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From the Principal

This week, at our **Annual Awards Evening**, we took the opportunity to congratulate many students on their achievements in 2016. They have all worked very hard this year and are extremely deserving of the accolades they received at this event. It is important to remember, however, that the students who receive acknowledgement on the Awards evening only represent the tip of the iceberg in terms of the fantastic achievements made by students at the College during the school year. Not everyone can receive a prize, but I do know that many students have demonstrated persistence, determination, courage and resilience in their efforts throughout the year. As we approach the end of 2016, any student who has worked at being the best that they can be, deserves to be congratulated.

Another common topic of conversation at this time of the year is that of **teacher class allocations for 2017**. In the coming weeks, you may notice various positions being advertised in the media in relation to our 2017 staffing requirements. As you can appreciate, this means that we are only in the early stages of our discernment around staffing for next year. Please note, therefore, that **no information will be distributed about the allocation of particular classes to teachers until after the New Year**.

As we edge closer towards the end of 2017, it is also time to give some thought to your involvement in the College. Saint Mary's has a very active and supportive Parents and Friends Association, but as is the case in many schools, the majority of the work often falls to just a few people. Many of our committee members have been serving the school in this way for a number of years and are looking forward to a well-deserved break next year. **I would like to encourage new and existing parents to give some thought to becoming involved with the P&F in 2017**. There are many different ways that you can play your part and it's a wonderful way to make an active contribution to your child's education. If you have any questions about the Parents and Friends Association, or other ways that you can become involved in the College, please don't hesitate to contact us.

New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems in Queensland

The Queensland Government is introducing new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems. It has recently been announced that the new systems will now commence for students who enter Year 11 in 2019 (i.e. current Year 8 students), rather than in 2018 as first proposed. Commencement in 2019 will ensure teachers, students and parents have time to understand and familiarise themselves with the new arrangements. **For more information about the changes that are coming, please read the attached flyer from the Queensland Government.**

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Secondary News

Stop Drop and Go

As the year approaches the end it is a timely reminder about the Stop Drop and Go. Please remind your child that they are to **wait on the cement path for the vehicle to come to a complete stop**, before getting in the vehicle. Encourage your child to enter the vehicle from the passenger side rather than walking around to the driver's side which can be quite dangerous in such a narrow street.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out at the pool next week and the following week – week 6. Thank you to the parents who volunteer in the classrooms and help in the library with the take home readers. On that note of take home readers

2017 will need new parents to help with the take home readers. This involves swapping the books for the week for students Prep to Year 2. It does take time but it is once a week. Mrs McDonald, Mrs Di Marco and Mrs Davis are our main ladies who run and supervise this vital service. **We are looking for more parents for next year** as these ladies are ready to retire after 5 years. Sharon, Rosa and Shelby will be more than happy to train up new parents. If you are interested, please contact me and I will let these ladies know and we can organise a training session.

Kind regards
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary

APRE News

Vinnies Spring Sleepout

This Friday night at the Maryknoll centre the SRC is combining with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society to host a sleepout for students from Year 6-12 to raise awareness and money for the homeless.

There are currently 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless. The rate of homelessness (which takes into account population density) is 49 out of every 10,000 people (0.5% of the population), 56 %of these are male and 44 % female.

The event will start at 4 pm and finish at 8 am the next day, any student or parent interested in being involved can get a form or contact Miss Schick or me at the College. There are activities organised and a very simple dinner and breakfast will be provided. Students and adults are asked to sleep rough, sleeping bag or swag only, to simulate what it might be like to be on the streets and not in a comfortable bedroom.

No student other than those registered are permitted to be involved or on the premises and students will not be allowed to leave the venue unless picked up by a parent.

The \$15 entry fee is a straight donation to Saint Vincent De Paul. I look forward to being involved in this event.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Campus Minister News

Adore for 24 was a wonderful event. Every year level had a half an hour shift of Eucharistic Adoration over a 28-hour time frame. I was very impressed by the students' respect and participation in this Catholic tradition. It was beautiful to see students enter into the time of silence and stillness and to just be in amongst their busy schedules.

Mass – 8.15am every Wednesday morning in the school library (parents and students welcome).

Youth Group –Tuesday fortnightly @ 3pm please remember permission forms.

Girls Group – every Monday at lunch.

Orana – Thursday 27th @ 3pm.

St Vincent de Paul SLEEPOUT– Friday 28th October.



We need you:

Children's Band & Choir are looking for prep to year 10 to play or support. Any instrument or skill level. Casual commitment is fine. No practices required. Music and support is provided.

Youth Music Band is looking for Year 10 to Year 12 students who enjoy modern church music to play or sing. Any instrument or skill level.

See Miss Schick for more details

God Bless,
Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister



Office News

Term 4 Fees Overdue

Term 4 Fees statements have been issued to families and were due for payment by Friday, 21st October. If you have not yet received your Term 4 statement or have any concerns regarding your account including instalment payments, please contact Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare in the office. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it is preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPay.

We acknowledge that some families do struggle financially at times so would ask that you contact us so we can work with you to put in place a manageable payment plan for outstanding school fees. Please be aware that while we prefer to handle these matters internally, the College does use a debt collection agency when we are not able to resolve matters directly with our families.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager



Library News

Returns Process

This term is perhaps the busiest one for the library! During this term, retrieving all take-home readers, textbooks and library books becomes critically important as we get ready for end-of-year finalisation. All students will be given printed records of all their current loans and overdues in a systematic way this term. As usual, they will receive first, second and final reminders followed by a letter posted home and finally invoicing by the office failing return of overdues. **Please note that no refunds can be given once invoiced, even if the books are found.**

Please note, Years 9-11 students do not need to return their laptop at the end of the term (it appears on their list for their information only). Year 12 students will be notified of the end-of-year laptop processes by the IT technician.

For your information, here are the dates when everything is due back this term:

Friday, 4th November – Prep-Yr 6, Yr 10-12

Friday, 11th November – Yr 7-9

I have informed students that it is very important to:

- notify library staff immediately if their books are lost or damaged.
- ensure they are returning the exact textbook they were given at the beginning of the year by checking the details recorded in their diaries.

We thank you for any support you can give us with the return of resources.

Yours in reading
Mrs Katie Mangan
Teacher Librarian

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader News

Date Claimers - Orientation Day

An important part of preparing for Year 7, is an Orientation Day. This will be held on Tuesday, 22nd November from 8.45am-2.45pm. This event will involve both current Year 6 students at Saint Mary's, as well as new students coming to the College next year.

The program for the day will provide an opportunity for students to meet their classmates and staff, as well as familiarise themselves with the College's facilities.

I am looking forward to meeting new faces and welcoming you all into the secondary school here at Saint Mary's.

Mrs Angelique Arden
Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- 😊 Mac 'N' Cheese - \$3.50
- 😊 Chicken Chow Mein - \$4.00

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

Thank you for your understanding.

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 as 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 we sell salad boxes at 2nd Break? You can order a small (\$3.00) or a large (\$5.00). Add ham or chicken for an extra dollar. Made fresh, how you like it, every day.

Regards

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

Year 12 Mums and Carers

Year 12 mums and carers. You are invited to an afternoon tea at 40 Carinya Street on Sunday, 30th October at 3pm. RSVP to Anna Patroni on 4163 5180 / 0427 635 180 or Theresa Brown on 4162 5042.

Congratulations Bredhauer Children

Harry and Lily have been selected to play polocrosse for Qld at the Albury Junior Challenge in 2017.

Harry will be playing in the first junior team with kids from all over Qld on his horse Paddygully SweetMelody.

Lily will be playing in the 2nd Subjunior team on her horse Biddu.

The competition runs from the 11 -16 April against NSW.

Well done Harry and Lily.

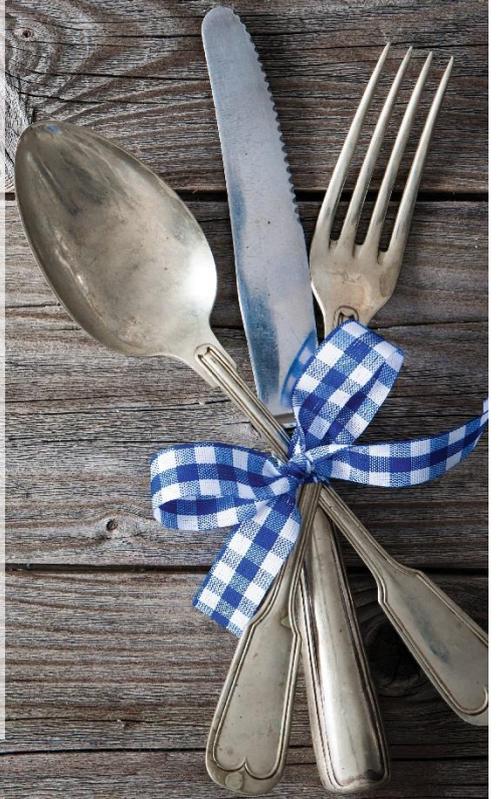


St Mary's Parish
Escape to the Country
Dinner Dance

Saturday, 26th November
at
Saint Mary's Catholic College Maryknoll Centre
Kent Street, Kingaroy
from 5.30pm

