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To all in St. Monica’s Community,

*Educating is a gift of life – it is like giving life.*  Pope Francis

**Welcome**

Welcome to 2016 and another exciting year of learning. This is my first newsletter and I am delighted to report that I have been welcomed into a most caring, professional and highly organised learning environment. I am extremely honoured to be part of a college that has such an historic presence in the Cairns community and to become one of the custodians of its traditions. I am looking forward to meeting all our parents and carers and, of course, working with our students.

**Staff**

The staff have been very busy preparing for the year and undertook both planning and professional development days before the arrival of our students last week. I have been very impressed with both the professional and collegial conduct of the staff in preparing for a successful year of learning and teaching. The academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting groups within the college have all prepared excellent programs for the students to produce some outstanding outcomes in 2016. I have been visiting classrooms and have already witnessed everything from Maths puzzles to Dance warm-ups; Netball skills to CPR; Technology Design to Ethical Discussions in RE – a great start to learning for the year.

**Students**

After many years in a senior college it was beautiful to see 116 eager young Year 7 faces last Wednesday morning. I was privileged to be photographed with some of our new students after the important tree planting ceremony and they have become my little ‘feedback group’ who are going to give me ideas for ensuring their transition into secondary learning is as positive and successful as possible. I spoke to all the year levels last week and this year we are all as a community thinking about the themes of – Renew (how can we continue to improve our processes) and Engage (how can we maximize our relationships). I would also like to congratulate the staff and students on the excellent academic results achieved in 2015.

**Parents**

We are looking for someone new on the College Board – please see the end of this newsletter – so please consider applying for this position if you are interested. Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting school communities and I look forward to my first Board Meeting and Parents and Friends’ Meeting for 2016. Please consider being involved if that is a possibility for you.

**Boarding**

We would like to give all our Boarders a special welcome to the college and hope they are settling in to their new surroundings. We will work very hard with you to make sure that your St. Monica’s experience is a happy and rewarding one. I have already met with some of our boarding parents and look forward to meeting many more when you are in Cairns during the year. College staff are always available by phone and email.
Learning is not attained by chance – it must be sort for with ardour and diligence. Abigail Adams

That is our promise to you as we begin another year of dynamic learning. With every blessing and best wish for a successful and rewarding year.

Edna A Galvin B Ed M Ed ASDA ATCL LTCL FTCL

St Monica’s Family

Welcome to the newest member of St Monica’s family, Petrice Sutton, who is working in the position of PA to Principal/Leadership Team and Office Manager. Petrice takes over from Jenny Flood who has stepped down after working in this role for over 30 years! Jenny has chosen to work in a part time role as Enrolment Officer so thankfully we still have Jenny’s expertise to draw upon around the office.

We also welcome back to the College, Peter Barker, Claire Milne and Eileen Bressington who have returned from long service leave feeling refreshed and ready for new challenges.

Finally we have some exciting news to share, our beautiful Sport Coordinator Brooke Peeters and her husband Brendan are expecting their first baby in June! Congratulations to you both. We look forward to seeing photographs of the new baby and wish you the very best.

Jacqueline Lester
Publisher
ST MONICA’S COLLEGE

Expressions of interest are sought from the local community to serve as members on the St Monica’s College Board. There are two places to be filled.

Board members will have a deep understanding of the nature and mission of Catholic schools and will have special gifts in one or more of the following:

- Catholic Culture and Ethos
- Student Learning
- Finance
- Curriculum
- Building and Construction
- The Law
- Community and Pastoral Leadership

Expressions of interest sought

Term 1

| Mon 1 Feb | New Parents Evening 7.00pm CMC |
| Thurs 4 Feb | Constitutional Convention |
| Tue 9 Feb | Shrove Tuesday ABTSI Constitutional Convention Yr 11 & Yr 12 Indigenous students |
| Fri 13 Feb | Opening Mass, 9.30am, Cathedral Parents morning Tea |
| Wed 10 Feb | Ash Wednesday Liturgy Start Project Compassion CISSA competition begins College Board Meeting, DLC, 6.00pm |
| Thu 11 Feb | Grip Student Leadership Conference |
| Fri 12 Feb | Opening Mass & Parent Morning Tea |
| Wed 17 Feb | House Meeting Swim Carnival 2016 |
| Fri 19 Feb | INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL |
| Sat 20 Feb | Arts camp Day |
| Mon 22 Feb | Indigenous Info Evening 5.30-6.30pm |
| Tue 22 Feb | Yr 7 & 8 HPV (Dose 1) & 8 dTPa Confirmed |
| Fri 26 Feb | WHOLE COLLEGE PHOTO DAY & ID PHOTOS FOR WHOLE COLLEGE 2016 |
| Tue 1 March | Interschool Swimming Carnival |
| Wed 2 Mar | JNR Choir Jackie Cooper Workshop |
| Fri 4 Mar | Jazz Band John Morrison Workshop AG 302 |
| Sat 5 Mar | Yr 7 interviews for 2017. All Leadership Team 8.30-4.00pm |
| Mon 7 Mar - 11 Mar | Year 7 Camp Lake Tinaroo PACS evening for Parents of Indigenous students 5.30-7.00pm |
| Wed 16 Mar | CISSA Bye College Board Meeting DLC, 6.00pm |
| Mon 14 - Fri 18 Mar | Year 11 & 12 Block Exams |
| Fri 18 Mar | House Meeting for Cross Country |
| Mon 21 Mar | P & F Meeting AGM, DLC 6.00pm |
| Wed 23 Mar | Easter Mass, Cathedral, 9.45am Year 11 PD Day - Beach Day 10.45 am Classes Conclude End Term 1 3.00pm |
| Thur 24 Mar | Pupil Free Day |
| Fri 25 Mar | Good Friday |

MONDAY 11TH APRIL STUDENT FREE DAY YEAR 7-12 PST INTERVIEWS

TERM 2 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL

First Aid

First Aid and the use of Sick Bay

If your daughter becomes unwell while at school she is to inform her classroom teacher, have her diary signed and request to be allowed to go to Sickbay, she will then proceed to the Office and sign in. If the student needs to be sent home because of illness, the Office will ring parents to advise them of this.

