



The Spirit

NEWSLETTER OF MT ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE



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EVENTS

AUGUST

Friday, 10

Term 3 fees due

Year 10 Humanities Excursion
(1/2 Cohort)

Aero-Schools State
Championships

Basketball trials Jnr 3:30pm

Saturday, 11

Aeroschools State
Championships

Sunday, 12

MSM Tennis Championships

Monday, 13

Year 9/10, 2019 Subject Info
session 5pm Sophia Centre

Rosies Student Engagement
Programme

UQ Athletics meet

Tuesday, 14

Assembly

Year 7, 8 & 10 Maths ICAS

Rosies Student Engagement
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Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students

Last Friday we celebrated Mary Aikenhead Day, one of the most important dates in our school calendar. Why is it important? It is a time for us to reflect on the foundation of Mt St Michael's College and to give thanks to the Sisters of Charity for their vision. We also pray for all the students, parents, staff, Board Members and other community members, both past and present, who have contributed to our story and have allowed us to grow into the wonderful College that we are today. Through the various activities of the day, we come together as a community to honour the past, express gratitude for everything that we have in the present and consider how we can contribute to the future.

The day commenced with special presentations by some of our Alumni who spoke about their experiences as a student at MSM and how the charism and spiritual vision of the Sisters of Charity formed them as young women and continues to influence their life today. Thank you to Janet Thompson, Kaitlin De Souza, Mena McLean, Keleisha Rigby-Smith, Genevieve Fraser and Ebony Jackson for being so generous with their time and so willingly sharing their stories. These presentations were very well received by the students.

We were blessed with the presence of four Sisters of Charity - Sr Suzette Clark rsc (current MSM Board Member), Sr Margaret Mines rsc, Sr Jeannie Johnston rsc and Sr Anne Taylor rsc. We are particularly grateful to Sr Margaret, who addressed us during Mass. Sr Margaret is a *"living treasure"*. Her work with the patients who had contracted HIV in the 1980s, particularly when so little was known about the disease, was inspirational and provided a powerful example as to how we can demonstrate our core values of love, justice, compassion and hope. Thank you to our students who listened so respectfully to Sr Margaret and I encourage you to take on board two of her precious pieces of wisdom that she shared *"I want to be the best person I can be with God's help"* and *"Listen to the quiet voice of God"*.

Thank you to Fr Marty Larson for presiding at our Mass and for the walk down memory lane during his homily. It was also wonderful to welcome

Wednesday, 15

EXHIBITION - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday, 16

STUDENT FREE DAY

Year 7, 2019 Orientation Day
9am - 11am Sophia Centre

Old Catholic Colleges
Music Festival

Athletics Team Training @
Dorrington 7am - 9 am

Friday, 17

STUDENT FREE DAY

Old Catholic Colleges
Music Festival

Athletics Training @ UQ
9am - 11am

Saturday, 18

Old Catholic Colleges
Music Festival (two days)

Monday, 20

CaSSSA Cup Athletics QEII
Years 8 & 10 attending

Year 10 SET plan interviews
this week

Tuesday, 21

Assembly in HR + 10 minutes
CaSSSA Cup Athletics
& QCMF results

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Wednesday, 22

Claire's Cottage CAN Activity
3:15pm - 4:30pm

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back to MSM previous Principals, Ms Alison Terrey (2002-2016) and Mrs Narelle Mullins (1994-2001) to share Mass with us.

At the conclusion of Mass, we acknowledged staff who had reached the significant milestone of 10 and 20 years of faithful service to the community of MSM. Congratulations to the following staff who were presented with their 10 years of service award by Sr Suzette:

Dr Madonna Ahern
Mrs Deanne Burton
Ms Laura Byerlee
Mrs Madonna Kelly
Mrs Sissi Lilley
Mrs Jane McNally.

Sr Margaret presented
Ms Annette Gray with her
20 years of service award.



Thank you to these staff and all of our current staff for the care and dedication to our students every day!

The day wrapped up with the House Choir Competition. There were wonderful performances from all of our choirs. The final results were:

Years 7 & 8 Choirs

- 1st Place - Stewart
- 2nd Place - Rush
- 3rd Place - Grantuly
- 4th Place - Aikenhead

Years 9 - 12 Choirs

- 1st Place - Grantuly
- 2nd Place - Stewart & Aikenhead
- 3rd Place - Rush

Well done to the Year 12s for their leadership in this activity.

Mary Aikenhead Day was truly a day of celebration that involved many people to make it such a success. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the different "parts" of the day – guest speakers and letter writing, Mass and the House Choir Competition! This is what makes our MSM community so special. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Ms Brasch-McPhee and Mr Champion for all of their overall organization.

In faith and love

Sharon Volp
Principal