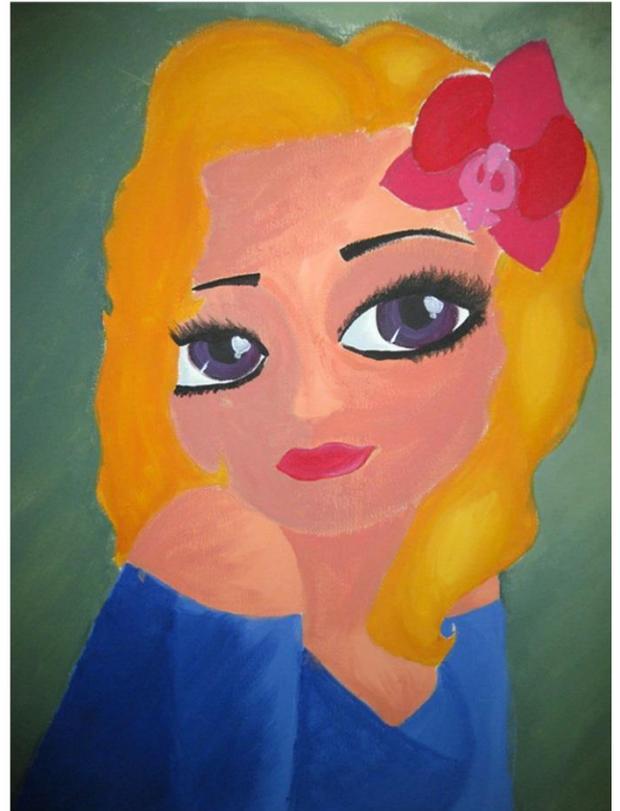
Dress: Country Attire

Cost: \$25 per person





*Saint Mary's
Catholic College*



*Celebration
of the Arts*

2016



**Thursday, 3 November 2016
Maryknoll Centre 5.30pm
Saint Mary's Catholic College**

Sausage sizzle from 5pm

BIEDO Supporting young women in our community Girl's Day Out

1.00pm-4.30pm; Saturday, 5th November, 2016
Murgon Town Hall



We encourage women of all ages to come along and show your support for our next generation.



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Kingaroy Netball Development Squads

Starting Tuesday 8th November from
4.30 - 5.30pm



All players from the age of 10 (turning 10 in 2017) and older are invited to come along and train as part of the Kingaroy Netball Development Squads.

Development Squad includes preparation for representative selections in 2017.

This program is to assist in player development before the beginning of the 2017 netball season.

Everyone from beginners to regular netballers are encouraged to be part of this program to build skills and fitness.

This will be a weekly program.

If you would like more information please contact the club through Facebook or email kingaroynetball@yahoo.com.au

Come along with your hat, sunscreen, water bottle, sports clothes and shoes.

Dates to Remember

Friday, 28th November

St Vincent de Paul Sleepout 4pm to 8am in Maryknoll Centre

Monday, 31st October

Prep B Excursion

Tuesday, 1st November

Whole School Assembly

Melbourne Cup Day

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

Wednesday, 9th November

Year 6 Camp

Thursday, 10th November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 Group B

Year 6 Camp

Friday, 11th November

Year 6 Camp

Tuesday, 15th November

Family Mass

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 5pm Kingaroy Town Hall

P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday, 17th November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 2 Group A

Friday, 18th November

Year 12 Last Day

Graduation Mass 9am in Maryknoll Centre

[Office Closed Between 9am and 10.30am](#)

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

Rites of Passage 6pm

Friday, 25th November

Year 10 and Year 11 Last Day

Blue Light Disco

Monday, 28th November

Primary Leaders Day – Year 6

Wednesday, 30th November

Year 7 Excursion

Carols Night 6pm

Thursday, 1st December

Prep to Year 6 Swimming Carnival

Friday, 2nd December

End of Year Mass 9am

[Term 4 Completed. School finishes at 12.30pm](#)

[Office closes at 3.30pm](#)

Tuesday, 24th January 2017

[Term 1 Commences](#)

Thursday, 26th January

Australia Day Holiday