Students are discouraged from ringing their parents themselves to be picked up; this is to be done by the Office for recording purposes.

The duration of stay in Sickbay is limited to one 40 minute lesson.

Please be aware that under no circumstances can St Monica’s provide medication for students experiencing head ache, period pain or allergic reactions. The College cannot dispense Panadol, Nurofen or any antihistamine. Please make sure your daughter has her own supply on hand to self-administer if necessary.

If your daughter is required to take prescribed medication during the day it can be left in the First Aid office and self-administered at directed times.

Janine Evans
St Monica’s First Aid Officer

Absentee Phone Line
4042 4888
Before 9.00am

Please forward your interest to the College via email to;
secretary@stmonicas.qld.edu.au.
January was an extremely busy month; it was difficult to predict a good time to purchase uniforms without there being a queue, a big thank you to parents for awaiting patiently. I am still waiting delivery of my top-up order of senior skirts, white blouse size 10 and Y11 ties; as soon as items arrive I will place a notification in the Morning News. Parents are welcome to place pre-paid orders with me and I can email or phone as items arrive.

Please ensure you have all the necessary uniform for the upcoming Swimming Carnival on Friday 19th February

College shop phone: 40424838  email: mcdomo0@stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Monica MacDonald
College Shop Convenor
Curriculum

Academic Excellence in 2015

Year Twelve students from 2015 achieved excellent results individually and as a group. As a result of their hard work and dedication, many students have been accepted into their preferred career paths, either through offers to desired tertiary courses; traineeships; part-time work and part-time study; or full-time employment. The College wishes to congratulate all Year Twelve students of 2015 on their outstanding results!

We welcomed back to the College as recent alumni those who have achieved academic excellence and their personal bests in their last two years of senior school study at our first College Assembly on Friday 05th February. We recognised their achievements and also we welcomed new staff and students to St Monica’s College for 2016.

Subject changes for Semester One, 2016

At present, students in all year levels are settling into their classes for the new academic year, with Year Seven and Eight students embarking on core subjects for the year and rotational subjects for this term, while Year Twelve students are consolidating their studies of last year, in preparation for life beyond school at the conclusion of 2016. Some students in Years Nine, Ten and Eleven are making minor adjustments to their courses of study, and, on the return of Subject Change Forms, new timetables are being issued. By FRIDAY 12th FEB, all changes to subjects need to be finalised, particularly for Year Eleven students, so that subjects are being studied for the whole of the semester. So, the final date for application of subject changes for Semester One is THURSDAY 11th February so that the paperwork and discussions will see all students settled into Semester One subjects by the beginning of Week 4.

Ms Nolan is meeting students in Years 11 and 12 for the changes of subjects this year. Ms Provan is meeting students in Years 9 and 10 for changes of subjects.

Getting organised for study in 2016

I would encourage all parents to support their daughters to have books, electronic files and equipment organised this week so as to be ready for positive learning in the classroom over the semester. If, as the saying goes, “It takes 100 practices to create a habit”, then this week is the time to organise and start living realistic patterns for good study habits for this year. Year level Middle Leaders have been working with students in all levels to further develop these life skills and will continue to do this throughout the year.

As students progress through the year levels, there is the expectation that they will develop an increasing level of independence in their thinking skills. This will continue to be one focus for staff and students in the teaching and learning at the College. In practice, this may mean asking a guided question and then a more open one or presenting students with familiar problem types and then asking them to think about different ways of approaching the solution for unfamiliar problems. These are the skills that develop critical independent thinking and result in excellent academic standards.

The academic calendar for the school year includes due dates for assignments and examination blocks for practical and written exams. Please note that these are compulsory for all students so family travel arrangements need to be made outside of these dates to meet expected academic commitments. Curriculum Middle Leaders are currently compiling Assessment Planners for students in all year levels to assist with student planning and these will be issued to students in hard copy and electronically during Week 3 and then these will be put on the College website.

REMINDER about Request for leave outside the 13 weeks of annual school holidays

Whilst the College is pastorally supportive of students who have extenuating circumstances, the College, as all other day-to-day teaching organisations, has scheduled its academic program to maximize learning opportunities for students in the time frame set by the State Government for school terms. The College expectation is that students be in regular and consistent attendance – that is, to be present for the teaching opportunities in timetabled class time - so as to achieve learning goals and meet the requirements of all pieces of assessment in a timely and equitable fashion.
Should extenuating circumstances occur, the College procedure is that students collect the Request for Leave Form from the Student Office, have parents complete and sign and return to the office at least two weeks prior to necessary planned absences.

Extenuating circumstances include:

* Long term student illness for which Medical documentation is required
* Bereavement
* Sporting participation in College recognized sports at a district, state, national or international level
* Participation in College recognized cultural activities at a district, state, national or international level

Such extenuating circumstances are the guidelines for support by the College of the application. If College support is given, Curriculum Middle Leaders in consultation with the Deputy Principal Curriculum will determine the procedure for the student to follow with regard to assessment. This procedure will follow the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority guidelines for assessment in Years 11 and 12 and the guiding principles of timeliness and equity for all students will be followed in decisions for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Considering that the student school holidays are 13 weeks of the year, requests for leave of absence for extra holidays during term time are not considered as extenuating circumstances. If College support for the student absence is not given, then the student is responsible for collecting all work done in the classroom during this time from Student Resources and the teacher. No examinations will be re-scheduled and the student report will note Not Completed against this piece. Assignments due during this time must be submitted at a date determined by the Curriculum Middle Leaders. It would be unreasonable for parents to expect individual tuition from the teacher who has already given professional time to students in the scheduled class time.

