

Saint Mary's Catholic College

SOUTH BURNETT

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - Week 1

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Dates to Remember

Friday, 29th January

✚ Prep finishes at 12noon

Saturday, 30th January

✚ P&F Family Fun Day

9am to 12noon at SMCC

Tuesday, 2nd February

✚ Whole School Assembly

Formal Uniform

Thursday, 4th February

✚ QISSN Netball Trials 3.15pm

to 4.15pm in MKC

Wednesday, 10th February

✚ Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 11th February

✚ Year 7-12 Swimming

Carnival

✚ QISSN Netball Training 3pm

to 4pm in MKC

Tuesday, 16th February

✚ Opening College Mass

✚ P&F Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, 23rd February

✚ Board Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday, 25th February

✚ QISSN Netball Training 3pm

to 4pm in MKC

Friday, 26th February

✚ School Photos

Formal Uniform

Monday, 29th February

✚ Volunteer Student

Protection Training 9am

Tuesday, 15th March

✚ P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday, 17th March

✚ Immunisation Clinic

Friday, 18th March

✚ Benedictine Awards 2pm

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary's

As we commence the academic year, I wanted to share with you an extract from an article I read during the break. The author of the article, Graham Jaeschke, is General Manager of *The Smith Family* in South Australia. The subtitle of his article is "Learning at home is as important as what happens in the classroom". It is central to the success of all our students, that as parents, carers, community, parish and school, we all work collaboratively to support the education of the young people in our care. It is not a task that any of us can do without the other...

Learning at home is as important as what happens in the classroom (Jaeschke, G. 2016)

How parents interact with their children strongly influences the way they see the world, and this includes their attitudes and approach to education.

There is no question that parents want the best for their children. Instincts will tell them that engaging in their child's learning will give them a good start in life.

There is an expectation, though, that parents will know how to support their child's learning. But many parents may be time poor or lack the confidence and skills to help their children with their education.

Parental engagement is more than attending school fetes, volunteering on the P & C and attending parent/teacher nights. It's also about parents taking an active interest and getting involved in their child's learning journey.

It means supporting what they are being taught in the classroom with learning activities within the family, but it doesn't mean parents have to be experts in what their children are studying. They don't have to spend unlimited hours to make a difference.

The evidence is clear that the strongest influence on a child's future is a parent's expectations and aspirations for their child – the value they place on education and what they believe their child can achieve.

A child with engaged parents, no matter what their background, is more likely to do well at school, graduate and go on to higher education.

It can be as simple as conversations about what their child is learning and is interested in, parent-child reading, a positive environment for homework, and having learning resources at home.

Parents who don't engage in their child's education are unknowingly risking the quality of their educational outcomes. If they feel unable to support their child's education at home, through lack of encouragement, inability to provide resources, or through their own negative experiences of school, their child may lose interest in their education altogether.

When children fall behind at school, they may give up entirely. The knock-on effect is early-school leaving, poorer job outcomes, and potentially a reliance on welfare later in life.

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We know that as parents, you all want the best for your children. The more we as a school can do to facilitate your engagement in your children's learning, the better the long-term outcomes will be. If there is anything that we can do to help you become more engaged with your child's education, please let us know.

Don't forget about the **P&F Family Fun Day** being held this **Saturday** from 9:00am. It will be a great morning and will go ahead rain, hail or shine. Hope to see you there.

God Bless

M. Myles
Mrs Angela Myles
Principal



Head of Primary News

Welcome back! The first week is a busy week for our Preps to Year 6 students with the usual start of school activities. However, this year we have the extra special treat of Dance Fever. This is an activity linked to our Arts curriculum as well as our HPE. The fun, excitement and health benefits are contagious. Dance Fever starts today – Thursday and is every Thursday till the end of Term 1. Students don't need to bring anything just themselves and their Happy Feet.

Welcome to all the new students in our Prep to Year 6 area and some returning students. There truly is something special about Saint Mary's.

