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8 June 2018

From the Pen of the Principal, Robert Corboy



Dear St Brendan's family

At the time of writing I have been asked to speak at an event here in Yeppoon for the Bishop and the local Catholic community. The central theme is Catholic Education and my thoughts as one of its many members within the wider church community.

As an educational institution we are uniquely positioned to be the face, resource and example of the church in action for many of our students and in some cases their families as well. It has been my experience of teaching for close to thirty years the majority of our youth have a real sense of spirituality, a strong sense of justice and a deep yearning for understanding, especially in their high tech, click and go and instant gratification world. For many though they do not engage in the formal expressions of our faith, namely mass.

Many of our students are non-practicing Catholics and as a result the school becomes their only experience of church. It is therefore incumbent of us as Catholic educators to take on the evangelising role and along with their parents be true expressions of Christianity and living examples of the gospel messages. Here at St Brendan's we are blessed to have staff that I believe fulfil this role in their daily interactions with the students. Are we perfect? No. I know there are times where the interactions/comments may not be true to this ethos but in saying that our staff are humans and like many of our families face the daily pressures in their professional and personal lives. An excuse, no, but usually there is context. Forgiveness, apologies and relationship building is also part of the human experience as we are called daily to be the best versions of ourselves, just as we expect our students to be. There is a real learning opportunity here as adults when we acknowledge our own frailties and mistakes to our students. In all this, I am very

proud of our community as I see daily expressions of a healthy, vibrant and a real college spirit.

For us as a church I believe we need to 'go to the well' where our students are. For many they don't go to church and experience the sacredness of the Eucharist on a weekly basis. The 'well' is here at school, so that is why we take the time in our busy school lives to stop and celebrate mass as a community, most notable being recently the Reconciliation mass last week and Blessed Edmund Rice Day earlier in the year. It is one of the most humbling experiences to hear 600 plus boys sing at mass and I would encourage anyone in our community to join us at any of our masses. It is also here that Fr Matthew has suggested that he would come to the college on selected Thursdays to celebrate mass before school for the boys and staff. To continue with the theme of invitation, we have also brought in a youth masses on designated Saturday nights at the parish mass; they too have been very welcomed by our youth.

So apart from this ongoing invitation to our youth to join in the mass that celebrates our faith, it is also imperative that we as a faith community are authentic and give true expression to Christ's teachings. At St Brendan's and in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice we participate in feeding the needy through our weekly Eddie Rice van, the college's stance with the Domestic Violence walk, the dignity handbags for the women's shelter and our ongoing commitment to Indigenous education and providing extensive learning support for those who have specific education needs. If our students engage and experience a vibrant, authentic and life giving church through their schooling then our future as a faith community is bright.

I hope everyone has a blessed week ahead.

2018 Country Dinners

Our SBC Boarding family is important to us. We invite you to join with us at our new St Brendan's College Country Dinners in 2018. Principal Rob Corboy and Head of Boarding Cathy Minto will visit the following towns and want to meet with families, catch up on your news and ensure strong communication between the College and our boarding families. A venue will be advised prior to the event. Please let us know if you would like

to be registered for the dinner by emailing Sue Bradshaw at boarding@sbc.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 49399 450.

Town	Date	Staff
Charters Towers	Wednesday 3 July 2018	College Leadership
Emerald	Wednesday 8 August 2018	College Leadership
Springsure	Thursday 9 August	College Leadership
Rolleston	Friday 10 August	College Leadership
Blackwater/Bluff/Dingo	Wednesday 5 September	College Leadership
Clermont	Thursday 6 September	College Leadership
Moranbah	Friday 7 September	College Leadership
Badu Island	Friday 5 October	College Leadership
Murray Island	Saturday 6 October	College Leadership

2018 Regional Visits – St Brendan’s College

Come and talk to us as we visit towns and Shows in Central Queensland in 2018. We love speaking with current, past and prospective parents, and believe it’s important to find out what is going on in your local community. Drop into our stand and say hello. We would love to answer any questions you may have about academic and extra-curricular offerings, boarding life and the full range of opportunities and pathways for your son at St Brendan’s College

Enrolment Stand	Date	Staff
Rockhampton Show	Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 June 2018	Enrolments
AgGrow Emerald	Thursday 28 - Saturday 30 June 2018	Enrolments
Moranbah Home Show		Enrolments

If you are interested in finding more about our Agricultural Program and our Cattle Club, don’t miss our Cattle being shown at the following regional shows.