Please note that students in Years 11 and 12 must meet assessment completion expectations to fulfil QCAA requirements and students who do not complete required assessment may be ineligible to be credited with the study of the whole semester unit of a subject. In Years 11 and 12, this may mean that the student is not credited for the semester of study for either the Qld Certificate of Education (QCE) and/or for the Overall Position (OP) or Selection Rank.

Whilst the overwhelming majority of parents support their daughters’ education as significant and do follow the College expectations in partnership with the College, this procedure is necessary to ensure that equity is demonstrated in practice to all students.

**Year 7-12 Academic date claimers**

End of Term exams and assessments are scheduled for the two weeks prior to all holiday periods and are listed on individual Year Assessment Planners so students must be in attendance for all of this time.

The QLD Core Skills Test is scheduled for TUES 30th and WEDS 31st AUG 2016. All OP eligible students need to be in attendance and complete the QCS Test if students wish to receive an OP.

End of year – **Year 12 students MUST be in attendance up to and including FRI 18th NOV 2016** in order to complete eligibility for a Qld Certificate of Education.

I look forward to working with you, your daughters and their teachers for an educationally challenging academic year.

Janice Provan  
Deputy Principal Curriculum
Pastoral Care

Welcome

For those parents who are new to the College, I would like to introduce you to the Pastoral Care team here at the College. I am the Pastoral Care Deputy and am here to be of assistance to you and your daughters in all matters of social and emotional well-being. If your daughter is having problems settling in, or if she is concerned about something that is not specific to any of her subjects, then please let me know and I will do my best to be of assistance. Other members of the Pastoral Care team include Homeform teachers, Year Leaders and the School Counsellor. We are all here to ensure that your daughter feels safe and happy in her school community.

The Homeform teacher is the best person to be informed of sickness or any other disruptions occurring at home. If the matter is more serious and you feel that all your daughter’s teachers need to be advised, then you should contact the Year Leader. Should neither of these teachers be available, feel free to speak to me and I will pass the matter on to the relevant staff members.

It is well-documented that where parents maintain good communication with the school then students have much better social and emotional well-being. I encourage all parents to avail themselves of the pastoral care available at the College in order to facilitate their daughter’s learning and personal growth in 2016.

Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Program starts Tuesday 23 February

Information and permission forms have been sent home regarding the Queensland Health Immunisation Program. The first needles will be administered here at the College on Tuesday 23 February. If you have any concerns or questions about the program please contact me or speak to your family GP. These forms must be returned to the College by Friday 12 February irrespective of whether your daughter is being immunised or not.

School Photos – Friday 26 February

School photos will be taken on Friday 26 February and order forms will be sent home next week. I would encourage parents to consider ordering photos online to avoid the inconvenience of providing the correct change on the day photos are taken.

Stop, Drop, Go Zone

A few reminders about the new Stop, Drop, Go Zone:

Please do not come before 3.30 pm in the afternoon because the girls will not be ready. On Wednesdays, the girls should be ready by 3.15 pm.

UNIFORM ISSUES

Parents are asked to note that the only black, leather lace-up shoes that are acceptable at St Monica’s are the traditional school shoe that has a heel. There are a number of soft and/or flat leather lace-ups that are NOT acceptable. Please see the diagram if you are unsure.
Stop, Drop, Go Zone

- Collect your daughter from the front of the queue to allow all traffic to move forward
- If your daughter is not there and you have waited two minutes, please move off and come back later
- If the line is full, please do not queue on the road. You need to go around the block and come back
- There is absolutely no-one around by 3.45 pm so, if you can stagger your arrival by five or ten minutes, it will make for a much smoother pick-up
- Remember that the Library is open until 5pm and the girls don’t have to rush off unless they have other appointments

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as everyone gets used to the changed traffic conditions.

Looking forward to working with you in 2016.

Rosa Lanzo
Deputy Principal Pastoral Care

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

News from Jasmine Zamprogno, a former student of St Monica’s College, who is currently completing her final year of Law at the University of Queensland.

Jasmine will feature in the 2017 UQ Undergraduate Guide within the Scholarships section and we are very proud of her achievements.

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- Our school photos will be taken on the Friday 26th February 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelopes Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code: QCV 217 R7Y. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 midday the day before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.

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JASMINE ZAMPROGNO
Bachelor of Laws (LLB) student
UQ Excellence Scholarship recipient

"Once I decided I wanted to study law, I knew I wanted to attend the best law school in Queensland, the TC Beirne School of Law at UQ. I received this scholarship as the combined result of my academic, community, sporting and cultural achievements in my final year of high school. Being awarded a UQ Excellence Scholarship has already aided my studies by ensuring I do not have to worry about seeking and maintaining demanding part time employment to support myself. Meaning I can primarily focus on my studies."
Outstanding Achievements

This Pastoral Care initiative commenced in 2015 with the introduction of the Year 7 students to St. Monica’s College. The aim of the program is to facilitate a smooth transition into High School, support and reinforce the sense of community within the college, to build on the strength of the vertical Homeforms and to provide support for the younger students with the allocation of a ‘Big Sister’. It is hoped that the sisters will continue the mentoring and nurturing program throughout their years at St. Monica’s College. In 2016 Year 7 students are paired with a Year 9 student.

Little sisters were introduced to their big sisters via a letter prior to the commencement of the school year. It was an expectation that the Big Sisters take on a mentoring role, to check in with their Little Sisters on a regular basis, assist with any academic or social issues and to participate in shared activities.

