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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a very enjoyable holiday and that you are ready for what will most likely be a swift and busy Term 4. The final term of the school year is always packed with events and rites of passage. It's an exciting time as the weather starts to warm up and the Christmas decorations start appearing in the shops (which I'm sure you have already seen over the break). With only 9 weeks to fit in all the major events that take place and Year 12 students being finished by the end of Week 7, time can seem to pass very quickly. We must be mindful, however, not to see Term 4 as a time of winding down.

Our senior students are still involved in meaningful assessment that can impact their final results and for our younger students the final term is a crucial time of consolidation and can often see rapid growth in learning outcomes for those who remain focused.

I urge you, therefore, to stay the course. Keep encouraging your children to do their best. Let them know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be completed. Help your children with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for them to complete it, and by removing distractions such as television and social media during homework time. For those with younger students – reading with them is one of the best things you can do! Read, read and read some more!

All the best for a wonderful Term 4.

God Bless

Myles

Mrs Angela Myles College Principal

Head of Primary News

There will be a **Parent Volunteer Session** with Mr Turnbull on **Wednesday, 19th October from 9am** in the College Boardroom. Parents need to have completed this session to be able to volunteer at the College.

Kind regards Ms Pam Radcliffe Head of Primary

Office News

Term 4 Fees Statements are being issued this week and will be due in full by Friday 21st October unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place with the College. If you have not provided an email address to the College, please update your details with us as soon as possible. Statements will be posted to families that have not provided an email address. If you have any concerns regarding your College Fees, please contact Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare. Payments can be made using BPay, EFT, Direct Debit, Cheque or Cash. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it's preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPay.

Kind regards Miss Kym Schultz Business Manager

Campus Minister News

<u>Kolbe Youth camp</u> was on the first weekend of the school holidays. 26 young people from St Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Brisbane came to St Mary's for a camp. It was a blessing for them to be here and in turn they blessed us by doing the music at mass on the weekend in beautiful Samoan style.

Ignite Conference We had a small group of our students attend Ignite Conference over the middle weekend of the school holiday. This 4 day conference was jam packed with amazing talks by some incredible speakers from all around the world, rally's where 1,600 young people danced and praised to music by Emmanuel worship and celebrated their faith together and an expo full of Catholic missions, vocation desks and many freebies. Our students left feeling loved and renewed. Registrations are already open for Ignite Conference 2017. Visit www.iqniteconference.com.au

Youth Group will resume this term in week 2 (Tuesday 11th Oct at 3pm), it is fortnightly. We will have afternoon tea, games, ten pin lawn bowling, have some input from a program called Alpha and then time to reflect and be still in adoration. Remember to hand in permission forms to be a part of youth group.

Girls only lunchtime group will be starting this term week 2 at lunchtime. In this group we are going to take a close look at the ways insecurity affects us

and how we can wipe out insecurity and learn to live as healthy, secure girls.

God bless Miss Megan Schick Campus Minister



Borrowing will resume this week. Please remember that Prep to Year 6 students must have a library bag to be able to borrow.

All overdue library books from last term are now overdue and must be returned to the library ASAP.

Book Fair

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned Book Fair for next week has been cancelled. We thank you for your support of the Fair earlier this year and hope to bring you another exciting fair next year.

Yours in reading Mrs Katie Mangan Teacher Librarian

Homework Club News

Homework Club will resume in week 2 of Term 4 (Thursday, 13th October 2016).

Kind regards Ms Sonia Robertson Year 7 to Year 9 Student Wellbeing Leader

Music Mews

Approaching Events

- Thursday, 20th October at 6pm Music Tuition Program Evening (Maryknoll Centre)
- Friday, 21st October at 7pm Topology/The Australian Voices/SMCC production: "The Singing Politician" (Maryknoll Centre)
- Thursday, 27th October at 6pm Annual Presentation Evening (Senior Vocal Ensemble, College Orchestra (not String Immersion, as previously stated))
- Thursday, 3rd November at 5:30pm Annual Celebration of the Arts (Maryknoll Centre) (selected soloists, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Senior Primary Choir, College Orchestra, String Immersion, Year 10 Rock Band)





Topology and The Australian Voices! - ***Only 2 weeks to Go! Get Your Tickets Now!***

"The Singing Politician" is a fabulous professional QPACstyle show, full of political commentary communicated through amazing music. It is sure to be the basis for much discussion afterwards! Kingaroy concert-goers will have the rare chance to hear professional musicians from contemporary chamber group, Topology, as well as The Australian Voices (directed by Gordon Hamilton) - one of Australia's only professional choirs. The performance of "The Singing Politician" will be held in the Maryknoll Centre on Friday 21 October, 7pm. The visiting musicians will be workshopping student compositions as part of their "Top Up" program in preparation for the combined Topology/TAV/SMCC Show. This is such a coup for a regional school of our size. Don't miss out! You can book tickets at topologymusic.com or purchase them at the door in the night.

