days.

St Teresa's College would like to thank the staff at Jourama for providing this opportunity of "on the job" practical training and look forward to working with you in the future.

A big thankyou goes to Clarence Wyles for coordinating the week and staying with the young fellas overnight.

**Terry Macerlean**



# Inter-School Athletics



# Gowrie v Innisfail High School



## PALUMA CAMP BIOLOGY—MISS WALKER

In Week 2 of Term 3 the Abergowrie Senior Biology boys had the opportunity to join with the Gilroy Santa Maria Year 11 Biology class at beautiful Paluma village. The excursion gave both classes the opportunity to immerse themselves in the stunning Rainforest and Open Woodland environments while studying the ecosystems of both using transects and quadrats.

However, their adventure in nature didn't finish when the sun went down, a moonless clear night meant the conditions were perfect to see more of the nocturnal fauna and flora of Paluma. After dinner the students took turns visiting the mammal viewing area, a quiet spot in the rainforest lit with a red light invisible to the night active mammals and scattered with tempting fruit scraps. While the students saw a number of normally shy and concealed nocturnal mammals the hit of the night was an extended visit by a Striped Possum (*Dactylopsila trivirgata*) an elusive mammal that is only seen rarely in Australia and only a handful of times at this location. The adventure continued with a hike under the bright milky way to a Rainforest path illuminated by luminescent fungi, a walk made even more exciting by the reported sighting of a feral pig.

The trip was capped by an extended hike to Cloudy Creek the students all taking the opportunity to admire the high epiphytic gardens that lined the hiking trail. The teachers would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and involvement on camp.

Miss Walker



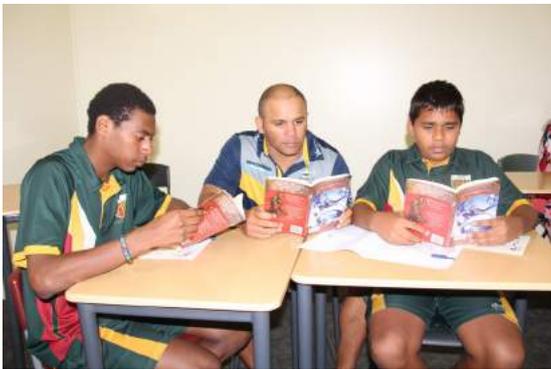
## FROM THE LIBRARY

How wonderful to see the boys reading in their dorms during the afternoons. Whether they are reading quietly by themselves or reading to one another, they are engaged and entertained through the unfolding of stories. The junior boys participated in Reading Hour on Thursday 18th August with Brett Anderson, Marshall Hudson and Gideon Gela-Mosby who are U20 Cowboys players involved in our College Mulgara Program. The Reading Hour is celebrated annually embracing the critical life skill of storytelling and working towards Australia becoming a nation of readers. It was a great evening with members of the Cowboys NRL team sharing their favourite books with the boys.

Mary and I are currently attending the Kevin Henna workshop in Townsville. Kevin Henna is a specialist in all things library, but especially library spaces. We are looking forward to coming back to the College with new and innovative ideas about how best we can utilize our College Library space to enhance teaching and learning and especially encourage more reading.

Happy reading—

### Helen and Mary



# NAIDOC DAY 2016



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED**