



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that there was time to recharge and refresh in order to be ready to approach the second semester with enthusiasm.

### **COVID-19 Reminder**

Although we have so far been spared major issues related to the pandemic we cannot be complacent or think that we are immune to the threat that this causes the community. I feel very blessed that we have been able to continue in a relatively normal manner. We are continuing to ask for high levels of hygiene and sanitising of desks and equipment. The students are to be commended for the manner in which they have approached these more stringent requirements. If your child\young person is sick or has symptoms, please do not send them to school and have them tested. This is not the time to be stoic and soldier on. I would ask that you keep up to date with the current advice and restrictions which can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>.

### **Year 12 Trials and Beyond**

Our Year 12 students begin their trial exams tomorrow for two weeks and we wish them well. We are trying to make life as normal as we can during this strangest of final years for Year 12. We are considering options to celebrate their completion of secondary school and I will share these with you shortly.

### **Parent Input**

Students, staff and parents are being surveyed in order to identify what we are doing well at the College and what areas may need more focus. Insight SRC is conducting this survey on behalf of the College and the Catholic Schools Office Lismore. The results will benefit everyone within our school by providing valuable information about the aspects of our school life that can be improved to lead to enhanced staff/student wellbeing and engagement and overall improved student outcomes.

If you would like to be involved in this process please contact the office and we will send you out the survey to complete. It is anonymous and the information you complete goes directly to Insight SRC once you return it to us in the sealed envelope provided. Parents are valued members of the Mt St Patrick College community and your input is greatly appreciated.

Be the Good and God Bless.

Paul Reidy  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### YEAR 7 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Zoom/phone Parent/Teacher Meetings for Year 7 students will take place between 3.30 and 7.30pm next Wednesday 5th August. Mr Nix previously emailed all Year 7 parents the details about how to make these interviews. If you still wish to make a booking there is a link on the College website to [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au). Use the event code z9ug2 for Year 7 Interviews. Bookings will close on Monday 3rd August at 3pm.

### YEAR 11 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Due to COVID physical distancing requirements, we have decided to have Zoom/phone Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings for Year 11s on Wednesday 19th August from 3.30 – 7.30pm rather than in the Gilbey Hall. Booking details will be sent home with the Year 11 students' Semester 1 Reports.

### YEARS 8, 9 AND 10 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

There will be no formal interviews for these year levels. However, if you need to make contact with a teacher/s please contact the College office to arrange a phone or face-to-face interview regarding your student/s in Years 8, 9 or 10.

### WEEK 5 (commencing 17th August)

This will be an exciting week for the College with Year 12 returning from their Trial exams; Bishop Gregory Homeing celebrating Mass for, and meeting with, Year 12 in the Gilbey Hall on Wednesday morning 19th August: Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews in the afternoon of the 19th and Homeroom/Sibling Photos on Thursday 20th August. All students must be in their full dress uniforms on this day!

Mary-Anne McShane  
Assistant Principal

## FROM THE CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATOR

### YEAR 9 2021 ELECTIVES

Year 8 students have made preliminary selections for the 200 hour subjects to be run in 2021 and 2022. On Monday 3rd August at 11.30am students will select their 200 hour subject in order of preference by filling in a Google form. The subjects running are: PASS, Timber, Food Technology and Art. Please note that not all students will get their first choice, but hopefully they will get their second choice.

On Thursday 6th August students will be notified of their allocated 200 hour elective and then they will select two 100 hour electives, in order of preference.

Good luck to all students in this exciting time of selecting electives.

### YEAR 10 ELECTIVES

Year 10 students attended interviews last week to discuss their subjects for Year 11 2021. The teachers were very impressed by how prepared the students were when discussing their future pathways. Thank you to the parents who were able to come to the meetings. It's always great to work in partnership with the students and parents for the benefit of each student. I will be formulating the lines next week and students will be informed of the lines as soon as possible. Please be aware that this is a difficult process and it is impossible to satisfy everyone's selections.

### YEAR 12 TRIALS

Year 12 Trials commence tomorrow Friday 31st July. This is the final assessment for most subjects. Please be aware that if a student is unable to sit for an examination due to illness they must present a medical certificate to the subject teacher and sit for the examination at the next available time slot. Do not wait until the end of the assessment block. All the best for these exams.

