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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

This is a very busy time of year at the College, as I am sure it is for all of you.

Last Wednesday evening, we held our annual Indigenous Graduation ceremony at the St Peter Claver chapel at Cherbourg. This ceremony aims to encourage our Indigenous students to both celebrate and continue with their education. Statistics show us that in Australia less than a third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are currently completing Year 12. I am very grateful to our dedicated families who continue to encourage their children to strive for the best education possible. As part of a beautiful liturgy, each of our Indigenous students was presented with a certificate celebrating the completion of another year of schooling. I would like to thank our local Indigenous community for their ongoing support of our school.

Last Friday, the College Leadership team attended a cluster meeting in Brisbane where we had the opportunity to undertake detailed planning for the 2017 school year with the support of Brisbane Catholic Education staff. We have set some very clear goals for Saint Mary's, particularly in the area of teaching and learning. We are looking forward to sharing those with you from the commencement of next year.

This week we will farewell our Year 12 students in a variety of ways. On Tuesday evening they celebrated their Valedictory Dinner with their families and teachers. On Thursday we will take part in a special final Reflection Day where they will have the opportunity to think back on the year, give some thought to what lies ahead and say farewell to each other in a supportive environment. On Friday morning, we will celebrate the Graduation Mass as a school community and mark the final day for the Year 12 class. I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students on a successful and positive year and for their great work throughout 2016. I have seen in them genuine openness and warmth. They are young men and women of great heart and I am sure that they will go on to make a real difference in the world around them. We wish them all the best for the future.

Coming up:

Christmas appeal each homeroom will have the chance to put together a hamper for a family this Christmas. More information to come
Light Up Advent Christmas Mass

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



Head of Primary News

Parent help Prep to Year 2 2017

2016 sees the end of an era with the retirement of Mrs Davis, Mrs McDonald and Mr. Di Marco. These ladies for the last 5 years have been a trio of terrific talent who meet every Tuesday to swap and monitor the **P-2 Take Home Reader Program**. It is because of these ladies that the students once a week get a take home reader pack to practise their reading. This is a vital service for our young readers. **We are now looking for three mums or dads, aunts, uncles or grandparents** to take on this program. It is once a week on a Tuesday for three people. It does take about 2 hours to complete all the take home reader packs and record information etc.

Please see Mrs Higgins in the library or call me at the College and arrangements can be made to meet with the team for the changeover. It would be greatly appreciated if you and two friends could help out once a week.

Year 6 Rite of Passage

This takes place the second last week of school. On the **24th November**. It is a Thursday night and students in Year 6 are required to wear full and correct formal uniform. There will be invitations sent to parents to attend this event. All family members are most welcome. Please bring a plate to share afterwards. It commences at **6.00pm in the Maryknoll Centre**. More information will be sent home with the students in Year 6. Hopefully there won't be a massive hail storm this year!

Christmas Concert

We are currently in week 6 of Term 4 and **College Christmas Concert is in week 9 on Thursday evening, 1st December**. We are doing things a little differently this year. The concert performance will be outside the music room on the concrete apron. Parents and families are asked to **bring a blanket to sit on** and enjoy the al fresco concert. Both the playgrounds will be cordoned off and students are asked not to play on either of the playgrounds. It is a fun family night, gathered together on the blanket listening to the story of Christmas unfold through song and narration.

Our focus this year is the Nativity followed by our end of year raffles, the school's presentation to Saint Vincent de Paul and a finale of Christmas carols to send us on our way. The evening should be finished around 7.00pm. The festivities **begin at 5.00pm** with the sale of sausages for \$1 and free cordial, tea and coffee. There will be glow sticks (or similar) available to purchase as well as icy zooper doopers for 50c. Students will be **ready to begin singing at 6.00pm**.

There are 5 big raffles this year drawn after the Nativity. Tickets are available for purchase before the concert for a cost of \$2 a sheet for 20 tickets which are then all placed in one raffle prize draw or spread out among the 5 raffle draws. Your choice. You can purchase as many ticket sheets as you wish. Any money raised from the evening will be given to Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Very shortly there will be requests for students Prep to Year 11 to bring along items for this Christmas appeal. Items could include toiletry items, toys, clothing outfits (babies, toddlers), fun activity packs, Christmas items e.g. bon bons etc. This is run across the whole school and items presented to Mrs Barritt the manager of our Kingaroy Saint Vincent de Paul store at our Christmas Concert. Please support this worthy cause.