SBC Cattle Club Cattle Showing and Judging	Date	Staff
Yeppoon Show	Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 June 2018	Agricultural Department
Rockhampton Show	Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 June 2018	Agricultural Department
Sarina Show	Saturday 4 Sunday 5 August 2018	Agricultural Department

God Bless

Robert Corboy
PRINCIPAL

Boarding News

The boarders have been having a busy time enjoying many activities.

Big thanks to the Capra's and Mr Frost for organising an excellent day at the footy at Brown Park last weekend.



John Mooka, Boni Tapau-Bon and Victor Macumboy at the Capra’s Game

We took a supporters bus to the Aaron Payne cup to watch the 1sts and Under 15s Rugby League teams have a win over Emmaus College.

We all had a fantastic time watching State of Origin in boarding and enjoying pizza for a treat while we watched NSW win the first game.

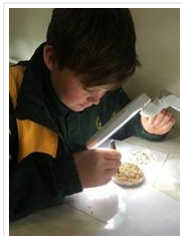


Mrs Frost bringing home the pizzas

SBC boys attended the Caves Fossil open day on Saturday June 2nd.

Activities included searching for fossils in pits with trowels and brushes then talking to Queensland Museum staff palaeontologists about their finds. One specimen uncovered by Austin may prove to be an unknown species of lizard, which may yet carry his name when classified!

Boys assisted in sorting and classifying local finds in the 'bone room' finding jaw and thigh bones of ancient, local fauna. Ezra in particular proved to have a sharp eye for detail.



*Austin Salter
checking
his find*



*Austin Salter and
Ezra
Baltus fossicking
for a
good find*



*Ezra Baltus
scrutinising his
pickings*

funding further study if needed or running their own training programs.

- Hospitality is often thought of as a casual job market but many people have permanent, progressive occupations within it. It covers bar work, cafes and kitchens.
- Tourism includes tour guides, deck hands and park rangers. Often these jobs can take people around the world.
- Administration jobs are found in banks, many businesses and of course, government departments.
- Labouring - Concreting, bricklaying, painting, farm and property work, horse shoeing, etc. are all available. Many of these jobs are gained through word of mouth rather than advertised positions.
- Sport or specific career interest – each year some boys take up football contracts or follow a passion such as rodeo. The lucky ones make it, others will try it for a few years and then decide to change career paths. Nothing is wasted and skills have been learned.

Whatever the choice, a good resume, good skills, work experience and industry contacts will all help secure a job.

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 Apprenticeships.

Regards

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Identity News

Eddie's Van

The Eddie's Van is always in desperate need for helpers from Years 10-12. If you can spare an hour or so of your time on a Thursday afternoon, we would love to see you down there. Please see either Mrs Deasy or myself to get your name on the roster.

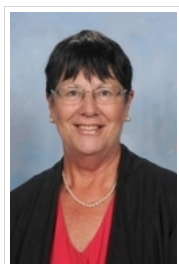
Reconciliation Mass

Thank you to Fr Noel Milner who presided over the St Brendan's College Reconciliation Mass last Wednesday.

Mr Shane Peers

Assistant Principal - Identity

Career Corner



Last letter I spoke about university options, this time it is non-apprenticeship jobs.

Many boys don't want an apprenticeship, don't want to go to university and maybe don't know what they want to do. The big areas available here are retail, hospitality, tourism, administration, labouring or following a sporting or specific career.

- Retail - Many a person has started at Woolworths, Coles or Bunnings and worked their way up to leadership positions if they wish. Many of these companies will assist with career progression, often

Music News

Once again, the end is near, and so we close another curtain, this time on term 2. Where did it go?

There has been a lot of communication this term with so many opportunities being available for your son to be involved in music making. I will try to get it all lined up and clarified here.

