



Mr Apelt leading a College tour (open to the public) – See Website for details.

**School Tours**

College tours occur once or twice a term and are open to the public. If you are interested in attending a tour, please click [here](#) for further information.

**Mr Jim Ford | Principal**

**“Wise In Retrospect”**

I’m sure that if I went through the whole family and kids cycle again, I would do much better as a parent. Then again, maybe parenting has got harder; adolescents are less likely to listen to their parents.

I’m reflecting on a book I read recently by Dr. Leonard Sax, MD, PhD (Physician, Psychologist and Author) titled ‘The Collapse of Parenting’ How We Hurt Our Kids When We Treat Them Like Grown-Ups. Everything is in the title. Parenting is a job, not an indulgence. Boundaries, respect, and gradual increase in freedom is essential. Dr. Sax writes of children in America who essentially ignore their parents from a young age. Parents seeking approval from their child/ren and unwilling to correct disrespect. It produces a fragile, self-centred, indulged generation. Dr. Sax recommends a parenting style described as “strict & loving” i.e. “No, you’re not doing that” and “yes I still love you, and that’s why.” I regret not telling my kids I love them more often.



**‘One Hundred & Ninety Four’**

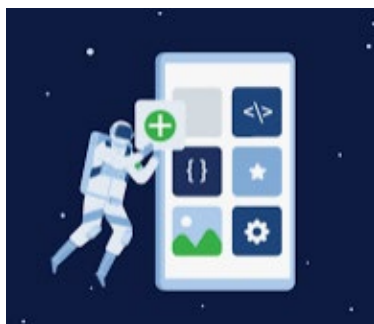
That’s the number of parents who responded to our School Results Survey – Thank you. Our leadership team met the day after the survey closed to review the responses.

In a “nutshell” parents are very satisfied overall but gave detailed feedback regarding the following;

- 1) The colour of the sports shirt
- 2) Preferring a single communication platform
- 3) Some concerns about the ‘Lovebites’ personal development program
- 4) Excessive homework
- 5) Equity & cost of the Cultural Program

Please note – the College has responded promptly with this feedback;

- 1) There is an active CMC Uniform Committee as part of the College Parent group
- 2) We have just launched ‘Parent Orbit’ App
- 3) More information on the internal program will be communicated
- 4) Homework is a topic for discussion at an upcoming staff meeting
- 5) New Cultural Program arrangements is being finalised (group sessions = cheaper fees)



**Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning**  
**Assessment Requirements**

Students are heading into the busiest assessment period of the semester, with end of unit assessment commencing in many subjects shortly. It is critical that students and families are aware of their responsibilities when it comes to assessment.

Assessment dates are published on Student Café and Parent Lounge, by the Friday of the second week of each term. Students are expected to meet these deadlines and if they are unable, for a range of reasons, the assessment policy indicates the required process for them to undertake. In the event of a planned absence that falls on dates involving assessment, the school reception & impacted teacher must be notified via email as early as possible. In most cases, students will then be asked to complete an AARA form, which will indicate changes to their assessment conditions. An AARA must be approved before assessment conditions can be modified.

In the event of an emergent absence on the date of an assessment, the same contact needs to be made with the school, however medical documentation will more likely be required, to support any possible change/extension to the assessment conditions. If a student does not follow this process, no result may be given for that unit. The College wishes to avoid this situation wherever possible, but requires student and family assistance for this to happen. If you are not sure what the correct process is, please don’t hesitate to contact the College.

**Mr Daniel Scotton | Sports Coordinator**

**Triathlon Team**

Daly Bay Teams Triathlon Relay – Our CMC Triathlon team participated in the Enticer Event of the relay on Sunday 22 October, and took out first place honours. They were the fastest out of all the Enticer teams and were also the fastest in each of their individual legs (swim, bike, run), an amazing effort, congratulations and well done!



## Mrs Paula Bell | Business Manager

### School Fees

Full payment of College fees are due by Friday 17 November 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bell 4994 9200.