The Primary teachers have been working hard to get their rooms finished off and set up ready to start the week. If you get a chance this week to pop in you'll see what I mean.

In my role as Head of Primary, this year I am hoping to get into the classrooms and see the wonderful work of the students and teachers and help where I can with lessons and activities. A big part of my role will be working with teachers across the P to 6 area.

Keep an eye out for our Family Fun day this weekend! Lots to enjoy and many parents to meet and get to know.

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Our Celebration of Learning Breakfast is another treat for parents to meet each other and see their child's classroom and the wonderful things they accomplish in class. This happens later in Term 1.
Have a wonderful start to the year and enjoy!

Thanks
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Be A Voice

God of justice and compassion,
You have spoken through your prophets and through the most humble of men and women.
You call each of us to be your voice in this world.
Give us the wisdom to recognise where your voice is needed and the courage to speak your transforming truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Welcome Mrs Myles - College Principal

On behalf of the entire College, I would like to welcome Mrs Myles in her new position as College Principal. Mrs Myles has a wealth of knowledge in many areas and our College is in great hands for 2016 and beyond. Please welcome Mrs Myles as you see her in our community and around the College grounds.

Head of Secondary - New Role 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students back to SMCC for 2016. My new role as Head of Secondary and Ms Radcliffe as Head of Primary will replace the position of Deputy Principal. My focus will be on learning and teaching in Year 7-12 for 2016. I will be ably supported by our middle leaders:

- * Year 7 to 10 Teaching and Learning Leader - Mrs Melanie Burr
- * Year 11 to 12 Teaching and Learning Leader - TBC (Mr Curran 2015)
- * Year 7 to 9 Student Wellbeing Leader - Ms Sonia Robertson
- * Year 10 to 12 Student Wellbeing Leader - Mr Paul Fomiatti
- * Year 7 to 12 Sports Coordinator - Mr Medlen
- * Prep to Year 12 Information and Communications Technology Leader - Mr Wayne Dunbrack
- * Vocational Education and Training Leader - Mr Mark Richard

If you have any queries please see the teacher concerned first, then the relevant middle leader. If you wish to see me, please make an appointment with Mrs Hauritz at the College office.

God Bless all students and staff in 2016.
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary

APRE News

Bring their loaves and fishes

Today to begin the school year the community reflected on a popular Gospel story of the loaves and fish. The story can be found in all four Gospels and highlights the idea that 'everyone has something to give'. How could a young boy with a few loaves and some fish feed thousands? Well the miracle is in the giving, the generosity in which it was given had a profound effect on the 'common good'.

Students were asked to think about what they can bring to 2016. What gifts, strengths and talents however big or small, can they use to better themselves and in turn enhance this great school community. I know many parents discuss goals for the new school year with their children, perhaps as part of this goal setting for students of all ages, we can discuss the great attributes they have and how important these are for the common good.

Parish Connections

Father Nigel joined staff for most of our professional development days and a welcome dinner and as always his presence, involvement and support are appreciated and welcomed. He and I have met and looked at our calendar and the very many opportunities where the school and parish come together. The most obvious connection is weekly Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join the Catholic community in worship on the weekends. The college will also celebrate a midweek Mass every Wednesday at 8.15 in the College Library. Father Nigel presides over this as well and it is open to all, staff, students, parents and friends.

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I look forward to the year ahead and catching up with as many students and parents as I can in the next few weeks.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

2016 College Fees and Levies

Term 1 College Fee Statements will be processed within the next fortnight and emailed out to all families. Statements will be emailed to families who have provided a valid email to the College. If you have not provided an email address, statements will be posted. If you wish to check your details or update your email, please contact the College office. Families are welcome to contact the office to make payment earlier should they wish, however issuing of Term 1 Statements will be delayed until secondary student electives and College bus rolls are finalised.