Last day - Mass

School finishes Friday 2nd December 2016. This day finishes at 12.30pm. It is a half day. Students who intend to remain for the day and who normally catch the bus will be fully supervised until 2.55pm when normal PGD teachers will be supervising the Stop Drop and Go and buses. Report cards will be posted home. There is an end of year **Mass on Friday 9.00am in Saint Mary's parish church**. It is in the church as our numbers are reduced (no year 10, 11 or 12 students) and we can fit in the church. It just has a lovely feel as we are surrounded by our faith, culture and tradition. After Mass it is morning tea and if your student is involved in Secret Santa then this will happen after morning tea. Classes are generally cleaned and tidied up before this day but the final tidy up occurs and **students go home at the 12.30 lunch bell**.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary



Library News

Library Borrowing

Please note that library borrowing including Accelerated Reader and Take Home Reader program have concluded for the year in preparation for end of year processes. **All library books and readers are due back immediately.**

Textbook Hire Books and Calculators

All textbook hire books and calculators are now due for return, for all year levels.

Yours in reading
Mrs Katie Mangan
Teacher Librarian

Campus Minister News

As with any journey there is a time that it must end. It can be a difficult time in saying goodbye, in wondering whether you'll be able to do life without the same structure and people, but it is a time where you must take the step into the great unknown. There have been many moments in my life where I have had to step out of something, finish a journey, say goodbye. In 2013 I took a very literal journey across Spain as a pilgrim. I set out on my own into the great unknown on foot with 900km ahead of me. Along the way I met a community of people whom I shared a very special bond with and who I discovered and learned with. At the end of this journey I had to say goodbye to the people, goodbye to the experience and then not know what was ahead of me, or what I was going home to. I remember sitting in a hostel at the end of the walk and reading through letters written by fellow pilgrims. One in particular captured how I felt. It read: "I'm not ready to return home. I'm not, because I think I need more time. What can I do with all these insights and ideas? My life is tiny compared to the vision I discovered. Will they fit? Should I try to make them fit? Or does something larger await me? The bid for more time comes from the fear that I can't have what I want, really. And I want a lot. A farm, chickens, bees, land, closeness, intimacy, simplicity, meaningful work that aligns with where I am going, long meaningful conversations with people who love me. I want to be gentle and compassionate and present, open and loving. I want to sing and have fun, to laugh, and cry. To be as real as I know how. Maybe I am not supposed to know how to do any of this yet. I just know that I have been broken open by the experience of walking through Spain. I don't want to lose what I have gained, I don't want to shut down. I want to keep being the wild, beautiful woman and spirit I discovered while walking the way. I pray that I will keep unfolding and trusting and opening, even in the face of fear. I pray this for me and I pray it for you too."

Year 12s of 2016, your high school journey ends, but a new journey begins. DO NOT BE AFRAID! Even if you have no idea where you are going, what you are doing! Maybe you feel you don't have anything figured out and have no idea how you will apply all you learnt on this journey. YOU HAVE a wonderful plan and a "full" life ahead of you. You will have your ups and downs, you will change and grow. Know that you will forever be a part of Saint Mary's and in our prayers. BE real, be YOU! Dream big! Do not be afraid.

God bless
Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister

Indigenous News

Last Wednesday, the annual Indigenous Certificate Presentation Ceremony was held at St Peter Claver Church Cherbourg. This ceremony is held each year to recognise the importance of education and the students' efforts in their studies. This year the ceremony was officiated by Uncle Eric Law and Mrs Myles spoke about the light within each one of us. Mr and Mrs Erwin were presented with farewell gifts as they seek out new adventures. Congratulations to all our students on a wonderful year and all the best for the future. For our Indigenous students who are graduating on Friday, Rahab Murray and Hannah Mallett, we wish you well in your future endeavours and congratulations on graduating from Senior Secondary school.

Kind regards
Miss Niketa Law, Mrs Karen Bond and Mrs Amanda Erwin
Indigenous Department



Thank you

On behalf of Sean and me, I would like to thank everyone in the Indigenous community for welcoming us, and showing us the way over the last 10 years. It has been a privilege to work with you and your children and you all hold very special places in our hearts. We will keep in contact over the months and years ahead and we wish you all the very best

May the Creator Spirit always walk with you.

