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From the Pen of the Principal, Robert Corboy



To our St Brendan's community

This week we celebrated a wonderful commitment mass and ceremony for our Year 12's as well as officially welcoming our newest members to the college family, our Year 7's. I would like to thank Fr Matthew our celebrant and those staff that spent many hours in the lead up to the mass in

particular Mr Shane Peers who coordinated the entire morning. I would also like to thank Mr Maurie Webb and Mr Michael Byrne (commenced as a student here in 1940) who joined us for the morning and was instrumental in welcoming and presenting the Year 7's with their badges. Maurie and Michael represented and encompassed all the tradition and history of our great college and it was fitting for them to be there along with our current community welcoming our newest members.

Over the last couple of weeks I have had the pleasure to continue to meet many that make up our community. As a vibrant, expansive and multi-dimensional organisation I'm sure it will take most of the year to meet most of you. Please feel free to come up and say hello, I apologise in advance as it will take a while to remember everyone's names but I welcome any opportunity to say hello.

Last week I spoke with Lane Herron (Year 10) and enquired how he went at the recent Club State Swimming championships in Brisbane. Seeded 45th he finished his event (50m Backstroke Under 14's) moving his ranking to 25th in the State along with a PB (shaving 2 seconds off his best time). An outstanding effort that I know him, his family and we as a school are very proud of. I use Lane, not to embarrass him (unfortunately for him I happened to cross his path the other day) but to invite all others to share their journeys. Success comes in many forms and as a school community we should take every opportunity to affirm and celebrate our boys for

their hard work, whether it is in the sporting arena, music, academics or community service. I am very proud that the school is also joining the thousands around the country to participate in Clean up Australia Day this Sunday. Thank you to the many volunteers who will give up a few hours of their Sunday morning to support this worthy cause. Congratulations also to Fletcher Kendall (Year 12) who participated in the Lions Youth of the Year regional competition last weekend, an impressive orating performance! (Please see Mrs Jorgensen's report below)

Big congratulations to our SBC First Chess Team who won the Term 1 Central Queensland Northern Region Tournament in Rockhampton last week, competing against 21 teams from around the region. All boys performed admirably and we wish them well as they continue to compete throughout the year (please see Mr Porter's report in this Newsletter).

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Christian Brothers retirement community that reside here at the College. Br Bill Tynan, Br Steven Grundy, and Br Kevin Smith are an integral part of our college family. Between them that have a total of 45 years as Principals across our many EREA schools, spent 25 years in missions, in particular Papua New Guinea and East Timor, and continue in their retirement to advance the work of the College. Br Bill is integral in running the Eddie Rice Van and assisting with our Athletics Carnival, Br Kevin works tirelessly in keeping our old boys network connected to the college and authors the Bindi-Eye newsletter each term. Br Steve, an ex Principal of St Brendan's continues to drive buses for the community and is the driving force behind our very popular musical productions. On a personal note they have been a wonderful resource for advice to someone new to the community, thank you!

Finally, St Brendan's College was very well represented at both the Young Guns and Top Guns rodeos on Friday and Saturday nights at The Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton. Details on the boys' success are detailed below.

God Bless
Mr Robert Corboy
Principal

Identity News

Ash Wednesday

Billy Collins and Harry Witts, along with student leaders from St Ursula's College, represented St Brendan's College at the Ash Wednesday Mass held at the Mary Immaculate Church in Emu Park on Wednesday 14 February.



Caritas Australia

St Brendan's College is proudly supporting Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion campaign during Lent. Bayan's story is the Week 3 focus story during Lent in 2018. Please take the time to read her story below and view the following link for further information:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>



Third Sunday of Lent
4th March 2018



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Career Corner



Last newsletter I talked about subject selection, this week I will focus on casual work for school students.

For many students, one of the most valuable life experiences is to have to go to work and then be told by an adult, other than their parents and teachers, what they need to do. By the end of Year 10, most

students should have a part time or casual job. What is the difference? A part-time job is usually on-going, the same hours each week. With a casual job, the hours can be variable and often increase in holiday times. A good work load is 5-10 hours a week during school time, which can often be increased during holidays. If the work load is higher, then school work can suffer. But the old adage, if you want something done, give it to a busy person, often applies. The high achieving students often are

working, playing sport and studying hard. They may or may not know what they want to do at the end of school, but they are organised and proactive with their lives. Yes, TV and video watching may be put on the back burner, as would internet games and social media, but is that bad?

Having a part time job does a number of things. Firstly, it gives the student spending money which bolsters their self-esteem. Secondly, they are learning valuable communication and social skills. Thirdly, they are experiencing the world of work: turning up at a set time, working set hours, working in a team, dealing with customers, being told what to do and how to dress and that they can't use their phone during work hours.

