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14 February 2018

## From the Pen of the Principal, Robert Corboy



The Australian Bishops have nominated the liturgical year of 2018 as the Year of the Youth and as educators we are excited about youth as the focus. This call invites us all into dialogue about the richness and life giving presence the young can bring to the church and the wider society. The college has commenced discussions with our

students on how we can engage and listen to them within the college context but also with the wider catholic community. If you would like to be part of these discussions or would like to forward some ideas for school to consider, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Shane Peers (Assistant Principal – Identity).

As we move into our Lenten season I recount Bishop Michael's call, as followers of our shared faith, 'to repent and take up the invitation to focus on turning away from sin and believe in the loving forgiveness of our God. For forty days, the church invites us to fast regularly, pray regularly and engage in good works.' Here at St Brendan's, the Bishop's Lenten message, the call to a Year of the Youth along with our own Edmund Rice charism, invites us to provide our youth with authentic experiences to engage in the riches of gospel messages and the true meaning of the Easter season.

### Thank you and congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge various members of our College family.

1. To the students, family and staff who supported the 'Doin' it for Dolly' rodeo last weekend. On behalf of our college community, a sincere thank you. It was an important cause that the college was privileged to support and as an educational community it is vital that

we can at every opportunity spread the anti-bullying message.

2. To all those who worked hard to achieve an Academic Award last week, just on a third of the student body, well done! I also would like to thank all the staff involved in putting together a wonderful assembly.

3. To the staff involved in the various co-curricular activities that have commenced since the last newsletter that includes:

- Cattle Club
- Rodeo
- The various RDS trials including
  - Ruby League
  - Volleyball
  - Touch
  - Football
  - AFL
  - Basketball
- Futsal interschool competition
- Music ensembles
- CPAC Technical crew

4. To Whom It May Concern: all involved in the renovation of the College gym and the establishment of our new student café which opened this week. This is wonderful addition to the community and just another example how we are continuously looking at improving the experience for our students, families and staff.

I hope the coming two weeks is filled with reflection, opportunity and growth for each one of us.

**God Bless**  
**Mr Robert Corboy**  
**Principal**

## AP – Heads of Senior & Middle School

The College will be doing a blitz on the bottle green bucket hat at the first Head of School Assembly. As has been previously explained to the students, this item of uniform must be in reasonable condition free of graffiti rips and tears. In the past some students have used a whiteout or permanent marker pen to write their name in large letters across the hat. This is unacceptable. For a small fee seaside embroidery will stitch the student's name into their brim of their hat. Residential students can make arrangements via the boarding office.

A reminder that the Senior Commitment Mass and Inter-house Swimming Carnival will take place on 26th February. These events are compulsory and all students are required to attend. Any student who is absent must have parental permission. Further information concerning these events will be provided closer to the day.

## Identity News

### Bishop's Inservice Day

This Friday, 16th February, all St Brendan's College staff will be attending Emmaus College in Rockhampton for the annual Bishop's Inservice Day. The theme for this year is **"What do young people in our Diocese need/want?"** The day will commence with Bishop Michael McCarthy, discussing the topic "A community of disciples who are missionaries". Following the presentation from Bishop Michael, participants attend three pre-selected professional development sessions. The Bishop's In-service Day is a valuable day in our professional development calendar and a great opportunity to maintain important networks within the wider Catholic Education community.

### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time to stop and reflect. It is a time to be still, to take stock, to re-evaluate our lives and the people we are becoming. It is a time to reflect upon how we can make a difference especially to the people around us.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". The ashes we will receive are a reminder of the simplicity of life. St Brendan's College will celebrate Ash Wednesday during assembly this Wednesday 14th February.

### Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world. Ash Wednesday marks the launch of the six week Project Compassion campaign here at St Brendan's College. Please consider donating to the Project Compassion boxes that can be found in PC rooms across the school and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future", celebrating the Year of Youth.

As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation." Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. Janaki's story is one of the six focus stories during Lent in 2018. Please take the time to read her story below and view the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybvc6jll>



Project Compassion  
First Week of Lent



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.

## Career Corner



Last newsletter I talked about the first step in helping your son with his career planning, this time I will focus on subject selection.

When selecting subjects in the lower grades, there are very basic rules. Your son should select subjects that he enjoys and that can challenge him. If given the opportunity to take extension classes, he should. The most critical of the extension classes are Maths and English. Taking Extension Maths will give the option of taking Maths B in Years 11 and 12, which will improve the chances of gaining apprenticeships, particularly in a tough job market. It is also required for, or is advantageous in, most university courses. Extension English will give extra skills in the fields of analysis and expression, important in all walks of life. Two subjects which can be difficult to pick up later if not studied in the junior school are Graphics and Art. If your son is artistic, either musically or with art, then it is good to keep that going.