We would ask any families who wish to receive the 5% early payment discount on Tuition Fees for paying the full year's fees in advance to ensure payment is received by the College by 31st January 2016 – do not wait for your Term Fee statement, you must make the yearly payment before the due date to be eligible for same. Please contact the Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare, if you need assistance calculating the yearly payment amount. Payment can be made by BPay or to the office by Cash, Cheque or EFT-POS.

Families without a direct debit in place and wishing to use this payment method should contact the office immediately to start instalments now. The longer the time frame over which instalments are spread, the smaller the instalment amounts. 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

Uniform Shop News

Welcome back!

The new uniform looks great! Unfortunately we are still waiting for some stock to arrive.

The Uniform shop is open everyday this week from 8am to 4pm, and from next week every Wednesday from 8am to 11am and Thursdays 1pm to 4pm.

Thanks
Mrs Joanne Bellert
Uniform Shop

Guidance Counsellor News

This Fleeting Situation

The way we label things is the way they will appear to us. When we label a piece of the earth China or Brazil or the United States, it becomes an entity that carries strong emotional baggage. When we label something good, we see it as good. When we label something bad, we see it as bad. We get so hung up on like and dislike, on who's right and who's wrong, as if these labels were ultimately real. Yet the human experience is an experience of nothing to hang on to, nothing that's set once and for all. Reality is always falling apart. In this fleeting situation, the only thing that makes sense is for us to reach out with deep respect to one another - Pema Chodron

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library Corner

Library Borrowing

Welcome back to a brand new year! Library borrowing will begin in Week 3 this term with an orientation session, including borrowing procedures and responsibilities of borrowers. The Take-home Reader program (Year 1 & 2) will begin Week 3 and the Accelerated Reader Program (detailed information will be sent home shortly) will begin in Week 4. **Please ensure that your child/children in**

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Prep-Year 6 have library bags for their library lessons.

Textbooks and Consumables

Textbooks are being distributed to Year 7-12 classes in the next few weeks. Detailed information about the **textbook hire scheme** will be sent out with Year 7-12 students tomorrow (via their class pigeonhole). Please contact Mrs. Burr in the library if your child does not bring one home. Textbooks are very expensive resources which are loaned out to students for the year. It is understood that students use and carry these books frequently, but there is an expectation that they are responsible for these books and maintain them in good condition. *Lost/damaged books must be reported to library staff immediately so that they can be repaired where possible or replaced and made available for student use.*

Overdue library books from 2015

Please insist that your child **return all textbooks** that they may still have from last year. Several reminders for outstanding books as well as a final letter will be sent out early next week. Invoices will be sent out after a week. **Once invoiced, there can be no refunds even if books are returned.**

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Curriculum Corner

Assessment Calendars

Year 7-12 assessment calendars will be distributed to students at the end of Week 3.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Music Notes

Our new Music building is ready!

We will be moving into our new "home" during the next few days, and after several months of temporary rooms and furniture shuffling, I cannot wait to move in. The College will be holding a formal Opening Ceremony, so stay tuned for details.

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music lessons with our tutors will commence in Week 3. Enrolment forms are available from class teachers currently, and also from Mrs Rutley in the Office. When you receive your Music Information Booklet, please read it carefully, and direct any questions to me.

Orchestra

Orchestra will commence on Monday 8th February (3:10 – 4:15pm). This is an intermediate/advanced ensemble, and students should be of Book 2 standard (AMEB Gr 2) to participate.

Junior Orchestra

For beginning students, I have a training ensemble every Tuesday morning from 7:45 – 8:40am. No auditions are necessary. This group will commence on Tuesday 9th February.

Choirs

The Kingaroy Eisteddfod (3 – 7 May) provides our students with a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate their musical abilities and to receive feedback from a respected music adjudicator. The following classes will be performing en-masse this year:

Junior Primary Choir – All Year 2 and 3 students

Senior Primary Choir – All Year 4 – 6 students

Secondary Vocal Ensemble – All Year 9 – 12 Elective Music students, plus any other interested singers from Years 7 – 12.