Lorraine Mischlewski

Congratulations to 2015 graduate Shareen Fairley who was awarded the Certificate of Academic Commendation by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

The QCE Achievement Awards exemplify the high standards, credibility and flexibility of Queensland’s senior schooling qualification. The Certificate of Academic Commendation award is for students who achieve Very High Achievements (VHAs) in the equivalent of at least six Authority Subjects.


Well done Shareen! Best wishes for your continuing learning and future career choices.

The secret to getting ahead is getting started!
Boarding

The Chavoin residence has welcomed 15 new girls from different year levels to begin a very new experience as boarders and community living. Though only a few days into the school year the girls have settled in well and have been accepting of the rules and routines necessary to have a happy boarding environment. We have had minimal home sickness and I appreciate the time that parents spent with me when the girls arrived. Communication is the key to a successful partnership and every contact is a positive. It is also a special time to have our “old” girls back and to see how excited they are to be with one another for another year.

Our residence has had more upgrades during the holidays. We have new kitchens in both ends and also a new lounge for the seniors. There have also been some smaller cosmetic changes.

Each Saturday the full time boarders go on an outing. Last weekend was a trip to the Barron Falls and then Kuranda. Even the trip on the bus was exciting for some of the girls. They took a BBQ lunch and from all accounts had a very enjoyable day.

On Tuesday and Thursday after school there are activities for the Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. These vary each year and the girls are signed up and committed to be part of a team on Tuesdays and Thursdays when we have more leisure activities such as cooking, craft, chess and music. On Wednesday the girls have the opportunity to go to Cairns Central Shopping Centre if they wish. The girls always go with other girls – the group numbers depending on their year level.

I look forward to an exciting year of sharing and learning with the girls and encourage families and carers to contact me if there are any concerns.

Jane Keilar
Drama

Donations of exercise books and stationary for PNG

At the end of last year, the girls were invited to donate their used exercise books, pencil cases and stationary, which would have ordinarily been thrown into a bin, to a school which has just been established in the Village of Nauro 2 along the Kokoda Track, Papua New Guinea. The girls were very generous in their donations with some of their goods already being transported up but a majority of it will be taken up very shortly. Contact has already been made with the chief of the village, who has given permission, as is the custom, for me to enter the village with these donated materials. They have already expressed their heartfelt thanks to all in the St Monica’s College community. If anyone would like to make any further donations, they are more than welcome. They can be left with myself until I venture up. My hope is that we can repeat this act of charity again at the end of this year.

Aquatic Musical Extravaganza and Rehearsals

This year, as you may be aware, is our musical year but unfortunately, the Cairns Civic Theatre has been decommissioned to be replaced with a new theatre. Rather than not do a musical at all, we have used the decommissioning of the theatre to our advantage and have decided to do something a little different in a new performance space.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that this year’s school presentation is titled Aquatic, a musical extravaganza combining the talents of all our music ensembles into one performance. But this is more than just a showcase, all the music, singing and dancing are all linked to the theme of water with the drama content being devised by the students themselves, who develop a story and link all the pieces together. All this will be presented at the Tanks.

We are all very excited about this production, the likes of which have not been done at St Monica’s before or by another school in the region.

Our Art department have begun thinking about sets and props. With the Tanks being the shape it is, we have been given permission to use the space as we like and our plan is to decorate with objects that are symbolic to water, such as ropes, paddles, buoys etc. If you have any such objects and are willing to part with them for a week, we would love to borrow them. We will require them the week of Monday May 23 to Saturday May 28, with the performance dates being Thursday May 26 to Saturday May 28. Please contact either Loredana Citraro or Richard Joske who will be more than happy to answer any questions in regards to this.

Keep an eye out in future newsletters for updates on how Aquatic is progressing.

Loredana Citraro
The 2016 Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC)

Are you in Year 10? Are you interested in how the brain works? If so, this is the competition for you!

**What is the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC)?** It is a competition for high school students in Years 10 (Australia) and 11 (New Zealand) to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. The program was started in Australia in 2006 to address a number of deficiencies in the public’s perception of science in general, and neuroscience in particular. The ABBC provides current and accurate information on the latest advances in neuroscience research, its value to the community, and promote careers in science and technology.

If this sounds like you, check out this link to learn a bit more:


If you score in the top 20% in the first round (an online multiple choice quiz, which will be held mid-March), you will be invited to the Queensland Brain Institute (at the University of QLD, Brisbane) to the QLD State Final.

If you are keen to enter, please email Mrs Metcalf ASAP at wmetcalf@stmonicas.qld.edu.au

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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Are you in Year 11? Do you enjoy Science? If so, you may be interested in applying for NYSF. NYSF is the NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM, which is a 12 day residential program for students entering Year 12 who are passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

The NYSF program aims to show participants the wide variety of study and career options in STEM fields. If you are interested, check out the following link:

[https://www.nysf.edu.au/](https://www.nysf.edu.au/)

Applications for NYSF 2017 open 1 March 2016 and close 31 May 2016. You can Register to be notified when applications for NYSF 2017 are open.

If you are interested in this very exciting opportunity, please email Mrs Metcalf at wmetcalf@stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Mrs Metcalf.
(Science Teacher)
A warm welcome to our Year 7 students as they enter a time of new beginnings and new friendships and to their family members as an integral part of the St Monica’s community.

The schools newest arrivals have been busy adapting to new bell times, multiple teachers, various classroom changes, and locker organisation, and they have been making these adjustments in a very calm manner. It may take a few weeks before the girls have totally settled, but they are certainly doing well so far.

As the Year 7 Pastoral Leader, I ask that parents alert me of any concerns that they may have pertaining to this transition. At St Monica’s, we aim to work in partnership with parents to provide the best learning opportunities for our students.