Selecting subjects for Years 11 and 12 still should follow the same basic rules, but with a more considered outlook. If your son may want to go to university then he should be aware of prerequisites for his possible choices. If he wants an apprenticeship then he needs to be aware of what subjects will give him the best opportunity. Basically, the better the choice of subjects then the more options that will be available at the end of Year 12. Often I see boys in Year 11 who want to gain an apprenticeship, but by the end of Year 12 sometimes their ideas have changed and they want to go to university. A wise choice of subjects will keep both options alive. If English and Mathematics B are achievable – perhaps with considerable effort – then they should be taken. They are the key to many career opportunities.

However, for those who have no idea what they want to do, you and he need to:

- Identify what he enjoys doing and what he is good at
- Make wise choices with subjects, don't just take easy options
- Plan work experience in a variety of fields
- Find holiday job opportunities
- Make an appointment to see me to discuss these things

Sound familiar? The school has subscribed to a great web site: **My Career Advisor**, which allows all students and their parents to log on to for help with subject selection, career advice, universities, getting a job, etc. Go to **My Career Advisor** in the link below.

<http://www.mycareeradvisor.com.au>

**User name:** sbc.qld.edu.au

**Password:** sbc4703

Have a look at it, there is great information and links to other sites.

Next newsletter I will discuss casual work opportunities for school students.

**Regards**

**Sue Waddell**

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## Boarding News

It has been a great start to the year in boarding. The new students are adapting to boarding life extremely well and making an effort to experience all that St Brendan's has to offer.

At our first Boarders' Assembly the boys got to sing the school song and war cry and they took the roof off with their enthusiasm and loud voices. We also had Leesa Laverty our school nurse give us a lesson in snake bite first aid. The boys were very attentive and enjoyed wrapping up there mates in bandages. Look out for more updates in future editions of the Newsletter.



## Sports News

### Newsletter – Sports

**Congratulations to the following students:**

#### Rockhampton & District School Sport

##### Rugby League

Grady Callaghan, Izaac Jackson, Mitchell Biddulph, Ian Akiba, Cooper Corcoran, Jerimiah White-Williams, Lewis Frost, Jerimiah Naawi, Laish Salam, Gabriel Hamson, James Busby

##### AFL

Lane Herron, Lyam Rowbotham, Ashton Mather, Tom Stevenson, Cody McDiarmid, Lochlan Caldwell, Ethan Campbell, Kaelan Humphries

##### Rugby Union

Lochlan Winston, Jack Hayman

##### Capricornia School Sport

##### Water Polo

Jesse Laverty, Lincoln Johnson, Patrick Doherty, Liam Doherty

##### Triathlon

Lachlan Tomkins, Jordan Wall

### Rockhampton & District Trials

#### Term 1

Sport	Date & Venue
<b>Basketball 16-18 Yrs</b>	Wednesday 14th February 10:30-11:30am Heights College
<b>Touch Football 13-15 Yrs &amp; 16-18 Yrs</b>	Thursday 22nd February 9:00-12:00pm Cyril Connell Touch Fields
<b>Hockey 13-19 Yrs</b>	Wednesday 21st February 9:00-11:00am Kalka Shades
<b>Football 16-19 Yrs</b>	Wednesday 21st February 9:00-11:00am Cap Coast Soccer
<b>Squash 10-15Yrs &amp; 16-19 Yrs</b>	Wednesday 28th February 12:00-3:00pm Scotvale Squash Centre

A reminder that the Capricornia Swimming nominations are due on the 20th February. These forms are located on the school website.

Please download all the relevant sporting information from the St Brendan's College website or see Mr Williams in the Sports office.