<u>Art Gallery Performances – Kingaroy and Wondai</u>

Congratulations to all of the students who performed at the David Bryce Exhibition at the Kingaroy Art Gallery, and also to Ben Nicholson and Lydia Ford for their performances at the Wondai Art Gallery opening, which was part of the "South Burnett and Cherbourg On Show" weekend of regional festivities. Congratulations must also go to Liz Nicholson and Ian Nicholson for entertaining the crowd, and to our Campus Minister, Neil Hutton, who is currently on holidays but dusted off his guitar to add to the Saint Mary's musical presence. My thanks to Ben and the Nicholson family for organising this great performance opportunity.

Year 7 Music

This term, the Year 7 Music classes will be exploring the development of the piano from a Christmassy perspective with a unit entitled, "The Advent of the Piano". The students of Year 7C are fortunate to have Ms Woodruff as their teacher, and many of you will be aware that Ms Woodruff is a fantastic pianist in addition to her talents as a Home Ec, Visual Art and Graphics Teacher. All Year 7 students will be learning Christmas Carols on the piano,

and having a go at writing sections of "Jingle Bells", Good King Wenceslas" and other festive songs onto music manuscript – just by listening to the music!

By now all students learning music privately with Music Tutors as part of the Music Tuition Program will have received their invitations to perform at this event. It is so wonderful to hear our young performers in action. If you are unsure if your son or daughter is involved in this event, please contact your child's Music Tutor for clarification.

Yours in music Mrs Jane Iszlaub Music Coordinator



Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Hot Dog with Sauce and Cheese - \$3.50

Honey Soy Chicken and Rice - \$3.50

Music Tuition Program Evening – Thursday 20 October



Ticket Sales: Still a bit dire. I was wondering if the school could do an email blast letting everyone know about the show, the school's involvement and that parents of the students can get **\$10** off on full price tickets if they book with the discount code CHOIR.

Price Rise: Frozen Jewels (grapes) are now \$1.00 effective immediately.

Please note: Due to supplier issues some stock will not be available for purchase. We will substitute where necessary.

Thank you for your understanding.

*** There are no pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays ***

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in the Tuckshop, you can do so by calling Monday, Wednesday and Friday to discuss how to volunteer.

Please ensure that you have the current 2016 Menu. If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the College office.

Donation of Goods

If you are able to donate any of the following items during the year, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

Self Raising Flour
Desiccated Coconut
Plain Flour
Brown Sugar
Caster Sugar
Small Tinned Pineapple Slices
Small Tinned Corn

These can be dropped into the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

Ordering and Payment

We now have two options for ordering, online and the paper bag system. For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use either of these systems.

Online Ordering System QKR (Quicker): Your child's online order will be sent to the tuckshop, where it will be printed out. The orders are filled and placed in the class baskets. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. You are not required to send in a paper bag once you have ordered online.

Paper Bag System: Your child's order will be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings. The baskets are delivered to the tuckshop and orders are filled. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. Plastic bags are not suitable for ordering, it is very difficult to place your child's order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for .05c each.

Year 6 to Year 12 students are more than welcome to use either system. If using the paper bag system, students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

Do you know....

That you can now order online using QKR! QKR (Quicker) is an app that you can use on your phone, iPad or computer. If you would like assistance to use our online ordering system, call into the college office and see Briony Hoare or pop into the tuckshop and I will be able to assist you.

Have a great holiday! Mrs Michelle Davis Tuckshop Convenor

Kingaroy Junior Cricket News

The Kingaroy Junior Cricket season is commencing this week. Anyone wishing to join Kingaroy Junior Cricket for the 2016/2017 season please contact Michael Armstrong (President) on 0427 237 017 or Sonya Neal (Secretary) on 0417 715 705 for details.