Narelle Sherrah  
Leader of Curriculum

## FACULTY NEWS

### MINISTRY

#### YEARS 7 and 9 REFLECTION DAYS

Years 7 and 9 attended Reflection Days last week and the majority of students are to be congratulated on their positive approach and participation. The days were facilitated by Chris Doyle from Karis Ministries. Unfortunately, due to illness of the presenter, the Years 8 and 11 days had to be cancelled, with the possibility of taking place at a later date. These days are an integral part of the College spiritual, personal development and wellbeing programmes and provide students with an opportunity to reflect upon their lives, as well as some of the deeper questions and issues in life. We hope that students were able to grow closer as a year group and will continue to see life as a gift to be embraced and to appreciate their role within the wider communities in which they live.

Michael O'Donohue  
Leader of Evangelisation

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**  
**ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the group below who proudly gathered to have their Champions photo taken together last week.



Tim Whitney  
Sports Coordinator

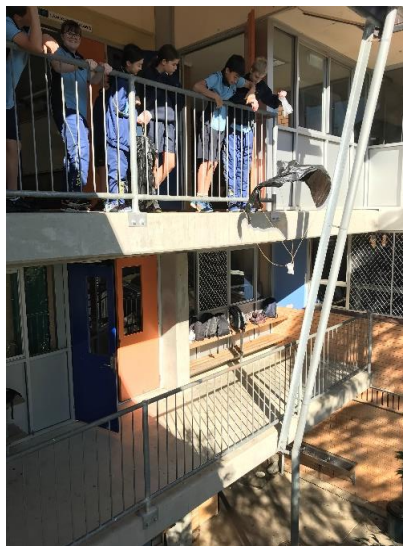
**SCIENCE**  
**YEAR 7 PARACHUTE INVESTIGATION**

Year 7 Science classes have been learning about forces that affect a falling object and they were given a fun practical challenge. Working in groups they were asked to design a parachute and a safe basket for an egg to fall slowly to earth without smashing. 7M were involved in a challenge to make a parachute using a garbage bag, string, tape and bubble wrap. The class got busy designing and making their parachutes so that their egg would survive a fall. The class released their parachutes over the balcony outside QLab 3 and timed the fall of their parachutes. Sadly, there was an egg casualty before we even released the parachutes and tragically one of the other eggs did not make it, smashing when it made contact with the ground.

The students knew that an egg dropped without anything to slow it down would fall fast and break. They discovered that their parachutes added air resistance slowing the fall, stopping the egg from breaking. They also discovered that the parachute fell much more slowly when it had a larger surface area as this increased the air resistance that is pushing against the force of gravity, slowing the egg down.

Congratulations to Phoebe Pitocco and Freda Biles who designed the winning parachute!

Sher Millward  
Assistant LOL - Science





### **PDHPE**

This week saw a number of Year 7 classes visit TRAC for the first time to complete the aquatics unit from term 2. This program has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions so it was very exciting to see the students able to do some swimming. 7P, 7M and 7B all visited the pool this week. In the first session students completed these activities: safety entries, safety strokes, life jacket relays, sculling, egg beater kick, treading water, floating and waving for help. It was great to see the many smiling faces enjoying themselves and learning or practising these important safety skills in the heated pool!

Simone Kendrick  
Leader of Learning - PDHPE



## CAPA

### YEAR 11 ENTERTAINMENT

Congratulations to the Year 11 Entertainment Industry class for completing the Work Safely in the Construction Industry "White Card" on Tuesday 21st July. This qualification is part of the VET course for Live Production and Services and the students are required to have a thorough knowledge of WHS as they embark on further work experience in the wider community. Martin from TMT training commented that the students were well-behaved and enthusiastic. The Entertainment Class will be hosting a small variety show on Tuesday 25th August as part of the course which will showcase some musicians and actors from the College in a COVID safe environment. More details to come.



Vanessa Bowe  
Entertainment Teacher

## MUSIC

Places are now available for individual and small group Singing/Piano/Guitar lessons with Jessica from VAPA (Vocal Adrenaline Performing Arts) on Tuesdays. Lessons take place at the College and are available to both Primary and High School Students. Cost is \$35/half hour lesson. The cost is split between 2 if the lesson is shared. Contact Danielle at VAPA to organise your lesson time: 0407410124

Kaitlyn Rennes-Nadal  
Music Teacher

## CALENDARS & ROSTERS

### Term 3

#### Week 3

Mon	03/8	Day 11	Mon	10/8	Day 16
Tues	04/8	Day 12	Tues	11/8	Day 17
Wed	05/8	Day 13	Wed	12/8	Day 18
Thurs	06/8	Day 14	Thurs	13/8	Day 19
Fri	07/8	Day 15	Fri	14/8	Day 20