Major Upcoming Events:

June 26 - 28 The Cathedral College Music Camp – Rockhampton

August 16 - 20 Brisbane Music Tour (Queensland Catholic Music Festival - QCMF)

August 31 - CQ Battle of the Bands – Rockhampton

October 27 Capricorn coast Music Festival - Yeppoon - All Woodwind & Brass students participate

Ongoing Events:

Every Monday 8am at SBC (or as soon as they get to school)
- Mr. Katefodies runs band practice - ALL woodwind and brass players are encouraged to participate.

Every Monday 7:30 am at St Ursula's - a combined choir is being developed with students from Yeppoon State High School and St. Ursula's. ALL boys can participate and especially guitar students are encouraged to get involved.

Every Monday 8:30 am at SBC Mr. Ingram is running Guitar ensemble. This is specifically for the students attending the QCMF. Other students are welcome to attend.

Every Tuesday 3:15 - 4:15 at SBC Mr. Walker runs our Drumline with Mr. Grant. New students are always welcome to join.

Every Thursday 3:30 - 5:00 at YSHS a combined Concert and Jazz band is being developed with Yeppoon State High School and St. Ursula's. ALL woodwind and brass students should be making every effort to participate as much as possible.

Other upcoming events

Farnborough State School Fair July 29th
Capricorn Coast Combined School Mass July 31
Rugby League Grand Finals September 15
Youth Mass term 3 TBA

Where required to any of the above we are organising transport to and from the event and just need to know how we best help your son to participate.

If you think your son should be involved and currently are unaware of any of these events please contact Mrs Purdie on 49399400 and she will forward all information or Mr Ingram 0408399054 ingramj@sbc.qld.edu.au

NOW FOR MORE DETAILS

June 26 - 28 The Cathedral College Music Camp - Rockhampton

We have been advised of the students who have currently registered for this event by TCC and will be making contact with them to confirm if you will need transport to and from this event.

ALL year 7 - 12 concert band students were encouraged to participate.

ALL Guitar class students are encouraged to participate by joining the choir (this is a great opportunity to start singing in the safety of a group).

The camp will run from 3.30pm Tuesday 26 June to the concert on Thursday 28 June which commences at 6pm. Total cost for attendance is \$125 which will cover tuition, music, meals whilst in attendance at the camp, and camp memorabilia. Students could still enroll for this if they wish. Speak to Mrs. Purdie 49399400

August 16 - 20 Brisbane Music Tour (Queensland Catholic Music Festival - QCMF)

Over 140 offers to be involved were sent out to eligible students via email and post early in the term. This is our biggest ever contingent which is fantastic.

Depart: August 16: 5am - Return August 20: 5pm

Acceptance was via clicking on the link below or contacting Mrs Purdie direct on 49399400. If you were offered a place and haven't replied there is still some space but you will need to follow up very quickly now as once the bus is full we cannot take any more.

<https://goo.gl/forms/p4heKMfoWcxoUXCo1>

We are participating in 10 separate events ranging from Christian Worship Bands through to Drumlines, Jazz bands and so much more. Percussionist, guitarist, and all our woodwind and brass students will have some great opportunities to develop and hear other musicians on the trip.

There will be few additional rehearsals in term 3 to help the ensembles develop as the students are across several grades. This will be communicated directly to the students participating.

One of the highlights of the trip will be attending the Broadway Sensation, ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***, featuring hit songs from one of the great songwriting eras, including "Natural Woman", "I Feel The Earth Move", "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling", "You've Got A Friend", "Will You Love Me Tomorrow", and "Locomotion".

Beautiful tells the inspirational true story of **Carole King's** remarkable rise from teenage songwriter to global superstar. She fought her way into the record business as a schoolgirl but it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally found her true voice and went on to become one of the most successful solo artists in pop music history.

I can't wait to see it. Bet you wish you were coming now? Never mind "You've Got a Friend" or two who is!

We will also be attending Eat Street, visiting some catching the City Cat and visiting some retirement centres while there

October 27 Capricorn coast Music Festival - Yeppoon - All Woodwind & Brass students participate along with students interested in singing.

This has ongoing rehearsal as outlined above for the various ensembles.

Other important dates for this are:

27 June a combined practice at SBC for all students from 9:00 - 2:00 Please note this is in the first week of the school holidays. Students attending the TCC camp will not be expected to attend this event.