Opportunities can be found in local cafes, service stations, resorts, Coles and Woolworths, fast food chains, stores selling electronic goods – almost anywhere. Also lifeguard, swim coach, lawn mowing, window cleaning and dog walking.

Your son may still not have any idea what he wants to do, but he is gaining valuable skills and perhaps may understand better what he does or doesn't enjoy in the working world.

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. **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 work experience.

Regards

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Boarding News

On the weekend the boarders got the opportunity to try the new waterslide in Rockhampton. We will be doing more trips on the weekends during summer as the boys had a great time. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Frost for the great activity idea.

On Sunday we will be hosting brunch for the young ladies from St Ursula's College. After brunch we will be having a sports day so look for the photos in our next newsletter.

Cheers

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Sports News

It is an extraordinary busy time of the year as we head into week six of term one. With most students taking on assessment while also balancing the wide variety of sports on offer here at St Brendan's College it is important that you keep the balance right. Communication is the key. Remember to have discussions with your teachers, family members and coaches if your school work is being affected.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had quite a number of disruptions to our sports with the varied weather conditions wreaking havoc on any continuity in both the Rugby Union and Cricket competitions.

Please remember to download the NEW St Brendan's College app on either the Apple Store or Google Play Store. This is extremely important as we have sudden weather events, changes to draws or any other important sporting or school information. Once the app is downloaded you must also subscribe to the relevant notifications that relate to you and your child.

Futsal Draw

Wednesday	Time	Team	VS	Venue
28/2/18	4.00PM	JUNIOR A	RGS	SBC
	4.00PM	JUNIOR B	RGS	SBC
	4.50PM	SENIOR A	NRHS	NRHS (Bus departs at 3:30pm)
	4.50PM	SENIOR B	TCC	TCC (Bus departs at 3:30pm)

Cricket Draw

Seniors (Year 10-12) Competition – Thursday 1st March			FIELD
POOL A	9:00am - RGS vs Bye		No Match
	9:00am - SBC vs NRSH		Kalka 5
	12:30pm - Winners vs Winners		Kalka 5
	12:30pm - Losers vs Losers		No Match
POOL B	9:00am - EMC vs RSHS		Kalka 4
	9:00am - TCC vs HC		Kalka 1
	12:30pm - Winners vs Winners		Kalka 4
	12:30pm - Losers vs Losers		Kalka 1
GRAND FINAL	16th March 12:30pm		Kalka 1

Juniors (Year 7-9) Competition – Friday 2nd March		FIELD
POOL A	9AM - RGS vs RSHS	Kalka 1
	9AM - EMM vs NRSHS	Kalka 2
	12:30pm - Winners vs Winners	Kalka 1
	12:30pm - Losers vs Losers	Kalka 2
POOL B	9AM - TCC vs YSHS	Kalka 4
	9AM - SBC vs HC	Kalka 5
	12:30pm - Winners vs Winners	Kalka 4
	12:30pm - Losers vs Losers	Kalka 5
GRAND FINAL	16th March 9am	Kalka 1

This Thursday and Friday will see both our Open and Junior T20 Cricket teams take on teams from across Rockhampton at Kalka Shades Cricket Fields. The bus will depart the College at 8:00am sharp on both days. Good luck to both teams.

Rodeo News

Last Friday and Saturday night St Brendan's College was very well represented at both the Young Guns rodeo and Top Guns rodeo at The Great Western in Rockhampton.

Approximately 20 boys competed in a range of events and achieved the following Results.

Young Guns

Jackson Gray (Yr. 12) 1st place in the rookie bull ride.
 Riley Donnelly (Yr. 10) 1st place in the steer ride.
 Alex Creevey (Yr. 8) 1st place in the poddy ride and third in the steer ride.

Top Guns

Finn Crinion (Yr. 9) 2nd place in the steer ride.
 Alex Creevey (Yr. 8) 3rd place in the poddy ride and a trip to the hospital for an elbow x-ray (x-ray all clear).

Congratulations to Bill Oram and his Rodeo team for their outstanding achievements in the Rodeo arena.





Proudly supporting St Brendan's College Sport

Mr Dallas Williams
Director of Sport

Music News

Week six and how fast the time is flying. Here is what some of the junior classes have been doing.

Year 7 are working very hard in their music lessons developing their skills on the Cajon while learning rhythmic notation. Add to this they are developing the skills to create a good sound on the trumpet and get their first chords on guitar. They are also finding their voice learning some great songs like the traditional Torres Strait Island song Sesereye. The plan is to take the boys out in Week nine to perform at some of the nursing homes.

Year 8 Concert Band has been making great progress in their music reading and trumpet skills. I would like to say they are masters of the first five notes but that might be a stretch we are making great progress though. This week they now all transition across to Clarinet and then we allocate the instruments they will continue with for the year. Year 8 Contemporary music class have been exploring guitar, percussion, piano and bass guitar. So far we have learnt to read guitar notation along with training our hands to form several chords as well as developing some strumming patterns. On piano we can locate all the notes on the piano, OK, well almost, and have started to learn "Lean on Me" using chords. For percussion we now understand what is called Scotch Notation, thank you Mr Grant for teaching the music staff that. This is allowing the boys to develop the muscle memory necessary to perform basic rock beats on a drum kit.

