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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

This Sunday marks the beginning of **the Season of Advent**, a joyful time of preparation and waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Waiting is not easy for many of us in our hurry-up culture where everything is urgent. We are tempted to go directly to celebrating Christmas without taking the time to get in touch with the part of ourselves that is longing and hoping for something new and wondrous. Waiting is also difficult because we're forced to admit that we are not in control of everything.

The following **article by D. Todd Williamson** challenges us to think about how we approach this season of Advent.

Waiting in line can be seen two different ways. See if you identify with the examples below:

Waiting in Dread

You're standing in line at the post office or the grocery store, waiting for your turn. You're tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don't want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, "Oh, I can't wait for this to be over!" Often times, the other people in line with you feel the same way! No one speaks to anyone else. Clearly few are enjoying the experience; the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.

Waiting in Excitement

Now think about the times when you waited in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you're getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you're about to hear.

This second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent.

Waiting in Joyful Hope

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ" This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

This coming Sunday 27 November we will celebrate a **very special children's Advent Mass at Saint Mary's Catholic Church** to mark the beginning of this wonderful season. I encourage you to bring your families along to be part of the celebration. There will be a morning tea/light lunch after mass and families are asked to bring along a plate of food to share. **Mass commences at 10:00am.** Children involved in the band are asked to be at the church for an **8:00am rehearsal.**

Staffing 2017

We are currently in the process of finalising our staffing for 2017. Before the end of the year I will send out some more detailed information to families about class allocations and some important structural changes to staffing for next year. We are not yet at the point of allocating students to particular classes and will not distribute this information until the new year. In the meantime, if you have any queries, you are very welcome to make contact with the us at the College.

Coming events

We will have a number of important events occurring over the coming week:

- Parish Dinner Dance and farewell for Fr Nigel – Saturday 26 November in the MKC
- Parish Advent Mass – 10:00am Sunday 27 November at Saint Mary's Catholic Church
- Year 6 Rites of Passage Evening – 6pm Thursday 24 November
- P-6 Carols Night - 6pm Thursday 1 December
- College Christmas Mass – 9am Friday 2 December at Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Parents are encouraged to attend all these events. In particular, you are warmly invited to **join us for the College Christmas Mass on the last Friday of school**. At that event, we will take the opportunity to **formally thank and farewell some of our staff** who will be leaving us at the end of the year. It would be wonderful to have parents come along to be part of that special time.

Please be aware that **school finishes at 12.30pm next Friday, 2 December**. There will be some supervision provided for any students who are unable to get home at this time.

Finally, I would encourage families to encourage anyone they might know who is **seeking enrolment in 2016** to get their enrolment applications in ASAP. There are some secondary levels which are filling quickly and we may have to establish a waiting list for enrolments in some year levels in the near future. I would also ask that any families who know that they will be leaving us in 2016, please let our office know ASAP, so that we can update our records and offer places to waiting list students.

God Bless



Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Primary News

Year 6 Rite of Passage

The Year 6 Rite of Passage is this Thursday the **24th November**. Students in year 6 are required to wear full and correct formal uniform. All family members and friends are most welcome. Please bring a plate to share afterwards. It commences at **6.00pm in the Maryknoll Centre**.

Final Assembly for Prep to Year 6

The last P-6 Assembly will be **this Friday at 2.30 in the courtyard**. Our format will be a little different next year but the venue will most likely stay in the courtyard.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert is on **1st December**, next Thursday night. The concert performance will be outside this year in front of the music room on the cement apron. Parents and families are asked to **bring a blanket to sit on** and enjoy the el 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.

We begin with the story of the Nativity followed by our end of year raffles, the school's presentation to Saint Vincent de Paul and a finale to send us on our way. The evening should be finished around 7.00pm. The festivities **begin at 5.00pm** with Raffle sales, 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

This year each year level from Prep to Year 10 have been given a family to help this Christmas. The family might have a boy and a girl under 5 and a single mother or a mum, dad, three boys and a girl under eight etc. It helps us to tailor make the hamper to that family. We are contributing 25 family Christmas hampers. The baskets are then presented to Mrs. Barrett 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 2nd December at 9.00am in**

Saint Mary's parish church. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 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 we come back to school and it is morning tea. If your child is involved in Secret Santa, this will happen after morning tea. Class rooms 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.**

Thank you for a wonderful year and I look forward to 2017 implementing our exciting Learning and Teaching strategies and pedagogy.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

APRE News

Class Christmas Hampers

Many people in the South Burnett have not got the basics we all take for granted and will go without this Christmas holiday period- that is where we step up. In partnership with Centacare and Saint Vincent De Paul, our College will again work towards making this holiday period more enjoyable for some. **Each homeroom has been given a basket and an anonymous family to provide for. Classes have been provided with a list of suggested items and have been asked to work together to provide a balanced hamper for their target family.**

As much as a physical contribution is required we also ask that families discuss what they would consider the difference between 'needs' and 'wants' to help develop an awareness of our fortunes or in some cases perhaps our misfortunes. With greater awareness also comes the need for

prayer. I came across this snippet of wisdom attributed to Albert Einstein, it is thought provoking.

"Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the kingdom revealed to "little children," to the servants of Christ, to the poor of the Beatitudes. It is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history, but it is just as important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom." (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE



Centacare
Catholic Family Services



**"Prayer doesn't
change things.
Prayer changes
people and
people change
things."**

Albert Einstein
1879-1955

Campus Minister News

Every Tuesday and Thursday lunch times a group of students are taught the art of knitting. This is an amazing thing to do and will come in handy during our cooler season! I know where I will be going to get a new beanie. It will take off again in 2017!



Advent is coming! A season of waiting and preparing in expectation for something "new". This Sunday at our Children's mass we begin our Advent celebrations. We do this in a couple of ways with the start of lighting our advent candle, reflecting on stories in the bible leading up to Jesus through our Jesse tree and setting up a nativity scene. It is an exciting time in our church and you are all welcome to come receive and share.

God bless
Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- ☺ Nachos - \$5.00
- ☺ Cheerios in a cup (5) - \$2.00

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

Whipcracking News

Queensland Whipcracking Championships to be held at the Clifton Showgrounds on Sunday, 12th February 2017 at 10am.

Entries taken 8.30am onwards – All weather venue.

Whipcracking Section:

- Pee-Wee (8yrs and under)
- Juvenile (12yrs and under)
- Junior (16yrs and under)
- Ladies (17yrs and over)
- Mens (17yrs and over)
- Novice (1 minute continuous cracking)
- Open Bullock Whip (2 minutes continuous cracking)

Kind regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whipcracking Coordinator



Last
Blue Light Disco
for **2016!**

Bucking Bull 'Special' Guest Free Sausage Sizzle

25 November 2016

6:00pm to 8:30pm
Kingaroy Town Hall
Glendon Street, Kingaroy

\$5 entry
Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be shown

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Parents to collect children from **INSIDE** the hall (at any time)

Dates to Remember

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

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](#)

Tuesday, 21st February

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Friday, 24th February

College Photos

Tuesday, 7th March

Year 7 Immunisations 9.30am

Sunday, 19th March

Kokoda Challenge

Tuesday, 21st March

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday, 22nd March

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Friday, 24th March

Benedictine Awards 9am

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

[Pupil Free Day](#)

Wednesday, 19th April

[Term 2 Commences](#)

Saturday, 22nd April

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

Tuesday, 25th April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday, 26th April

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

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

Tuesday, 16th May

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday, 24th May

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Saturday, 27th May

College Open Day