#### Week 4

### 2019 CALENDAR

July	31 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 12 Trial Exams Commence
Aug	5 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 7.30pm Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 11 Reports Home
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 11 First Aide Training
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Home
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 12 Drams Trial Performances
	19 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm – 7pm Yr 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Homerom/Sibling Photos

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### TERM 3

##### Week 3

03/8	Lisa Blackwell-Barnes
04/8	Annaliese Simke
05/8	Chris Reynolds
06/8	Jenny Curnow
07/8	Lesley Bridges

##### Week 4

10/8	<b>Helpers Needed</b>
11/8	Lisa Stella
12/8	Chris Reynolds
13/8	Jacquai Harris
14/8	Billy Battese

# AWARDS

## CO-ORDINATOR'S, PRINCIPAL'S AND COLLEGE AWARDS

### LORETO

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Leon Morgan, Rishabh Lashand, Delilah Teague.

##### Year 9

Toby Bevis, Wyatt Gradisnik, Ayla Teague.

##### Year 10

Abbey Bevan, Ruby Denner, Isabella Dusi, Darcy Greenbury, Lily Higgins.

##### Year 11

Kiara McCarthy, Oliver Paley-Mason.

##### Year 12

Therese Daley

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 10

Abbey Bevan, Isabella Dusi.

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 10

Isabella Dusi

### LISIEUX

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Makaylah De Jonge, Ellody Doman, Riley Griffin, Flynn Jones, Petros Mackney, Isabella Millar, Shamsa Osman, Maia Fergus-Mackie, Amali Moore, Ulani Uhlmann.

##### Year 8

Marcus Beck, Meisha Dwyer, Olivia Mason, Alexander Wong.

##### Year 9

Ella Charman, Sasha Hendrikse, Tabitha Stratton, Blake Cracknell, Lucy Hopkins.

##### Year 10

Lucy Jones, Kiyana Doman, Zatalia Gumm, Lucy Jones, Zach Simpson.

##### Year 11

Harrison Sharp

##### Year 12

Daniel Acret, Lily Rainford.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 9

Ella Charman, Tabitha Stratton, Lucy Hopkins.

##### Year 10

Zach Simpson

##### Year 12

Daniel Acret, Lily Rainford.

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 12

Daniel Acret

### LUCAN

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Bailey Buchanan, Hunter Leslight, Bailey Lofts, Angus Miller, Jai Brennan, Jack French, Phoebe Pitocco, Charlize Ricciuti.

##### Year 8

Jude Livermore, Tom Logan, Gabrielle Flood.

##### Year 9

Lily Van Den Driest, Nathan Pryke, Amaya Scard.

##### Year 10

Isabella Hodgson, Jordynne Ricciuti (2), Rory Flynn (2), Summer Houghton, Jesse Hutton, Spencer Leslight, Isabelle Logan, Maximo Morrison, Kimberly Scard, Maximilian Schreer, Jayde Shultz, Darcy Wills.

##### Year 11

Sashi Wills

##### Year 12

Samantha Brennan, Charlotte Dixon, Kaytlin Harris, Liam Mangleson.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 8

Gabrielle Flood

##### Year 9

Nathan Pryke

##### Year 10

Rory Flynn, Kimberly Scard, Jayde Shultz.

##### Year 11

Sashi Wills

### NAGLE

#### CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

##### Year 7

Uriah Gilson, Layla Hutchinson, Ty Loughman, Molly Dean, Jamie Howitt.

##### Year 9

Dylan Bath-Dunne, Georgia Lollback.

##### Year 10

Charlie Gibbons, Jessica Johnson, Edan O'Callaghan, Emily Selwood, Lachlan Field, Fiona Laybutt, Christian Lollback, Emma Loughman, Ruby Waters.

##### Year 11

Sam Anderson

##### Year 12

Janardhan Jolivet, Maddelyn Thompson.

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

##### Year 10

Charlie Gibbons, Edan O'Callaghan, Emily Selwood.

##### Year 11

Sam Anderson

#### COLLEGE AWARDS

##### Year 10

Edan O'Callaghan

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Thursday 6th Aug



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## **Session Four: 3.30-5.00pm**

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For further information contact Janita Thomson  
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