Regards Sonia Neal Secretary, Kingaroy Junior Cricket Club

Light it Red for Dyslexia - 2016

We are excited to announce that on the 15th October 2016 the national event 'Light it Red for Dyslexia' is again taking place. Light it Red for Dyslexia is a volunteer initiative to light significant monuments and landmarks across Australia in red for Dyslexia Awareness. We look forward to many buildings and structures around Australia participating. The event coincides with international World Dyslexia Day and is a pre-launch of Dyslexia Empowerment Week in Australia. In 2015 the following buildings and structures supported Dyslexia Awareness: Telstra Tower Canberra, National Carillon Canberra, Sydney Town Hall, Luna Park Sydney, State Library of NSW, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, Brisbane Story Bridge, The Strand Fountain in Townsville, Adelaide Oval, Perth Bell Tower, Trafalgar Bridge East Perth and Elizabeth Street Mall Hobart. We are hoping for increased support in 2016 including some structures in Darwin.

It would be much appreciated if you are able to support this wonderful initiative by lighting up a local structure red on 15th October 2016 for Dyslexia Awareness. It would also be wonderful if you could possibly promote the event on your social media leading up to the date using #lightitredfordyslexia.

Approximately 10% of Australians have Dyslexia and it is marvelous to have the opportunity to help raise awareness for those who struggle to read, write and spell on a daily basis.

Please refer to the following for more information about Dyslexia Awareness and the event that took place in 2015:

Dyslexia Empowerment Week http://dyslexiaempowermentweek.com.au/

Light it Red for Dyslexia - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/lightitredfordyslexia/

Light it Red for Dyslexia – Twitter @liRed4Dyslexia

Australian Dyslexia Association http://dyslexiaassociation.org.au/

Auspeld http://auspeld.org.au/

Outside the Square Dyslexia Education & Advocacy Films http://www.outsidesquare.net/

#likeadyslexic empowerment campaign https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHCkpLsls4E

Sir Richard Branson mentioned 'Light it Red for Dyslexia' 2015 in his Blog: http://www.virgin.com/richard-branson/living-life-like-a-dyslexic

World Dyslexia Day

http://heyevent.com/event/k352jhkkovbf6a/world-dyslexia-day-australia-awareness-week-launch

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, 11th October

Whole School Assembly

Community BBQ

Wednesday, 12th October

Year 9 Arts Excursion to QPAC

SET Plan Meetings for Year 10 from 3pm in

Room 84 and 85

Friday, 14th October

ASTI Graduation Mass

Kingaroy Blue Light Disco

Monday, 17th October

Pupil Free Day - No School

Tuesday, 18th October

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday, 20th October

Domestic Violence Presentation Year 11 & 12

Music Tuition Program Evening 6pm

Friday, 21st October

Whip Cracking Demonstration

Monday, 24th October

Prep A Excursion

Wednesday, 26th October

Immunisation Clinic

Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 27th October

Annual Awards Ceremony 6pm

Monday, 31st October

Prep B Excursion

Tuesday, 1st November

Whole School Assembly

Thursday, 3rd November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 Group A

Celebration of the Arts 5.30pm in Maryknoll Centre

Tuesday, 8th November

Indigenous Graduation

Community BBQ 5.30pm

Thursday, 10th November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 Group B

Tuesday, 15th November

Family Mass

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 5pm Kingaroy Town Hall

P&F Meeting7pm

Thursday, 17th November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 2 Group A

Friday, 18th November

Year 12 Last Day

Monday, 21st November

Year 11 Work Experience All Week

Tuesday, 22nd November

Year 7 Orientation Day

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday, 23rd November

Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 24th November

2017 Prep Orientation Day 2 Group B

Friday, 25th November

Year 10 and Year 11 Last Day

Blue Light Disco

Monday, 28th November

Rites of Passage 6pm

Wednesday, 30th November

Carols Night 6pm

Thursday, 1st December

Prep to Year 6 Swimming Carnival

Friday, 2nd December

Term 4 Completed. School finishes at 12.30pm

Tuesday, 24th January 2017

Term 1 Commences



6.30pm for 7.00pm start

For more information or to register to your team

Please contact 4163 1555

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Create

6–8 Member Team Team Name Costumes

Register

Your Team \$10 per person

Bring

Enthusiasm for a great night! Team Table Nibblies BYO Alcohol Gold Coins

(Money Boards, Toss Game)

BAR AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.