YEAR 8’S

Welcome back to a new school year. The Year 8 girls looked very comfortable and relaxed as they walked through the gates last week. It was lovely to see them greet the Year 7 girls and help them organise lockers and find classrooms.

We gathered as a year level in a Yr 8 assembly which was a wonderful opportunity to meet our new Principal, Ms Edna Galvin. We look forward to getting to know Ms Galvin as the year progresses. The assembly focus was to remind the girls about dress code and general conduct at school to set them up for a positive school experience.

SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS

- Laptop is charged at home overnight and that it is always carried inside the laptop bag.
- Use your new school diary to record homework and assignments
- Wear your colour house shirt on a Wednesday
- Mobile phones to be kept in your locker during class time
- Lock your locker at all times

I look forward to working with your daughters again this year. Please contact me if you have concerns or queries.

Term 1 will prove to be an exciting one for our junior girls with a Movie and Popcorn Night in week 3 and the Year 7 Camp in week 7. Parents are asked to note the following date claimers for events that will involve Year 7 students:

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Further information regarding upcoming events will be forwarded in due course.

Warm regards,

Your Junior Pastoral Care Leaders,

Ms Sonya Helms, Year 7 and Ms Sam McMenamin, Year 8
Once again, as Year 9 Leader I have the privilege to work with the Year 9 students of 2016. From their first school day last week, their enthusiasm and positive approach to begin a new school year was delightful to observe. The Year 9 locker area this year is much improved and it has been great to see the girls settling in so quickly.

I extend a very warm welcome to all families and students and especially to Niamh Hall, Sophie Milroy, Isabella Norris, Sophie Stormon, and Preethi Thennarasu who join this group of young ladies as they continue their education at St Monica’s College. Also, I welcome to the RE / SEL team Ms Eileen Bressington, Ms Jo Langtree and Mrs Lorraine Mischlewski.

I take this opportunity to mention two important points regarding the security of the laptops. The laptops must be carried in the school provided case with shoulder strap. Also, as a matter of course, but especially when the laptop is in a locker, the locker must be locked!

This week a number of Year 9 students have been involved in the process of applying for nomination on the Student Representative Council. A number of very impressive letters have been received and the students will be voting on Monday 8 February. The girls elected will be commissioned and presented to the college at the Opening Year Mass on Friday 12 February.

Should you need to contact me at any time please do not hesitate to do so. My email address is: erogerson@stmonicas.qld.edu.au or you may leave a message on the school number: 4042 4800 and I will call you back.

Elizabeth Rogerson
Year 9 Leader

Vocational Education and Training

It has certainly been a very busy start to the new school year for the Vocational Education students as they prepare themselves for beginning new courses or continuing courses from last year. Most classes have commenced and students would have been made aware of what is expected of them from their respective trainers in the first lesson. As they are now undertaking a course in an adult education environment there are a number of things to remember:

- **They must attend all classes.** If they are absent for any reason both the training organization (TAFE, Cairns Training Academy etc) and the college need to be notified on the day of absence with an explanation.

- **All dates for assignments are absolute.** Teachers will not accept assessment that is late. It is the students’ responsibility to make sure that their assessment is handed in on time.

- **There is no grading system for assessment – there is only Competent or Not Competent.** The student is either competent at the task or still working towards the competency.

This is a very exciting time for the students and I hope they enjoy their chosen course.

If you have any concerns about how Vocational Education works please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janine Evans
Vocational Education and Training Co-ordinator
Our Tuckshop is open from 8.00am. We offer a Breakfast Menu available from 8.00am – 8.30am every day.

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**ICE CREAM / SNACKS**

- Lemonade Icy Poles
- Raspberry Icy Poles
- Frosty Fruits
- Fandangles
- Cookies & Cream Mini Drumstick
- Milo Scoop Shake
- Popcorn
- Choc Chip Mins (25gr)
- Ovzletries

**WHAT ELSE?**

- Regular school includes lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot & cheese
- Salad Dressings – Italian/Balsamic

**FAQ**

- How do I register for lunch?
  - Go to www.flexischools.com.au
  - Click REGISTER NOW
  - Enter your email
  - You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
  - Choose a username and password and complete the form
  - Add each student and their class
  - Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

**Dear Parents/Carers**

If you would like to help in our Tuckshop please come and see myself or Estella. Your help is truly appreciated. Come in and have a coffee. It’s a great way to stay in touch with your daughter’s school community. We now offer the option of FlexSchools online ordering. If you are new to FlexSchools and have any questions regarding the service please call on 1300 610 799. Ann Ung Tuckshop Manager (04024820).

**Easy Online Registration**

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.

**Place lunch orders from your iPhone or iPad!**

Find us in the App Store.
St Monica’s Tuckshop

I would love to say a very warm welcome back to all our returning students and staff and a very big warm hello to all our new students and staff joining us here at St Monica’s.

My name is Ann Ung and I am the Tuckshop Manager here at St Monica’s. My assistant in our school tuckshop is Estela Ashwell. In this newsletter you should find a menu attached. We have added some new vegetarian options to our menu. We have added Macro mixed veggie Vegetarian Burgers on a Grain Roll, Vegetarian Nachos and also Tofu Stir Fry with Hokkien Noodles. We hope our girls will support these new items so they may continue on the menu.

Here at St Monica’s College we have Flexischools which some of you may be already familiar with. If you are not, Flexischools is an online ordering system. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au click Register Now then follow the prompts. If you have any problems or queries you can call Flexischools on 1300 361 769. They are very helpful and can answer any questions you may have. You can also order your uniforms online as well at Flexischools. We have a 9.30am cut off time here at St Monica’s tuckshop.