## Ms Stacey Austin | HoY 8 - Teacher

### Careers Corner

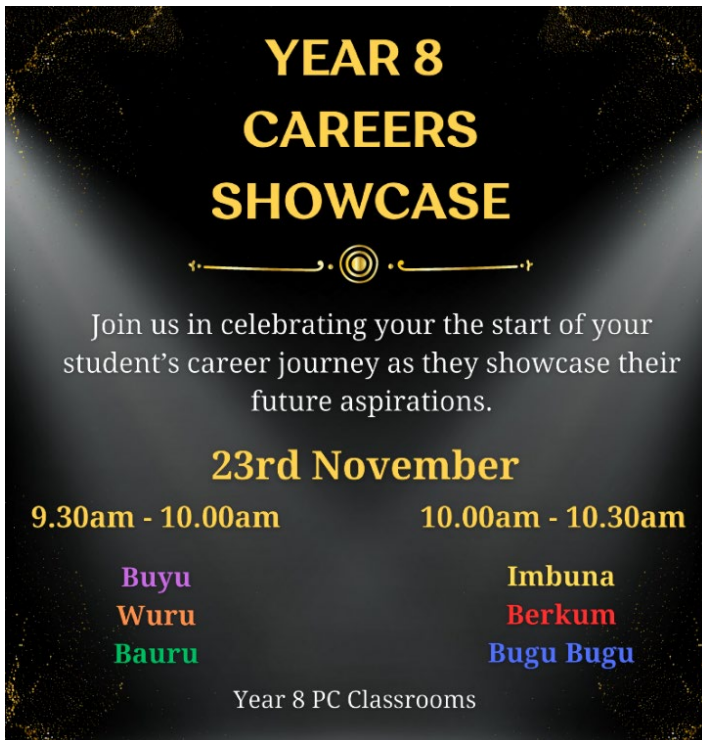
#### Exploring Key Growth Job Industries

In the past two weeks, our Year 8 students have continued their journey into the world of potential career pathways, as we hosted guest speakers from the Mining/METS and tourism industries. These engaging sessions provided our young minds with invaluable insights into key growth job industries right here in our region. A huge thank you to Andrew Maszszak from Aurizon, Professor Rob Brown from CQUniversity, Ian Mason from Sarina Sugar Shed and Michelle Anderson from Mackay Adventure Tours.

#### Invitation to Year 8 Parents

Year 8 Careers Showcase

Date claimer - More information will be communicated shortly, regarding this new initiative.



**YEAR 8 CAREERS SHOWCASE**

Join us in celebrating your the start of your student's career journey as they showcase their future aspirations.

**23rd November**

**9.30am - 10.00am**      **10.00am - 10.30am**

**Buyu**      **Imbuna**  
**Wuru**      **Berkum**  
**Bauru**      **Bugu Bugu**

Year 8 PC Classrooms

### Melbourne Cup

Sweeps were held on Melbourne Cup Day to raise money for Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. Winners are grinners and the lucky winners received tuckshop vouchers.



## Mrs Kathy Parrish | CMC Board Chair

### November CMC Board Report

#### Board Member Inservice

Mr Kris Arnold provided the board with an in-depth account on the history and current day workings of Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (DBCT). A very informative presentation on how DBCT operates within the Mackay community. The board gained valuable knowledge about one of our region's largest employers.

## Prayer and Formation Session

The board discussed Catholic education for communities of increasing diversity and how the aim of religious education in Australian Catholic Schools is to develop students' knowledge and understanding of Christianity within contemporary society.

### Principals Report


- New buildings will be completed by the end of this year and ready to accommodate students at the start of 2024
- Trivia night was a resounding success. Well done to the Parent Engagement Group for their efforts in hosting a wonderful event
- Only 3 weeks of school remaining for 2023, and it will certainly be busy. Stay up to date with all upcoming events by using the new Parent Orbit app

The evening concluded with Christmas festivities and a very enjoyable game of trivia hosted by quizmaster extraordinaire, Mr Jim Ford.

On behalf of the board, I wish all staff, students and their families a very blessed Christmas and relaxing break over the holidays.

## Catherine's Café | Mrs Frances Deguara

### Roster

		Term 4, Week 7, 8 & 9 2023			
		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Week 7	Deanne	volunteer needed	Natalie	Kym Tenille
	Week 8	Debbie	Caroline	<b>ORIENTATION DAY</b> Deb Alice Natalie	Monique Lee-Anne
	Week 9	Deanne	Tash	CLOSED	CLOSED

### Date Claimers

Thursday 23 November – Year 7 2024 Orientation Day for **enrolled** Year 6 students

Wednesday 29 November 9:00am – End of Year Mass (Whole School Event)

Friday 1 December 10:00am - Awards Morning

Friday 1 December – Last Day Term 4, students to be collected at 11:30am from the Field Street carpark

### Community News



**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE**

**St Mary's Christmas Community Fair**

**SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2023**  
**5:30PM TO 9:00PM**  
**42 JULIET STREET, SOUTH MACKAY**

BBQ Food, Hot Chips, Hot Dogs and Cold Drinks  
 Snow Cones, Pop Corn & Fairy Floss  
 Mini Cent Sale & Raffles  
 Rides from Lets Jump  
 Lucky Envelopes  
 Sweet Stall  
 Bar & Live Music  
 Face Painting  
 Ham Wheel

Santa will be visiting!