21 September - Last day of term 3. This is a student free day 9:00 - 2:00

22 October - This is a student free day 9:00 - 2:00

26 October - 1:00 - 7:00 - Final rehearsal

27 October Festival - Times TBA

ASSESSMENT

All students' reports are being prepared and we look forward to discussing with you your son's ongoing development if you wish. Please contact Mr. Ingram via email Ingramj@sbc.qld.edu.au and he will forward to the relevant teacher as not all staff use a school email for communication.

YEAR 7

On Tuesday 19 June the current year 7 cohort will be attending the CARV retirement village to present a short concert. For some boys this may be the only term of music they have ever done or will do and we want them to have the reward of performing for an appreciative audience. The boys will be performing several songs and dances along with a percussion performance. Huge thanks to Mr Kateifides who has given the boys experience with guitar, trumpet, drums, cajon, djembe, voice and music notation reading. Not a bad effort for just a term and they are now going to perform in public.

Worship band

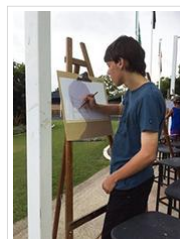
On the 26th of May this group participated in a lovely mass presided over by Father Milner at the Sacred Heart Church along with our Reconciliation Mass held at SBC on May 30. They are currently preparing for the Capricorn Coast Combined Schools Mass on July 31st.

Any questions regarding anything above contact Mr. Ingram on Ingramj@sbc.qld.edu.au or Mrs. Purdie on 49399400

Yours in Music

Mr Jack Ingram

Head of Department Music



*Aiden
Warren-Farrell*



*Catherine
Boreham*



*Catherine Boreham,
Caleb
Mitchell, Chris Hirning &
Matthew Ray*



*Catherine Boreham & Catherine Boreham, Mervyn Ahmat,
Blake Button Lachlan Rawlins, Tristan Filocamo
& Sam Wosomo*



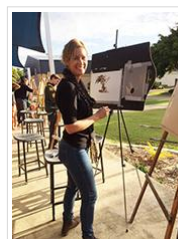
Art News

'En Plein Air' Outdoor Sketching Evening

St Brendan's College Visual Arts Department ran its annual 'En Plein Air' Sketching evening in the beautiful landscape gardens of the College from 4pm to 7pm on Thursday the 17th of May. The evening was an opportunity for students, family, staff and community members to see the wonderful facilities of St Brendan's College, specifically the Visual Arts Department in an atmosphere of creativity, fun and engagement. The courtyard area was set up with easels, stools and a range of drawing and painting media to experiment with. The 2018 event was enhanced by having local renowned artist Catherine Boreham on hand to demonstrate and teach the skills of observational sketching and landscape painting. Catherine Boreham brought examples of her work to inspire the boys in their own art practice and development. St Brendan's College Visual Arts Head of Department Lee-Ann Handley explained 'En Plein Air' sketching evening was a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful work of our students and staff, creating mentoring opportunities between our students and the greater community. The inspiration for the outdoor sketching evening came from the 'En Plein Air' painters of the Heidelberg School in Australia at the turn of the century where artists went outdoors to capture the Australian landscape from nature with the atmospheric effects of the natural light. It was a beautiful and inspiring evening enjoying a spectacular sunset with staff students, friends and the incredibly talented and inspiring Catherine Boreham. We look forward to this event every year and encourage everyone to look out for next years'.

Thank you

Lee-Ann Handley



*Catherine Boreham Jodie Cooper & Malachi Ahmat
Chris Hirning*

Sustainability Committee

Marine Debris Reduction Workshop

Members of the Sustainability Group at St Brendan's College attended the Marine Debris Reduction Workshop on Friday the 2nd of June at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club. The workshop was run by founder of Tangaroa Blue Heidi Taylor.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation is an Australian-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris, one of the major environmental issues worldwide.

To successfully solve the problem, the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDII) was created, an on-ground network of volunteers, communities and organisations that contribute data from rubbish collected during beach and river clean-up events to the AMDI Database, and then work on solutions to stop the flow of litter at the source. The AMDI helps communities look after their coastal environment by providing resources and support programs, and collaborates with industry and government to create change on a large scale.

Current data indicates:

18,000 pieces of plastic are estimated to float in every square kilometre of ocean.

