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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Included in this week's newsletter you will find our updated **Fee Schedule for 2017**. To help you in your understanding of our fee structure, I have also attached a document produced by the National Catholic Education Commission that provides some interesting insights into the figures behind Catholic Education in Australia today. One of the key things to note in this document is the section that makes reference to Government funding. A student in a Catholic School receives, on average, 17% less government funding than a student in a Government school. 71% of our funding comes from Government; the remaining 29% is generated through school fees paid by parents and carers. Without this financial contribution from families, Catholic schools would not be able to provide equitable access to resources and the quality of the education we could provide would suffer.

This year we have again followed the Brisbane Catholic Education guidelines for a slight **school fee** increase of 1.5%. This keeps our College at the minimum fee cost for Catholic schools in our Archdiocese. We have made this decision in our local context in order to keep our fees as affordable as possible. It is central to our ethos that we remain financially accessible to all, especially to those who can least afford a Catholic education.

Each year, we strive to ensure that our **levies** reflect the actual costs of materials, camps, excursions etc. for each subject so that families receive value for money. We are making some minor adjustments to a couple of secondary elective levies, but generally, they will remain consistent with the 2016 rates. The Primary general levies will actually be **decreased** in 2017 due to a reduction in the number of consumable workbooks that will be provided and also a change in the delivery method of the swimming awareness program. Further detail about these changes will be provided in coming newsletters.

Please remember that means-tested fee concessions are available for struggling families. If you are having any problems with the payment of fees, you are encouraged to contact the College for support.

Celebration of the Arts

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this week's Celebration of the Arts. On Thursday evening, the Maryknoll Centre will be filled with art, music, dance and drama performances. I am sure that the event will be a fantastic showcase of all the wonderful work that has been happening in our arts subjects across 2016.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Primary News

A big thank you to the parents and teachers and students for attending the **Awards night** on Thursday night last week. It was lovely to see the students from the littlies through to the big big kids! After today's whole school assembly, everyone should now have their awards.

Water familiarisation continues Friday this week and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week. Teachers have a yellow sheet with the TT similar to the one that went home. Your child could check with the teacher to find out what day they have swimming, if they are unsure.

P-6 Assemblies are now in the courtyard and **start at 2.30pm**. Students bring their bags to assembly and leave from the courtyard. Parents are most welcome.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Office News

A reminder to all families that Term 4 Fees were due for payment in full by Friday, 21st October unless you have a formalised payment plan in place with the College and these fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year. 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's preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPAY.

Enrolling for 2017

As we are now planning for our resource requirements for 2017, we ask that all families looking to enrol children at the College in 2017 please make contact with our enrolments officer, Mrs Alice Hauritz on 4160 0900.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Campus Minister News

Community BBQ. Every second Tuesday of the month a small group of year 12 students serve at the Community BBQ. This has been a very generous act of mercy; that they have given their time in this way. In one of the parables that Jesus told, He talked about a shepherd leaving the 99 to go after the one sheep that was lost. The students who attend community BBQ without even knowing it are being Jesus's hands and feet in this way by giving themselves and time for the 'one'. This ministry will continue once the year 12's graduate. Mr Perrett and all the staff involved invite the year 11 class of 2016 to step into this ministry in 2017.



Girls Group has moved from Monday lunch to Friday lunch.

Youth Group is on the 8th November and 22nd of November



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 overdue 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 overdue. **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

Prep to Year 6 Sport News

This week marks the commencement of our water familiarisation & safety lessons at Nanango for the P-6 students. Please see previous letters home for times and year levels for each day. Thank you to the support from the many parents who volunteered their time to assist in the operation of this program. It would certainly not be possible without the time of the volunteers.

Active after schools began last week and will continue until Week 8 this term. If you were unable to return the permission form in time your child may still be eligible to enter the program late as we still have a number of spots available. Please see the College office or Mr Collier for a permission note to complete. Congratulations to Todd Binding (Year 11A) who, on the weekend, took out the senior/adult Nutter champion for the month. Todd is pictured with the trophy for the month after he took out the handicap 5km event held in Kingaroy that takes place on the last Sunday of each month. Any parent or student capable of 5km is encouraged to come participate, perhaps even join the 'Kick the kilos' challenge from the South Burnett Times to contribute to our region's score. For the younger children there is also a 1km handicap race that local Kingaroy State School student Josh Freeman (pictured) won this month in a PB time of 4m19s. This is a great way to prepare for next year's Cross Country and general fitness, or just some friendly rivalry with Mr Collier.

Yours in Sport
Mr Scott Collier
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

Music Notes

Approaching Events

- Thursday, 3rd November – 5.00pm – Annual Celebration of the Arts (Maryknoll Centre)
- Sunday, 4th December – 5.30pm – Kingaroy Community Christmas Carols (Volunteer singers Years 3 to 6)
- Thursday, 26th January 2017 – South Burnett Regional Australia Day Awards Evening (Senior Primary Choir)

Celebration of the Arts – This Thursday!