### Upcoming Dates

**Monday 26th February** – Interhouse Swimming Carnival

**Friday 23rd February** – Open Boys T20

**Friday 2nd March** – Junior Boys T20

## Inter-School Sport

### RUGBY UNION DRAW AS AT 11/2/18

ROUND	TEAM	VS	TIME	VENUE
<b>1</b> MONDAY 12TH FEB	U/13	RGS	4:30PM	RGS
	U/15	RGS	5:30PM	RGS
	FIRST XV	RGS	4:30PM	SBC
<b>2</b> WEDNESDAY 21ST FEB	U/13	BYE	BYE	BYE
	U/15	EMMAUS	5:30PM	EMMAUS
	FIRST XV	RGS2	6:30PM	RUGBY PARK
<b>3</b> MONDAY 26TH FEB	U/13	EMMAUS	4:30PM	EMMAUS
	U/15	TCC	4:30PM	SBC
	FIRST XV	YHS	5:30PM	CAP COAST RU
<b>4</b> MONDAY 5TH MAR	U/13	YHS	4:30PM	SBC
	U/15	RGS	5:30PM	CAP COAST RU
	FIRST XV	RGS	6:30PM	RU
				CAP COAST RU
<b>5</b> MONDAY 12TH MAR	U/13	TCC	4:30PM	SBC
	U/15	EMMAUS	4:30PM	SBC
	FIRST XV	RGS2	6:30PM	RUGBY PARK
<b>6</b> MONDAY 19TH MAR	U/13	SEMI-FINALS	4:30PM	TCC
	U/15	TCC		
	FIRST XV	SEMI-FINALS		
<b>GRAND FINALS</b> MONDAY 26TH MAR	U/13		4:30PM	
	U/15		5:40PM	
	FIRST XV		6:50PM	

### FUTSAL DRAW AS AT 5/2/18

WEDNESDAY	TIME	TEAM	VS	VENUE
<b>7/2/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	YHS	YHS
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	HEIGHTS	HEIGHTS
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	YHS	YHS
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	HEIGHTS	HEIGHTS
<b>14/2/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	EMMAUS	GHS
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	YHS	SBC
	4.30PM	SENIOR A	GHS	GHS
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	RHS	RHS
<b>21/2/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	L'HOUSE	L'HOUSE
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	NRHS	NRHS
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	L'HOUSE	L'HOUSE
	4.30PM	SENIOR B	RGS	SBC
<b>28/2/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	RGS	SBC
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	RGS	SBC
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	NRHS	NRHS
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	TCC	TCC
<b>7/3/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	TCC	SBC
	4.50PM	JUNIOR B	RHS	RHS

WEDNESDAY	TIME	TEAM	VS	VENUE
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	RGS	SBC
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	L'HOUSE	L'HOUSE
<b>14/3/18</b>	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	EMMAUS	SBC
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	GHS	GHS
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	EMMAUS	SBC
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	HEIGHTS	HEIGHTS
<b>21/3/18</b>	TBA	JUNIOR A	HEIGHTS	HEIGHTS
	TBA	JUNIOR B	TBA	TBA
	TBA	SENIOR A		
	TBA	SENIOR B	RHS	RHS



*Proudly supporting St Brendan's College Sport*

**Mr Dallas Williams**  
**Director of Sport**

## Music News

It has been an entertaining couple of weeks starting with Zanna Stevenson, Lachlan Perren and Charlie Bean providing a lunch time concert in our Year 7 area. The boys did a wonderful job entertaining the youngest members of the college.

The Worship Band has been preparing for their performance at the upcoming Senior Commitment Mass and Commissioning on Monday 26th February.

The Year 7's have been busy planning for the end of term visit to local nursing homes. The residents look so forward to having our boys visit and perform for them.

Finally, our OP students are writing their fanfares.

Please remember, if you would like to book any music lessons you will need to do this as soon as possible (forms are available on our website). Alternatively you can contact Mrs Gail Purdie on 4939 9300.

**Mr Jack Ingram**  
**Head of Department - Music**

## Counselling Centre News

Cyberbullying can be a real issue for teenagers today. Below are some strategies from the Reachout.com website.

### 5 Strategies for dealing with cyberbullying

1. **Don't respond immediately** – keep in mind that the person bullying you wants you to respond. By not responding you are not giving them what they're looking for. Give yourself time to think and put some emotional distance between yourself and the bully. Think carefully before you respond.
2. **Follow up when you're calm** - you should feel calmer in about an hour. Maybe go back online with a friend or family member in the room with you, and get a better feel for the situation before responding to the cyberbully.
3. **Take screenshots** - screenshots are the best way to report an instance of cyberbullying. The person who is cyberbullying may delete their comment or photo when they realise that it might get them in trouble.
4. **Try to stop compulsively checking posts** - it can feel like the person who is cyberbullying you is literally in the room. Limit your social media time. Take a break from the online world and look after yourself.
5. **Report and block** - All social media platforms have avenues to report as well as blocking options. However if you have exhausted the reporting and blocking options and things are still really bad, you can make a report to [The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner](#).