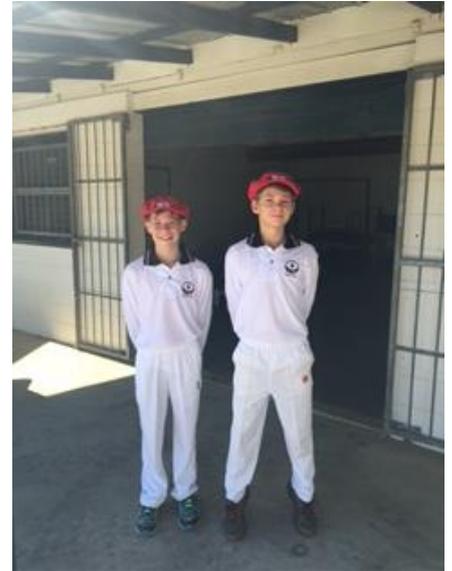
Blessings always
Sean and Amanda Erwin

Sports News

In the next few weeks, Renee Irvine (Year 10) will be competing as a part of the Queensland Fire Cricket team. She will then go to Hobart to compete as a part of the Under 18 National Cricket team over 8 days. What an amazing achievement! Congratulations Renee!

Congratulations to Alex Cran and Fletcher Brown who competed in the 12 year old Queensland Cricket championship. Fletcher had two catches and three run outs and batted well. Alex had three catches, one stumping and a high score of 28. Well done on both your efforts.

Yours in sport
Mr Scott Collier and Mrs Ellen Faulkner
Sports Coordinators



Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News

Student Leadership 2017

Our student leadership line up for 2017 has been coming together with our new school captains for 2017 officially having the baton passed at the recent Presentation night. The Leadership line up for 2017 includes:

College Captains

- Sajeewa Ranasinghe
- Nikolas Vukelic

House Spirit Leaders

- Olivia Frahm (POLDING)
- Jared Gossow (QUINN)
- Kassi Maclaren (RUSH)

Student Representative Council Executive

- Sajeewa Ranasinghe
- Kate-Lynn Atkinson
- Courtney Burrows
- Briannan Thompson
- Mikaila Schloss
- Christophe Janz
- Robert Veivers
- Ethan Paroz
- Nikolas Vukelic

Congratulations to all students taking up leadership positions and to all current Year 11 students who will be rallying behind the new team to take Saint Mary's into 2017.

Kind regards
Mr Paul Fomiatti
Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader

Music Notes

Approaching Events

- 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)

Kingaroy Community Carols – Sunday 4 December

The students in Years 3 – 6 are welcome to sing in the Saint Mary's contingent at this year's Community Carols, held in the Kingaroy Town Hall Forecourt. We will be performing a simple, yet very beautiful, song, "Light of Light", and have purchased 50 battery-operated candles to add to our performance. A permission letter will be out this week. *Please note the addition of the Year 3 students to this activity. They can sing the song so beautifully, and I thought it would be a shame for them to be attending the evening in the audience and to not be able to perform.*

Regional Australia Day Awards – Thursday 26 January

The Year 4 and 4/5 students are doing a brilliant job of the Australia Day Awards Ceremony song, "Sound of Then" by Ganggajang, and the words and actions are the combined genius of Ms Thomas, me (renowned for terribly corny choreography) and the students. This permission letter will also be out this week. Please mark this date on your calendars so we can have a good turn-out of students for this very prestigious performance event.

Graduation Mass – this Friday

At the graduation Mass this Friday students from Year 6 – 11 will be singing the hymns for this celebration.

Yours in music
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Career and Employment Transition Coach News

Careers Aspiration Day at Australian Catholic University

This year the College has organised a number of careers excursions for our senior students to universities and TAFE to give them a closer look at the range of courses and support available for further study after secondary school.

The final careers excursion for this year was a 'Careers Aspiration Day' at the end of October for all Year 10s to the Australian Catholic University (ACU), which was organised by Mrs Langford Martoo and accompanied by Ms Caitlin Woodman and me. The trip down to the Brisbane campus was sponsored by ACU where we were treated to morning tea, lunch and most of all, their very attentive student ambassador hosts.