All rehearsal has been embedded into the Music curriculum, however a Secondary Choir rehearsal will be held on Thursdays at second break, starting on 4 February.

"Little Shop of Horrors" – Auditions on Sunday 7 February!

The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society is calling for singers, dancers, actors and techies of all ages to fill roles in their next production – the classic rock musical, "Little Shop of Horrors". I would strongly encourage all of our talented students to participate, as this is such a fun show! Please see me if you would like an Audition Pack, or contact the director, Warren Wintour, via the company email sbmcs@gmx.com or 41690447. Shows will be held locally, and also at the Brolga Theatre, Maryborough in late August/early September.

String Immersion

Year 4 students will commence String Immersion next week, and this program will culminate in what is sure to be a brilliant performance at the Eisteddfod in May! (Mrs Kennedy has bought some brand new music just for this occasion, too.) Following this big event, the Year 3 students will start their full 12 months on violin.

Add the Queensland Catholic Music Festival into the mix (August 11 – 14), and this is shaping up to be a very exciting year for our Music programs!

Wishing you all the very best for the start of 2016.

Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop Notes

Welcome to a new year. You will note that our menu has been revamped. There have been some items withdrawn and others added in, also some price rises have occurred. Please make sure you have the current menu at home on your fridge. If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the office.

Friday Specials

Morning Tea and Lunch - Chicken Rice Noodle Salad - \$3.50 🤨

Morning Tea and Lunch - Mac'n'Cheese - \$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.

There are **NO** Pies or Sausage Rolls sold this Friday.

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
Beef Stock Powder
Small Tinned Pineapple
Small Tinned Corn

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

Ordering and Payment

For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use the paper bag system. Your child's order can be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings and this is then delivered to the tuckshop. Orders will be filled and returned to the classes at morning tea and lunch. This will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. 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.

The paper bag ordering system is for Prep to Year 5 as well as High School. The high school students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

Slush Puppies

Please make sure your child is aware that if they order a slush puppie, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be placed into the tuckshop baskets.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor



135 ARMY CADET UNIT
OPEN DAY - 7th February

ARMY RESERVE DEPOT
(NEXT TO THE HOSPITAL) AT BRAMSTON STREET, WONDAI

10.00AM TO 2.00PM

Joining the Army Cadets is your chance to experience a really awesome time by getting into some adventurous activities conducted in a military setting.

Come along to the Open Day and experience firsthand bush navigation, field craft, drill, first aid and much more!

Open to youth from twelve and a half to nineteen years of age.

Enrolment forms will be available on the day.

We service Mundubbera, Gayndah, Murgon, Wondai & Kingaroy.

For more information contact:
Mr Dennis Horne on 0408 062 531

Kingaroy

Blue Light Disco

12 February 2016


6:00pm to 8:30pm

Kingaroy Town Hall
Glendon Street, Kingaroy


\$5 entry

Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be shown

Proudly supported by:



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





Kingaroy Junior **Redbacks**

"On-line" Registration is NOW OPEN for ALL re-registering and new players.

Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow the prompts.... by registering and paying online by **Saturday 13th February** you automatically go in the draw to receive a refund of one Registration.

REDBACKS Sign On & Information Day - Saturday 13th February, 2016

This is a great opportunity to ask any questions and to try on / purchase any gear required at great prices.

9am – 1:30pm, at the Junior Clubhouse located at Oliver-Bond Street (off Youngman Street).

Both boys and girls (turning 5 to 16 years) of any playing ability are encouraged to join the **REDBACKS** club.

Every player receives a free training ball when fees are paid in full.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact our Club Registrar (Denise) : 0456 236 697

Both returning & new players are to "Register On-line" as early as possible so that organising of teams can commence.
Please also checkout our **Website** (google Kingaroy Junior Redbacks) and our **Facebook** page for more details.