We also have Eftpos facilities in the Tuckshop as well. Please encourage your daughter/s to come to the Tuckshop in the morning to order lunches using the bag system. Estela and I encourage all students wishing to purchase from the Tuckshop to ORDER IN THE MORNING then they will get the item they wish to eat. We are open at 8.00am every morning for breakfast as well as taking orders for the day.

We look forward to meeting any parents interested in helping in our Tuckshop. To contact us please Phone: 40424800 (please ask to be put through) or Email aung@stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Ann and Estela

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Tuckshop “Help” Form

REMEMBER it is only once a month and you get to choose a day that suits you. Your support of the Tuckshop benefits all our students.

Please fill in your details below if you can help and return this form to the College Office as soon as possible.

NAME:..........................................................

CONTACT PHONE NO:...........................................

PREFERRED DAY:............................................... 

Thank you in advance
Ann Ung—Phone 4042 4800 (please ask for the Tuckshop extension)
Welcome back to another massive year of sport in 2016!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016!

Our first major carnival for the year will be the SMC Interhouse Swimming Carnival on **Friday 19th February**. Due to the closure of Tobruk Pool, the Carnival will be held at **WOREE POOL**. Last year, McAuley took out top honours; however, 2016 is shaping up to be an almighty battle between all 4 houses! It’s all about participation girls – the more of you in the pool, the more points you earn for your house colour. Nominations will be held in Week 3 for Years 8-12, while the Year 7’s will hit the pool during Wednesday afternoon activities in Weeks 2 and 3 to gain a time for their nominations.

The Swimming Carnival is a compulsory school day and all students are expected to represent their house colour. Students will not be allowed to leave Woree Pool until the conclusion of the Carnival. If a student is sick on the day, we ask parents to ring the College before 8.30am to report her absence. All students must wear and swim in their College Swimmers. These, along with House Colour Shirts can be purchased from the College Uniform Shop.

The Pool Kiosk will be open and will be selling pies, sausage rolls, bottles of water and sports drinks. However; it is recommended that all students take their own lunch and water or organise a picnic lunch amongst themselves.

It is a tradition at St Monica’s for the students to dress up in a theme for the swimming carnival. Themes will be decided during meetings over the next couple of weeks. All students must wear and swim in their College swimmers and their school house shirt must be worn and included in their costume for sun safety purposes. I also ask that costumes are in the spirit of the houses theme and an appropriate standard of dress expected by the college.

We are strongly encouraging parents to organise for their daughter/s to be dropped off and picked up from Woree pool on the day of the carnival. If this is not possible, there will be a MINIMAL number of seats available on buses leaving from St Monica’s College on the morning of the Swimming Carnival at 8:20am SHARP. We ask that this please be a last resort. Students who will require bus transportation will be asked to write their names down at our first House Meetings on Wednesday 10th Feb during extendend Homeform time. If any families who foresee transport to be an issue, please contact Brooke Peeters and additional arrangements will be made (bpeeters1@stmonicas.qld.edu.au).

CAIRNS INDEPENDENT AND TCN SPORTS TRIALS!

Cairns Independent (10-12yrs) and Trinity Coast North (13-19yrs) trials for 2016 will commence over the coming weeks! Cairns Independent and TCN trial details will be given via Homeform notices. All dates are also listed on the Sports Notice Board outside MA002. If students would like to trial for the following sports on the following trials dates, please ensure you have collected paperwork from Mrs Peeters AT LEAST 10 days before the trial date. Please see the Cairns Independent / TCN and Peninsula Process document at the back of this newsletter for more information. This has also been emailed to all parents and students.
**Please note, CID trial dates HAVE NOT yet been released. Please see Sports Notice Board at school for further details.**

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Can I also encourage all parents to ensure they email in any of their daughters’ sporting achievements, in which the school may not be aware of. It is so important that we celebrate the achievements of our students and unfortunately, in the busy lives we lead, some things can fly under the radar. If your daughter has a sporting success story, email Brooke Peeters at bpeeters1@stmonicas.qld.edu.au and we will be sure to celebrate her achievements through the Sports section of our fortnightly newsletter.

Stay strong, stay healthy.

Yours in Sport,

Brooke Peeters

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**PROCEDURES WHEN LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY**

If you need to collect your daughter during the school day for an appointment, please provide a note which she can show her teacher at the appropriate time and then she can come and wait for you in the Office. We are hoping that this will avoid unnecessary phone calls to teachers during class time. Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.
CAIRNS INDEPENDENT (CID)/ Trinity Coast North (TCN) and PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVE PROCESS

Cairns Independent Teams – 10-12yrs (age as of 31/12/2016)

TCN Teams – 13-19yrs (age as of 31/12/2016)

NB: IT IS TAKEN AS A GIVEN THAT A STUDENT’S ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOUR AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS IS IN ORDER BEFORE SELECTION INTO ANY CAIRNS INDEPENDENT, TCN OR PENINSULA TEAM CAN PROCEED.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO WHEN PREPARING TO TRIAL FOR CAIRNS INDEPENDENT or TCN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS:

1. Cairns Independent (CID) and Trinity Coast North (TCN) trial details will be given via Homeform notices. All dates are also listed on the Sports Notice Board outside MA002.

2. Collect a “District Trials Consent Form” and the “Peninsula Paperwork” from Mrs Peeters in the school gym at second lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Mrs Peeters will record your name on the “sign on” sheet for your sport.

3. Complete both the “District Trials Consent Form” and the “Peninsula Paperwork” and hand into the Office. Make sure it has been signed by your parent/guardian.

4. Hand your paperwork into the office ladies and they will get it signed by Ms Galvin. You ARE NOT permitted at trials without consent from the school Principal.

5. Once your form has been signed by Ms Galvin, it will be placed in the “Sports Box” at the office. You must COLLECT your paperwork and TAKE IT TO THE TRIALS WITH YOU! Late submission of forms = NO TRIALS. Therefore, you need to be organised! The Office ladies will need AT LEAST 2 days to get your forms signed by the Principal so please hand these in early!