Mr Kateifides and Mr Walker organised a lunchtime concert in the Year 7 area in week four which showcased the talents of Zanna Stevenson, Charlie Bean and Lachlan Perren. The musicians and Year 7's had a great time.

Drumline is in full swing with Mr Walker and Mr Grant working with the boys every Tuesday afternoon. There is some great new talent and we are getting ready for ANZAC day which is approaching quickly.

Band class Monday morning at 8.00am and Wednesday afternoon at 3:15pm are gathering steam. These two rehearsals were scheduled to allow those boys who were not able to get music on their timetable so they could stay in touch with all the other boys. Many of the Year 9 - 12 boys who have music are also attending which is fantastic. We hope this group will grow from strength to strength. It will also allow those boys to join us on our Brisbane music tour in term 3.

The worship band had their first Mass on Monday for the commissioning of Year 7, 12 and Mr Corboy. The band has a good number of boys who have stepped up to be part of the group. The musicians for this mass were Caleb Bartlett, Patrick

McLaughlin, Riley Grant, Ian Sturmes, Kevin Keller, Harry Shepherd, Bailey Howard, Xavier Craggs, Tom Orgill, Zac Pottle, Fletcher Kendall and Mr Kateifides. The boys did a fantastic job with the school singing in fine voice.

State Honors Ensemble Program which is an extension of the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University is hosting this event which will be held on March 9 - 12 at North Rockhampton High school. The following men were selected by the Griffith University to participate and we hope they have a fantastic experience.

Harry Shepherd, Lochlan Robinson and Nicholas Hirning on Clarinet, Luke Selwood on Bass Clarinet, Ian Sturmes on Percussion, Zac Pottle on Alto Saxophone, Fletcher Kendall and Blake Jarman on Trombone.

There are many great reasons for studying music.

1. It is available to novices and experts alike
2. It sharpens your memory
3. It offers a creative outlet
4. It strengthens the mind overall
5. It fosters teamwork
6. It teaches discipline

Who doesn't want that for their children!

Mr Jack Ingram
Head of Department - Music

Visual Arts News

The Visual Arts Department at St Brendan's college would like to extend their heart felt welcome to local renowned artist Catherine Boreham to the Visual Arts staff as our Art Assistant. Mrs Boreham is well known in the community for her outstanding accolades as one of the region's most successful and revered artists, with exhibitions, sales and commissions locally and internationally.

Mrs Boreham's technical expertise in capturing the realism of our beautiful coastal environments as well as capturing many of our renowned community members in her portraiture, including Mrs Landry leave viewers mesmerised.

Students are eager to work with Mrs Boreham in a capacity for her to guide them in their art practice in our Visual art classes as well as assist in the many Visual Art events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Thank you
Ms Lee-Ann Handley





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Donations for Victims of Domestic Violence

If you would like to donate any unwanted handbags, toiletry bags or toiletry items that will be given to victims of Domestic Violence, please drop them into Reception for Mrs Tracey Deasy.

Thank you!

Mobile App

A reminder to parents of the availability of our new SBC App for important and timely reminders about academic and extra-curricular activities at the College. The App has been developed by Xargo, so if you are searching for the App please ensure you download this version (not the older Skoolbag version).

If you already have the App downloaded, **please ensure you have completed the Update available at the App store (Apple) or Google Playstore (Android), as there have been some important changes to ensure the App works correctly since its initial commencement.**

As a reminder, please ensure you undertake the troubleshooting tips to ensure the App is correctly set up on your phone:

- 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.
- If you believe there has been a notification you may have missed, on Apple phone please pull your finger down from the top of the screen, to open any new notifications. For Android, you will see the SBC icons on the top of your screen.

Chess Team News

Big congratulations to our SBC First Chess Team who won the Term 1 Central Queensland Northern Region Tournament in Rockhampton yesterday, competing against 21 teams from around the region.

With the support of Business Manager, Gordon Porter, students Smith Waigana, Kevin Keller, Frith Warusam and Jared Warusam continued their winning form from last year. Our Second Team, consisting of Matthew Ray, Mauga Nona, Dean Dorante and Max Chambers finished in a tie for 6th place. All boys performed admirably and we wish them well as they continue to compete throughout the year. Congratulations boys!



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.

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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

28th February	Parent/Teacher Teleconference – 3.20pm – 6.00pm
12th March	House Cross Country
15th March	Discovery Day
20th March	P&F Meeting – Teaching Staff Room commencing at 6.30pm
28th March	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/uniform-s-stationery/>

Eddie's Van