633 species worldwide including 77 Australian species are impacted by marine debris.

Over 75% of what is removed from our beaches is made of plastic.

Year 12 students Fletcher Kendall, Leo Girardello, Yr11 student Charlie Bean and Yr9 student Lachlan Brown collaborated with key stakeholders in our local community including our environment portfolio councillor Adam Belot, local Tangaroa Blue representative Shelly McArdle, Fitzroy Basin, Capricornia Catchments representatives and other community groups and members in discussing current environmental issues and the international, national and local initiatives and strategies that are creating positive direction and solutions for what has become an overwhelming environmental crisis, the impact of plastics in our coastal environments.

The four St Brendan's College students representing the Sustainability Group were honoured to be a part of an important collaboration and have been inspired to utilise many of the strategies and initiatives presented in the school and local community as part of their ongoing actions and events to bring a greater awareness and application of sustainable practices and environmental issues.

Thank you

Lee-Ann Handley
St Brendan's College
Sustainability Group



*Lachlan Brown, Charlie Bean,
Fletcher Kendall &
Leonardo Girardello*



*Leonardo Girardello, Lachlan Brown,
Fletcher Kendall & Charlie Bean*

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week 27th May 27th to 3rd June Mabo Day

Beginning on 27th May Reconciliation week was celebrated at our school. Reconciliation Mass on Wednesday began with Welcome to Country by Darumbal student Caleb Young, followed by the Murri Bungis dancing as a brotherhood, welcoming us. Peter Bartlett spoke on the importance of reconciliation and the history of the week. This year's theme was "Don't keep history a mystery".



Torres Strait Island students under the leadership of Dean Dorante prepared a Kup Murri that was shared with students and staff on Saturday. The meal was delicious with plenty of left-overs for the students.



On Sunday, Mabo Day, the Torres Strait Island Dancers performed at Emu Park for the Queensland Day celebrations. The students have showcased their culture at this event for the past six years and always do their culture proud.



Edmund's Eco warriors

Warriors after planting out and mulching pictured with Shelly and our honorary warrior Ms Nasalo. The masks minimised the dust from the mulch.



Pictured are Lyndon Ahmat, Malachi Ahmat and Ezra Baltus completing the possum boxes that the Eco warriors have been working on this term. The group has also, with the guidance and help of Shelly McArdle of CapCatchments, planted out and maintained, mulched and weeded the causeway at the back entrance. Malachi checks this area daily and has become our unofficial leader/go to man.



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.
- If parents are having problems with the App, please contact Nicole Dendle in Marketing on dendlen@sbc.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 49399 424.

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.

Date Claimers

8th June	Inter-House Athletics
13th – 14 June	Aaron Payne Cup - Mackay
15th June	Rockhampton Show Holiday
18th – 22nd June	Exam Block (Study release for Yr 11 & 12 students only)
22nd June	End of Term 2

Term Dates for 2018

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!

Visit our website page via the link below.

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

Community Notices

Sewing done for you! Children's Name Tags sewn on for you. Sew on Tags ONLY. Cotton included. Tags NOT included. \$25 per hour. Janeane McCosker elsewear65@bigpond.com

Parents and Teens on Social Media

Are you and your teen on social media? Complete a brief anonymous online survey for your chance to win a \$50-Coles Myer gift voucher. Help us understand how you use social media in your family and how it affects your relationship with your teen, and how they feel and behave. Visit the link below to complete the survey today.

<http://psy.uq.edu.au/smn>

Changes to buses for Yeppoon Show

There will be some changes to Bus services to accommodate the Rockhampton and Yeppoon Show holidays on the 14th and 15th June, 2018. No Bus services will operate from Gracemere or Mount Morgan on Thursday 14th June returning to normal for Friday 15th June. The Route 20 will operate the usual route 20 7.40am departing Rockhampton City and the 3.55pm departing Yeppoon Central for Rockhampton students attending Yeppoon Schools on Thursday 14th. For Yeppoon residents attending Rockhampton Schools on Friday 15th June, the Special service will operate in the morning at the usual time and the 3.30pm service departing Rockhampton will return students through to Emu Park via Yeppoon. To see how this affects you individually please visit the link below.

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

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