A huge thanks to all parents and carers who have returned permission forms and are prepping their children for the *Celebration of the Arts* on Thursday evening. The following groups are performing:



- all Year 4 – 6 students (*Sesere Eeye, This Ol' Man*)
- College Orchestra (*Spring, Waltz*)
- Secondary Vocal Ensemble – including all Year 9-12 Elective Music students (*Africa*)
- Yr3 String Immersion
- Senior Rock Band, Year 10 Rock Band
- selected soloists

There will be a sausage sizzle from 5pm, and all performers should be at the Maryknoll by this time. Unless students have other dress requirements (Dance, Drama), formal uniform is required. See you there!



QPAC Comes to the Maryknoll Centre!

On Friday 21 October, leading Australian contemporary quintet, Topology, and Australia's flagship vocal group, The Australian Voices (TAV) performed "The Singing Politician" in the Maryknoll Centre. This performance was the culmination of a week of workshops for our students, facilitated by Topology Musicians in person and by Skype. The day of the performance, our Secondary Vocal Ensemble combined with TAV for a rehearsal with TAV Director, Gordon Hamilton, and the students were quite stunned by the sounds of the visiting professional singers. In what must surely be a record, our students composed a full piece of music in 35 minutes with Dr Rob Davidson (double bass) and Jon Babbage (alto saxophone) that they performed in the concert. Members of the Secondary Vocal Ensemble also joined TAV for the concert sections entitled "They Took the Children from their Mothers" and "Unrepresentative Swill". This Topology/TAV/Saint Mary's collaboration was such a success that plans are already underway for further composition workshops and performances next year with both Topology and TAV. Needless to say, if you were unable to make it to this concert, keep your ears open for our 2017 performance!



Music Tuition Program Evening

A huge crowd of parents and friends joined over 50 of our talented young musicians who performed at the Annual Music Tuition Program Evening on Thursday 20 October. It was such a diverse range of music, performers and instruments, and I would like to thank our dedicated Music Tutors for their efforts this year. A special thanks to our 'sound guy' (Guitar Tutor, Mr Grant Jeppesen), and our Stage Manager, Nicholas Erwin (Year 7).

"Singin' in the Rain" – Year 10 & 11 Music Excursion

Last Tuesday, I had the pleasure to take a group of Music students to the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art and the latest QPAC musical blockbuster, *Singin' in the Rain*. It was also my pleasure to have the company of Mr Gary Allan and parent volunteer, Mrs Tania Corbet, on the trip. There are many incredible productions coming up, including *Matilda*, *My Fair Lady*, *Mamma Mia*, and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra's live performance of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone at the Convention Centre in April. (Purser's is running a bus to this event.) These shows make fabulous Christmas presents, and I encourage families to consider passing on this information to Santa!



Presentation Evening Performers

A very heartfelt thanks to Lydia Ford (Year 11), and the students from the Secondary Vocal Ensemble and the College Orchestra who so capably organized the performance of the National Anthem at Presentation Evening when I was laid low by an ill-timed virus. They say a teacher's job is to make themselves redundant, and it was great to achieve that goal in this instance. Congratulations to all performers.

Yours in music
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- 😊 Chicken and Gravy Roll - \$3.50
- 😊 Potato Wedges with Sour Cream - \$3.50

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

Saint Mary's Catholic College Sleep Out

On Friday the 28th of October, several students as well as Mr Perrett and Miss Schick took part in a sleep out, to aid in bringing awareness to the status of homelessness in Australia. The funds raised throughout the 11-hour period were solely donated to the St Vincent's De Paul Foundation. The students had the privilege of having Will and Carmel England from the Local Conference, Paul Veivers from the St Vincent's De Paul Foundation committee and Emily, a St Vincent's De Paul Youth worker, to speak to them about homelessness in Australia. The students were able to take part in numerous activities that simulated the thought processes of homeless people in Australia and around the world. The students all took away a valuable lesson from the 11-hour

experience and wish to extend their gratitude to those who organized the event; Mr Perrett, the SRC Committee and Miss Schick. Our aim is to continue this tradition annually from here on and begin raising more awareness for homelessness and the foundation which makes a significant impact in lending hope to people who have lost their will and way in the world; St Vincent's De Paul Foundation.

One of the Students who took part in the event has written her own thoughts and feelings on the experience.