6. Attend Cairns Independent / TCN trials with both the “District Trials Consent Form” and the “Peninsula Paperwork” (No Form = No Trials). These trials are usually held after school at approximately 4:00pm (please check trial details on your paperwork and the Sports Notice Board for location and time).

7. If selected in a Cairns Independent / TCN team, inform Mrs Peeters ASAP of your selection. Processes will then be put in place for any further “Requests for Leave” that may be required for Peninsula Trials / State Championships.

8. Both Cairns Independent / TCN and Peninsula trials must be attended wearing FULL SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS.

FOR ALL OTHER SPORTS THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER THE CAIRNS INDEPENDENT / TCN OR PENINSULA UMBRELLA:

1. If you will be required to have time off from school, you MUST collect a “Request for Absence” form from the College Office and hand this back to the office ladies AT LEAST 2 weeks before the dates of leave. This is to ensure that alternative classwork and assessment dates can be re-arranged (if required).

2. Notify Mrs Peeters of your selection into the team / Championships
Hello, my name is Debby Masson and I am the Guidance Counsellor at St Monica’s. I have a dual role which includes providing a confidential personal counselling service and a career guidance service. Some of the issues students come to see me about are:

- **Study skills, organisation & time management**
- **School subject selection**
- **Post-school options, university entrance, vocational education & training**
- **Family and friendship issues**
- **Personal concerns and wellbeing**
- **Mental health concerns, including anxiety and depression**

I also work closely with the Year Leaders and Rosa Lanzo, Deputy Pastoral Care, to provide a comprehensive Social and Emotional Learning program for all Year levels. Students receive three SEL lessons a fortnight. The aim of our program is to develop the life skills required to live in today’s complex world, in particular, the ability to manage one’s own emotions, to develop responsible decision making and to cultivate positive relationships with others.

Further information on student support and careers can be found on our college website under ‘Pastoral Care’ -

**Student Support site** - https://sites.google.com/a/stmonicas.qld.edu.au/student-support/

**Careers site** - https://sites.google.com/a/stmonicas.qld.edu.au/careers/

**Debby Masson**  
Counsellor

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**Appointments**

My office is located on the front veranda of Morrissey House. Students and Parents/Carers are very welcome to make an appointment to discuss any concerns.

Phone 40424851, or

Email debby.masson@stmonicas.qld.edu.au.

Or via the school office.
Public Speaking Opportunities

The art of public speaking is an incredibly valuable life skill. Students at St Monica’s College are always enthusiastic participants in the Public Speaking Competitions and have experienced success at both a local and state level over the last couple of years. In 2015 we were ably represented at the state finals in Rostrum Voice of Youth by Alexandra Laycock and Matisse Reed (State Runner-up in the Junior Division), won the Junior division of the Rotary Interschool Debating Competition (Georgia Hannah, Phoebe Little, Matisse Reed) and also the Calanna Rotary Junior Speaking competition (Matisse Reed).

There are many opportunities offered to our students throughout the year including: Lions Youth of the Year (Yr 12 students), Rostrum Voice of Youth (Yr 7 - 12), Interschool Debating (Yr 7-12) and Calanna Rotary Junior Speaking Competition (Yr 7-9). As each competition draws near it will be advertised in the daily notices and I encourage students to take up the challenge and participate in the public speaking life of the College.

ICAS Feedback

Students from Years 8 and 10 competed in the ICAS English competition held last year. ICAS tests are completed annually and developed for students in Years 7-12. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of English and our students complete these tests as part of their studies in English. Students at St Monica’s were collectively awarded 1 High Distinction (Isabella Devenish), 2 Distinctions (Georgia Pettit and Amy Oliveri), 17 Credits and 10 Merit Certificates. Congratulations to all participating students on their achievements. Certificates will be distributed through English classes.

Catherine Land
English Middle Leader

Student Representative

There is nothing quite like organising fresh books and new stationery in preparation for the start of the school year! There’s a buzz of excitement in the air at St Monica’s! On behalf of the Student Representative Council I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students, most especially our Year 7s. I hope that everyone had a very relaxing holiday and is feeling invigorated because this year is certainly shaping up to be very busy and full of opportunity.

Even though the year has only just begun, there is certainly no shortage of events happening around the College. In the first two weeks alone preparations have begun for the Opening Mass, Ash Wednesday Mass and Senior CISSA teams are being selected. Musical ensembles are also beginning their rehearsals, with spots in various ensembles still available to Year 7 students, while preparations for this year’s musical extravaganza, Aquatique, are also underway. The College’s Swimming Carnival is fast approaching and I can’t wait to introduce our new students to St Monica’s entertaining and at times, quite lengthy war-cry battles. The Year 12 leaders will be attending a Leadership Day next week and we are looking forward to finding even more ways to engage our students and enhance our College spirit.

So as you can see there are already a multitude of events happening around the College and plenty more are certainly in the works. I hope that all students are starting to settle into life at St Monica’s and I am very much looking forward to meeting some of the new faces around the College. I know that the senior girls are especially looking forward to bonding with the new students in our home forms so that we can make their transition into high school as seamless as possible. On behalf of the Student Representative Council, I wish everyone a productive year and in the words of our very own Ms Provan, “I wish you all good study habits!”

Emily Ung
College Captain
I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the Year 12 students and their families! We have begun our year as we intend to finish it - full of energy and passion, driven with the determination to succeed and a willingness to share a tremendously positive spirit. From their first day the girls have offered their assistance, welcomed younger students with enthusiasm and truly taken on their role as leaders. For yet another year, I realise how privileged I am to be working with Year 12!

