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From the Principal

Thank you!

Last week our College community was saddened by the death of Rohan Parker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who reached out to us with offers of support and all those who I know were keeping us, and most importantly, Rohan's family in their prayers. The fundraising activities that occurred last Friday were an extraordinary success and I know that Rohan's family would want me to pass on their thanks for your kindness and generosity. A special thank you to the Torrens family for their donation of the flowers that were sold on Thursday afternoon.

A memorial service for Rohan will be held at the College on Monday, 26 March. Students in years 6 to 12 will be participating in the service and parents and carers are most welcome to attend. We will provide more details next week.

Energy Conservation at Saint Mary's

This year Saint Mary's is aiming for a 10% reduction in overall school power usage (based on the average energy use 2015-2017). An Environment Committee has been formed that includes both students and staff and meetings are being held monthly to develop strategies to reduce energy and also to investigate possibilities for recycling and litter reduction in the College.

One of the key strategies being developed for reducing energy at the College is the implementation of student monitors responsible for reducing the use of unnecessary electrical equipment in individual classrooms e.g. turning off all lights and fans at morning tea, lunch and particularly at the end of day. The committee is also considering an Environmental Education evening for parents and students.

Watch this space for more information about the great work being done by the Saint Mary's Environment Committee.

Upcoming Dates

- The **Annual General Meeting of the Saint Mary's Parents & Friends Association** will be held on **Tuesday 20 March from 5:30pm** in the College Board room. New members are very welcome.
- All parents and carers of students in **Year 10 are invited to an important information night** on **Wednesday 21 March at 6:00pm**. The focus of this evening will be the changes to the Senior Schooling system being implemented from 2019. This will be vital information for all students entering Year 11 next year as the changes to the system are significant. We hope to see as many people there as possible.

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



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Head of Primary News

Saint Patrick's Day Green Hat parade

What a great way to celebrate and acknowledge our early settlers and the Catholic Irish heritage the nuns brought across the sea from Ireland to Australia. Many thanks to the teachers and students who embraced this wonderful tradition here at Saint Mary's Catholic College. Saint Patrick's Feast Day is Saturday, 17 March.

Also on 17 March is **Shave for a Cure**. It is a worthy cause. If at the Kingaroy Shoppingworld on Saturday, try to pop along to support the candidates. Just a little reminder to check previous newsletters about some considerations if your child participates and colours or 'shaves' for a cure.

If your child would like to make their Confirmation or First Holy Communion (having previously received the sacrament of Confirmation), please see the notice in this newsletter or contact the parish office on 4162 1581.

Lent

We are progressing through Lent, our time for preparation and abstinence or self-denial to focus on the upcoming event – the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Holy Thursday, the last day of school, will be an opportunity for the whole school P-12 to participate in an Easter Liturgy. Easter starts the school holidays this year.

God bless

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Lions Youth of the Year

Last Saturday, Mrs Meyers and I had the pleasure of watching Harrison Lucas participate in the regional final for Lions Youth of the Year. Harrison competed against students from around the South Burnett region: Murgon SHS, Nanango SHS, and two students from James Nash SHS – representing separate Lions Clubs in these areas.

Harrison represented the College very well and he was supported by a large contingent of family. The two impromptu questions were on relatively current and topical issues: Question 1 was about sledging and whether it was part of the game or should be banned and Question 2 was about reality television and whether it reflected real life or was an insult to our intelligence. All the candidates spoke very well all taking different aspects of each topic – interesting given that they are unable to hear each other's impromptu answers. Harry's prepared speech on homelessness was received well by the audience. Harry should be proud of himself. Unfortunately, he was not successful and a student from another school advanced to the next level.

Congratulations to Harry and many thanks to Mrs Meyers for assisting Harry to prepare for the competition.

QCS Test

This year the QCS Test for Year 12 students will be held on Tuesday, 4 and Wednesday, 5 September.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority conducts the QCS Test in Queensland secondary schools each year. Every student has a right to sit the QCS Test in the year they exit Year 12. All students who are eligible for an Overall Position (OP) must sit the test unless they have been granted exemption. Students who are OP-ineligible may choose to sit the test.