**Talk to someone about it – family, friends, teacher, school counsellor. Everybody has the right to feel safe online.**

<https://au.reachout.com/articles/5-strategies-for-dealing-with-cyberbullying>

## Visual Arts Department News

The Visual Arts Department is honoured to have acquired a large portion of local esteemed artist Cecile Bolton's collection to have displayed throughout the school community at St Brendan's College. The artworks are currently displayed in the Year Level Coordinators offices, the Administration Building, the Visual Arts Department and in the Boarding Residences. The acquisition has provided the students a wonderful opportunity to be exposed to contemporary art, building an appreciation of creativity and the arts. We would like to formally thank Cecile Bolton for her contribution to the St Brendan's College community, the greater community of the Capricorn region through her commitment to a career promoting the arts. The photograph shows school captain Billy Collins, Yr12 student Aiden Warren-Farrell and Yr11 student Darby Berry holding Cecile Bolton's painting 'Art Studio' 2017.

**Thank you**

**Lee-Ann Handley**

**Visual Arts and Drama HOD**



## National Apology 10 Year Anniversary

Last Tuesday, 13th February, marked the 10 year anniversary since ex-prime minister Kevin Rudd made a public apology to indigenous Australia on behalf on the Australian nation. Today representatives from St Brendan's College participated in an acknowledgement ceremony at the top of Nurim (Mt Archer) to support the Darumbal Nation on this significant day of Australian history.



## Mobile App

We would like to advise parents that we are having some initial teething problems with the new SBC App, and understand there have been issues with notifications not coming through correctly on either Apple or Android Phones. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience and advise parents that parent email and the SBC website will continue to be utilised to ensure best communication with parents. The App developers have made some changes over the past week, with Android and Apple Updates available now. We hope this will fix all issues users are experiencing.

Please ensure you undertake the troubleshooting tips to ensure the App is correctly set up on your phone:

Go to the App store, then Updates and install the Update for the SBC App

- Ensure you are subscribed to relevant channels by going to notification settings and clicking on the channel you need to subscribe to, for example Year 7, sporting notifications etc. (If you are subscribed the bell and channel will show in blue; if you are not subscribed there will be a cross through that particular channel/bell). You will not receive notifications for specific channels if you are not subscribed.

- Ensure mobile data and push notifications are on for the St Brendan's College App (in Settings). It will not work without mobile data on.
- For Apple phones, a troubleshooting tip for notifications, is to pull your finger down from the top of the screen, to open any new notifications that you may have missed.

Thank you for your patience, and we aim to have the App working correctly as soon as possible.

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**Please note: I work part-time Mon, Tues & Wed.**

## Sustainability Group

The Sustainability Group has registered for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 4th March. Students, staff, family and community members are welcome to join the St Brendan's College Sustainability Group at 9am at the Main Gate. We will walk along the footpath on Adelaide Park Rd picking up rubbish, finishing back at the school outside the CPAC. We will then relax under the gazebos for a brunch of pizza and refreshments. All welcome.

## Homework Centre

Homework Centre runs from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Students can get assistance with assessments, homework or revision. It is located in the Support Room at the bottom of C block – closest to the Art room.

## Student Pick Up

Please remember that student drop off and pick-up is to be done through Gate 2. Please be mindful when collecting your sons of an afternoon that the pick-up area will be congested and your patience and cooperation to move smoothly through this area is appreciated. Please don't park where you may block traffic as this impacts the back log of vehicles on the road leading into the college. We ask that if you are able to collect your son a little later, this may ease the congestion experienced at our peak time.

## Date Claimers

<b>14th February</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>16th February</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
<b>20th February</b>	P&F Meeting – Teaching Staff Room commencing at 6.30pm
<b>26th February</b>	Senior Commitment Mass – Chapel and Performing Arts Centre commencing at 8.40am House Swimming Carnival
<b>28th February</b>	Parent/Teacher Teleconference – 3.20pm – 6.00pm
<b>12th March</b>	House Cross Country
<b>15th March</b>	Discovery Day
<b>20th March</b>	P&F Meeting – Teaching Staff Room commencing at 6.30pm
<b>28th March</b>	End of Term 1

## Term Dates for 2018

**Term 1:** 23rd January – 28th March

**Term 2:** 17th April – 22nd June

**Term 3:** 16th July – 20th September

**Term 4:** 8th October – 29th November

## Online Uniform Shop

St Brendan's College uniform hours of operation and ordering are now online!

<https://www.stbrendans.qld.edu.au/enrolments/uniforms-stationery/>

## Second Hand Uniforms

3 x Size 14

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