Year 12 is an important time in the lives of these young women as they prepare to transition from St Monica’s to life beyond school. Over the course of the year the girls will participate in numerous activities designed to enhance their development and ensure that they will be ready to take their place in the ‘real world’. Good study habits, some hard work and effective organisation will be the key to success!

With Term One underway, preparations for our College’s Opening Mass, Swimming Carnival, the ‘Aquatique’ Extravaganza, CISSA sport and Lions’ Public Speaking have already begun. Finding a balance between extracurricular activities and academic studies can be difficult at times. This term’s SEL program will provide the girls with some advice on how best to manage their time.

As we begin a year that will surely be filled with challenges and triumphs, I would like to finish this article with a final thought: Learn from everything and regret nothing!

Should you need to contact me at any time please don’t hesitate to do so. My email address is wcasey@stmonicas.qld.edu.au or please call the College on 4042 4800.

Wendy Casey
Year 12 Pastoral Leader

A big welcome to all new and returning St Monica families in 2016! The New Year brings a fresh start and a chance to get on top of those school fees early.

The school fees are an important part of the College finances and their timely collection enables us to more effectively manage the overall budget. Please ensure all fees are paid by the due date which is generally 14 days from the fee issue date, unless you are on a direct debit plan.

The establishment of a direct debit arrangement can assist with your household budgeting and ensure you end the year without a balance to be carried forward. We are happy to assist in calculating a weekly, fortnightly or monthly amount.

Of course, if you are experiencing financial difficulty, be in touch early, so we can organise an appropriate solution. If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 4042 4844 or alternatively at bursar@stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Scott Sheppard
Business Manager
Welcome back to 2016. Our department has been buzzing with excitement auditioning students and holding meetings for “Aquatique” our musical extravaganza during May 26 - 28. This year the Arts Department (Dance, Drama, Visual Art, Multi-Arts, Music, Music Extension and Instrumental Music) will highlight all ensembles and some class work to produce “Aquatique”.

“Aquatique Camp” 2016
Over 100 students will be partaking in the one day camp on February 20th from 8.00am – 4.00pm in two weeks. Students in Dance Troupe, leads, call-backs, Jazz Band, Bella Voce (Junior Choir) and Senior Choir are required to attend this camp. A letter went home on Tuesday. Please ask your daughter to see Ms Citraro in AG 306 if she missed out on a camp letter or rehearsal schedule for “Aquatique”.

Instrumental Music
The benefits of learning an instrument are well documented and research highlights the strong links between music with: spatial intelligence, mathematics, language, reasoning, discipline problem solving socialisation confidence, reducing anxiety, commitment and flexibility. We are incredibly fortunate at St Monica’s to have nine specialist instrumental staff of the highest calibre to teach the following instruments: Brass, Drums, Guitar/Bass Guitar, Piano Strings, Theory, Voice (Classical and Modern) and Woodwind. Instrumental Music Enrolment forms are available at the front office or with our Instrumental Music Coordinator Mrs Jennie-Clarke Smith in AG 303.

PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES FOR 2016
Please note the following ensemble times and venues for ensembles at St Monica’s College and combined ensembles at St Augustine’s College. We have spaces in our Jazz Band for brass and percussion.
Art in the Bark Bursary

This is a Bursary of $10,000 for a rural, regional or remote student aspiring to study Fine Art at the Queensland College of Art, Griffith University. It is intended to support a student settling into study, buying equipment or materials or contributing to accommodation expenses.

Current applications for 2016 are now closed but to find out more details for 2017 contact, griffith.edu.au/art-bark-bursary

TYC Drama Classes for 3yrs – 18yrs

Join in the dramatic adventures at The Young Company Theatre this semester!
Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the essentials of stage performance,


Or come along to Cairns’ Greatest Sign Up this Saturday at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

Any students who are interested in creating a short film with a focus on disability should check out this competition. More details can be obtained from Ms Langtree or hop onto the website www.focusonability.com.

Information
Outstanding Achievements
Congratulations to St Monica’s top OP scores for 2015

Shareen Fairley    Katherine Wood    Teghan Blomfield    Madeleine Rayner    Jill McGrath
Jessica Knight    Gabrielle Ryan    Emily Humphries - Miller    Madeline Healy
Paris Maunder    Che Marfleet    Ronnie Lin    Grace-Kelly Davidson    Nicola Howell    Madeleine Lawler
COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRINCIPAL
MS EDNA GALVIN

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL CARE
MS ROSA LANZO

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM
MS JANICE PROVAN

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MS ADRIEN INNES

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION
MRS SUE MACMASTER

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YEAR 11 LEADER    CAROLE LANE
YEAR 10 LEADER    NADINE GRANT
YEAR 9 LEADER    ELIZABETH ROGERSON
YEAR 8 LEADER    SAMANTHA MCMENAMIN
YEAR 7 LEADER    SONYA HELMS

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SARA BRUNOTT      SCIENCE LEADER
CHRIS BURCIN      ELEARNING LEADER
BROOKE PEETERS    SPORTS LEADER
CATHERINE LAND    ENGLISH LEADER
JO LANGTREE       ARTS LEADER

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CATHERINE TAIFALOS  HUMANITIES LEADER
ANTHONY WALSH    MATHEMATICS LEADER
ELAINE KRENSKE    LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR
AMANDA WOLLIN    HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEADER
Year 7’s first day at St Monica’s, attending the traditional Tree planting ceremony

“It was really special, now we can watch our shrub grow as we grow too”
### TEACHING STAFF 2016

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*On Leave: Meagan Hains, Vanessa Eylander, Meagan Williams (All Maternity Leave)*
*Candice Grasso (One Year WOP), Kathy Evans (L.S.L Term 1), Janice Provan (LWOP term Two-Four)*
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