A student's individual QCS Test result does not determine their OP. Subject Achievement Indicators (SAIs) are used to calculate a student's OP. This means that a student achieves their best OP by doing as well as they can in each of their subjects. QCS Test data from OP-eligible students is used for scaling purposes only.

OP-ineligible students may choose to sit the test. While being OP-ineligible does not exclude the possibility of a student going to university, it does limit the courses they can apply for in Queensland and interstate. However, a student who achieves a grade of C or higher in the QCS Test will meet the minimum literacy and numeracy requirements to be eligible for a Queensland Certificate of

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Education.

Chief Community Representatives for the QCS Test

To maintain the integrity, security and conduct of the QCS Test, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) appoints community members to observe and report on its administration. They do not supervise students or assist in the administration of the test.

We invite community members to apply for the positions of CCR- Chief Community Representatives. On behalf of the QCAA, the chief supervisor of each test centre receives applications and nominates an appropriate person for each available position at that test centre.

Two CCRs will be appointed to each test centre. If you are interested in applying for this position, please collect an Application Pack from Mrs Rutley in the front office and return completed application to me by Friday 20 April.

Exam Timetables

Exam timetables were distributed to students in Years 11 and 12 on Tuesday of this week. Together with their timetable came some procedures to assist in the smooth running of Exam Block. This information is now available on the parent portal as well as the student portal and has been emailed home to parents/carers as well.

Students who do not have an exam on a given day may remain at home to study. We realise that sometimes this provides the best opportunity for students to have some quiet uninterrupted study time. However, some students may wish to study at school and for that reason, there is a dedicated study space in the library. Students are also able to access teachers if they would like some clarification around concepts they have learnt during the term. Teachers would welcome their questions. Sometimes teachers may be on class but students can make an arrangement to meet with teachers when they are available.

Students who are unable to sit an exam with their cohort are expected to have a medical certificate to indicate that they are too ill to be able to perform at their best. This is in keeping with QCAA policy and ensures that there is equity for all students regarding assessment.

God bless

Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

APRE News

Parish Alive

Last weekend I was fortunate enough to get to the FirePit Youth Mass on Sunday afternoon. Once a month the Mass is designed for and led by youth. Many of the students are part of the FirePit Youth group and the youth band, however on Sunday there were many other young people around, even some from other schools. What struck me was how beautiful the Mass was with all ministries filled by students from our College, supported by their families. Initiated by Father Stephen in 2017, Miss Schick our Campus Minister has invested a lot of time and effort over the past year to get it up and running and her encouragement and leadership is certainly paying off for young Catholics in our community. The music for youth Mass is supported by Mr Wayne Dunbrack and Mrs Jane Iszlaub and we are blessed to have them involved. There is so much on offer in the spiritual and faith life of our school and parish and I would encourage every member of our community to come to the next Mass. Father Chukwudi has been a great source of inspiration and encouragement for our students and I know firsthand how much the students are engaging with him and his way of delivering the good news, the message of Jesus.

At the Sunday morning Mass on the weekend the music and choir was led by Ms Romka Sudull as conductor and Ms Amy Woodruff on the electric piano, with several staff members among the choir. These efforts, while not directly involved with the College, are strengthening the incredible relationship we have with the wider Saint Mary's community and enhancing the celebration of Eucharist for everyone. On other weekends Mrs Sarah McCarthy (Yr 1,2 teacher) Mrs Susan Mahony (Curriculum Leader) and Mrs Suzanne Mungall (parent) lead the liturgical music.

A large part of our identity in this region is our religious affiliation, practices and beliefs. These very generous people are enriching faith experiences for us all and providing many of our students opportunities to explore their faith as well.

God bless

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Book Club News

Book Club brochures went home this week and are due back to school no later than Thursday, 15 March.

Loop information for ordering online is towards the end of the newsletter.

Yours in Reading
Mr Bill Mulcahy
Teacher Librarian

IT News

Kiosk at the Resource Centre

SMCC Resource Centre has launched a Kiosk for the Parents, Visitors, Relief Teachers, Aides and Students.

Kiosk is 24/7 connected to the BCE Wi-Fi with the following services:

- Internet
- Webmail
- Office 365
- Printing

Please book the Kiosk at the Reception in the Resource Centre.