Our Year 10 students got to show us some of their acting chops in a drama class, they tried their hand at 'drip' painting in an arts class, checked out the nursing lab, sports facilities and the gym. The students asked great questions to the ACU hosts in one of the lecture halls and we had a guided tour around the beautiful 40 hectares of grounds surrounding the campus. We asked our students what they thought was the most useful to them from the ACU trip and here are some of the things they said: 'Learning that university isn't as big and daunting as I thought', 'the large range of courses available', 'the ways to get help on campus', 'the kind of lifestyle students have', 'the facilities', and 'because I got to step out of my comfort zone'.

ACU certainly made us feel very welcome and it was fantastic to take our students on such a worthwhile excursion.

Kind regards
Ms Trudy Bymes
Careers & Employment Transition Coach



Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- 😊 Chicken Rice Noodle Salad -\$3.50
- 😋 Chicken Chippees (5) - \$3.50

Please note: Due to being end of year 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.

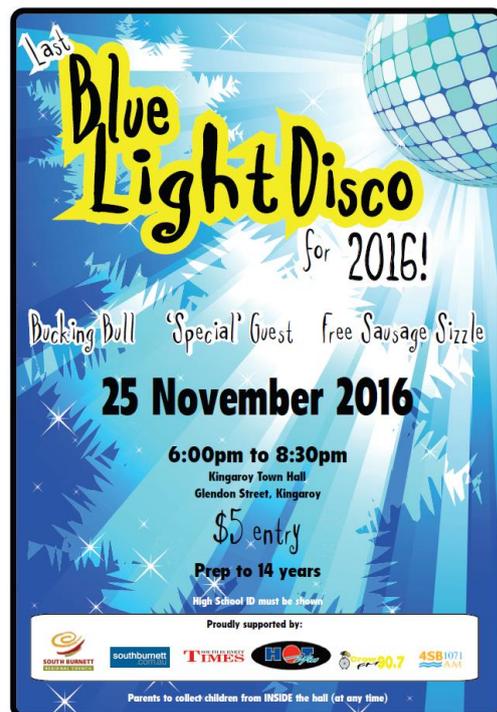
Paper Bag System: Your child's order will be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings. The baskets are delivered to the tuckshop and orders are filled. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. 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.

Ordering a Slush Puppie or Iceblock When you order a Slush Puppies or Iceblock through the online or bag system your child needs to come back to the tuckshop to collect same. They can collect Slush Puppies at any time. Iceblocks can only be collected after the 10 minute bell. Your child must have their tuckshop bag with them to collect these items.

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



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Kingaroy Dance Academy

End of year Concert 2016

26th Nov
Kingaroy
Town Hall
6:30pm



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Dates to Remember

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

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

Proposed Year 7 Excursion

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](#)

Monday 16th January

Uniform Shop Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm

Tuesday, 17th January

Uniform Shop Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm

Wednesday, 18th January

Uniform Shop Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm

Thursday, 19th January

Uniform Shop Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm

Friday, 20th January

Uniform Shop Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm

Monday, 23rd January

Uniform Shop Open from 8.00am to 4.00pm

Tuesday, 24th January

[Term 1 Commences](#)

Uniform Shop Open from 8.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesday, 25th January

Uniform Shop Open from 8.00am to 4.00pm

Thursday, 26th January

Australia Day Holiday

Friday, 27th January

Uniform Shop Open from 8.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday, 4th February

P&F Family Fun Day from 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Thursday, 9th February

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 14th February

Opening School Mass 9am

[Office Closed from 9am to 10.30am](#)

Friday, 24th February

College Photos

Tuesday, 7th March

Year 7 Immunisations 9.30am

Sunday, 19th March

Kokoda Challenge

Monday, 27th March

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Wednesday, 29th March

Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 Camp

Thursday, 30th March

Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 Camp

Friday, 31st March

Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 Camp

[Term 1 Completed](#)

Tuesday, 18th April

[Term 2 Commences](#)

Saturday, 22nd April

Mad Hatters Tea Party Trivia Night 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tuesday, 25th April

ANZAC Day

Thursday, 27th April

CowHorse Competition

Friday, 28th April

Cross Country

Monday, 1st May

Labour Day Holiday

Monday, 8th May

Mother's Day Stall 10.35am to 11.05am

Tuesday, 9th May

Mother's Day Stall 10.35am to 11.05am

Wednesday, 10th May

Mother's Day Stall 10.35am to 11.05am

Thursday, 11th May

Mother's Day Stall 10.35am to 11.05am

Friday, 12th May

Mother's Day Stall 10.35am to 11.05am

Saturday, 27th May

College Open Day