"We decided to have a sleep out to raise awareness for homelessness and to understand more about why people become homeless. All the students who came, learnt about what it is like to be homeless and about the people helping them. Through activities students learnt about how easy it was to become homeless and everyone took away something different from this experience. I personally took away that 1 in 200 people are homeless. It's scary to think that there would be people in the school that would be homeless. We did activities and games to learn and understand more about homelessness. We built shelters out of cardboard and struggled to make them stand up. One of the activities we played with Emily was one where we all stood on a line and got a card containing details about a person, including where they lived, where they came from and how much they earned. My card contained a homeless, uneducated 17-year-old with no family. Emily then asked us questions and if the answer was no we took a step back and if the answer was yes we took a step forward. She asked questions like "can you fill out a form on your own?" and "do you have a safe place to sleep tonight?" and I found myself at the back of the room. She told us to look around and we realised that there was a huge gap between the fortunate and the less fortunate. The worst part was when she told us that the people on the cards were real people who had come to Vinnies for help. I think that that shocked us all."- Caitlin Lang

If there is any way you are able to help, whether it's through donating a small amount of money or a blanket which isn't being used anymore, the smallest amount of help is greatly appreciated by the foundation. Let's give the homeless community a hand up...not a hand out.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

There is an AMAZING event happening on 1 April 2017 at the Brisbane Convention Centre that we want everyone to know about.

The Qld Symphony Orchestra is performing the entire soundtrack to 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' underneath a giant screen which will play the movie. It looks incredible, and is a One Night Only event.

Pursers coaches will run a bus and they have advised they now have 30 tickets for sale for \$150 each. This price includes an A-reserve ticket and return coach transport.

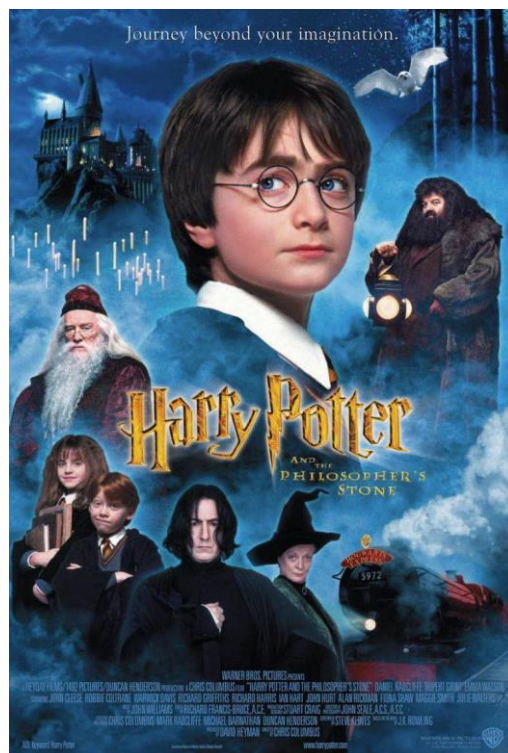
Please contact Pursers for bookings:

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 **South Burnett Community Orchestra**

SBCO CELEBRATES 2016



END OF YEAR CONCERT

5.30PM

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

**KUMBIA SCHOOL OF ARTS MEMORIAL HALL
29-31 BELL ST, KUMBIA (BUNYA HWY)**

Tickets

Family \$30

Adult \$15

Concession \$10

Optional BBQ dinner at interval

Meal vouchers must be pre-booked by 21/11

Includes steak or sausage burger, salads,
dessert, punch, tea & coffee

Adult meal \$12.50

Child meal \$7.50 (Primary school age)

Beer & wine available to purchase

Tickets and Meal Vouchers available from:

Or email: sbcorchestra@hotmail.com

Or phone Caz 0418 847067 (AH preferred)



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St Mary's Parish *Escape to the Country* *Dinner Dance*

Saturday, 26th November

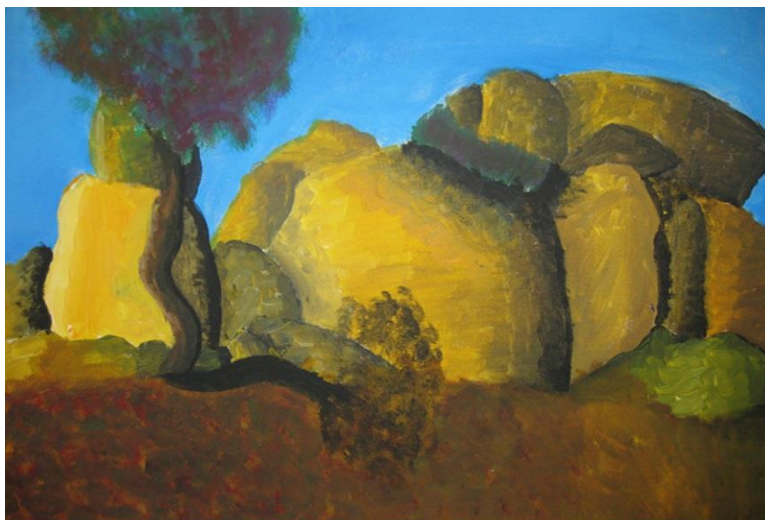
at

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

Dates to Remember

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