With kind regards,
Mr Farhad Kamal
ICT Coordinator



Music Notes

Music Dates

Term 1

- Saturday, 17 - Sunday, 19 March – Mrs Julee-anne Bell Vocal Studio (Music Centre)
- Saturday, 17 March – Vocal Masterclass with Mrs Bell (Music Centre) All welcome. \$10pp. 6:30pm
- Sunday, 1 April – Easter Sunday choir at Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Nanango, 8am

Term 2

- Monday, 7 – Wednesday, 9 May – Kingaroy Eisteddfod (involves all students Yrs 1-6 and elective Music Yrs 9-12)

Year 4 – String Immersion

The Year 4 students are making fantastic progress, and I would like to congratulate all of the parents and carers who are encouraging home practice. Your efforts are paying dividends, and the students are benefitting greatly.

Easter Sunday Singers Needed at Lady Help of Christians Nanango Catholic Church

If you would like to sing in the Easter Sunday service in Nanango at 8am on Sunday 1 April, please email me for rehearsal times. Absolutely no singing experience is necessary, and the music will be wonderful. Participants of all ages are welcome.

A Snapshot - Our Performers in Action Last Weekend

So many of our students, staff and their families were out-and-about participating in music-related activities last weekend. These included fourteen of the seventy performers in the South Burnett Musical Comedy Society's rehearsals for their concert production of *Les Miserables*; Jesse Mould (Year 11), drumming at the Highway Christian Church service; the members of the South Burnett Community Orchestra and Choir preparing for the Remembrance Day celebrations in November; and Year 3 singer/guitarist, Tayla Conway, who performed with our Guitar Tutor, Mr Grant Jeppesen at the annual Food and Wine Festival. What talented people we have within our College community! I love hearing about the co-curricular music-related activities of our students. Feel free to email me if you have news to share.

Yours in music
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Middle Leader - Co-Curricular Arts and Culture

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Peter Pan Junior Musical News

To all year 4 – 10 students interested in taking part in the 2018 Saint Mary's production of Peter Pan, please find the attached cast list and details towards the end of the newsletter. Read through these roles carefully and make an informed decision around who/what you would like to audition for.

We have changed the process to register interest this year. You now need to follow the link below to register your name and character/crew you would like to audition for. Remember this does not mean you will get this role. If the teachers feel you would be better suited to another role, you may be asked to audition a second time. If you are auditioning for a role, you will need to learn and perform the audition song, "The Finale Ultimo" and a reading between Captain Hook and Smee. You can find this song by following the link below. A photocopied version of the song and the reading will be placed in a folder at Student Services.

Auditions are being held next week 19-23 March. Audition days are:

- Monday – Morning Tea
- Tuesday – Lunch
- Wednesday – Morning Tea
- Friday – Morning Tea and Lunch

All students will be required to nominate a day to audition. This nomination sheet can be found at Student Services. You will need to complete this sheet by Friday lunch time. You will find in the nomination folder, a photocopy of the music and lines you will be asked to perform when auditioning.

[Audition Interest link](#)

[Music link](#)

Kind regards

Miss Jessica Cunningham

Curriculum Learning Leader - The Arts

From the Tuckshop

Friday Green Board Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- Potato Scallop - \$2.00 each
- Pasta Bake - \$4.00 each

LENT

During Lent we do not sell meat at the Tuckshop on Fridays. This includes chicken and ham. Meat will be sold again in Term 2 on Friday. Meat is available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

QKR

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE UPDATED YOUR CHILD'S CLASS AND YEAR ON QKR.

QKR (our online ordering system) closes at **9am** every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. *If your child is away the day of your order, you can cancel your order online up until 9am of that day.*

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at the tuckshop, you can do so by calling on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to discuss how to volunteer.

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
Caster or Brown Sugar
Tinned Pineapple Slices
Small Tinned Corn
Beetroot

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

Item Unavailable

If an item your child has ordered is not available we will substitute, after consultation with your child, with an item of equal value.

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

Whipcracking News

Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay Event 2018

When: 27 March 2018, 6.30pm

Where: Memorial Park, Kingaroy (grassy area near Rotunda)

What: Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton relay Event

There will be food and drink stalls, free rides, face painting, sporting demonstrations, Arrival of Baton, Welcome to Country & Official Section, concluding with fireworks at 8.00pm.

The SMCC & Saint John's Whipcracking Teams will be providing demonstrations scheduled at 6.30- 6.45pm

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival - 27 May Sunday 2018

SMCC Whipcrackers will be marching this year in the Street Parade and involved in Whipcracking Demonstrations with St John's Whipcracking Team later in the morning.

There will be no Whipcracking Competition this year at the Pumpkin Festival.

Please let Mrs Arrell know if you are interested in attending these events .

EKKA- Friday 10 August

The SMCC Team will once again be performing and competing at the EKKA RNA grounds on Friday, 10 August from 9am through to 3pm.

Please let Mrs Arrell know if you are interested in attending these events .

With Thanks

Mrs Lauren Arrell

Whipcracking Coordinator

Sacramental Program

If your child has received the sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 or earlier, the celebration of **First Eucharist** is happening in the first two weekends of June 2018. There is a **parent information session for Eucharist on Thursday 26 April at 2.00pm in the boardroom of Saint Mary's Catholic College and repeated in the parish hall of St Mary's church that same evening at 6.00pm.** Please come along to receive more detailed information, the books and to register your child. There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the books, medals and certificate.

If your child (9 years or older) wishes to receive the **sacrament of Confirmation** this year 2018, the Bishop will be celebrating the Mass and sacrament in **Our Lady Help of Christians church in Nanango on Sunday 24 June 2018.** Father Chukwudi Chinaka would like to share the celebration between the two churches. It was in Saint Mary's church in 2017. **The parent information session for Confirmation is Thursday 3 May at 2.00pm in the boardroom of Saint Mary's Catholic College and repeated in the parish hall of St Mary's church that same evening at 6.00pm.**

Please come along to receive more detailed information, the children's books and to register your child. There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the books, medals and certificate. There will be quite a lot of information at the meetings, about the expectations of parents to assist their children to prepare and participate in the respective activity sessions (once on a Saturday) and weekly Masses over that time.

LOOP Parent Instructions



LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs **L**inked **O**nline
Ordering & **P**ayment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- ❑ For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- ❑ Select your school and your child's class
- ❑ Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- ❑ Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- ❑ You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- ❑ All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- ❑ There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.





Peter Pan Auditions - Open to All Students Year 4 - 10

Role Descriptions and Crew Selection

Below are role descriptions for each of the roles that will be auditioned for Peter Pan the musical. Please read through descriptions carefully and submit your interest in auditioning for any of these roles or crews via the link below.



- **Peter Pan** - This role is for a girl with a soaring can-do spirit who most certainly "won't grow up!" She needs to be able to act, sing and dance.
- **Wendy Darling** - The eldest of the Darling children and has a certain maternal quality. She is very bright, ever-practical and ready for an adventure.
- **John Darling** - The Middle Darling child. He has an amicable and open presence, a little more proper than his younger brother.
- **Michael Darling** - The Youngest Darling with unlimited energy. He is rather stubborn, but with a cute disposition.
- **Nana** - Usually a dog, but we need someone to jump in and play this iconic role. The performer needs to be quite physical and happy to make bold acting choices.
- **Mrs Darling** - The loving matriarch of the Darling family. She needs to manage the entire household with ease and portray an older character.
- **Mr Darling** – Father figure with one concern of keeping his house in order. He needs to have an older presence about him.
- **Liza** – The Darling's housekeeper who always seems to be in a bit of a frenzy as she tries to keep everyone pleased. Requires an actress who can make strong character choices.
- **Tiger Lily** – The fearless leader of the Brave Girls. She needs to be able to command the stage in singing, dancing and acting.
- **The Brave Girls** – A group of Neverland inhabitants. Requires a fun of strong but kind girls.
- **The Lost Boys** – Group of lads who live in Neverland without a care in the world. Character roles (confident singers) include – Nibs, Slightly, Curley, Tootles, Twin #1 and Twin #2.
- **The Pirates** – A gaggle of villains who are looking to cause some trouble. The multiple roles (male and female) requires acting, singing and dancing. Character roles include – Noodler, Jukes, Cecco and Starkey.
- **Captain Hook** – The leader of the pirates who has a bone to pick with Peter Pan. He needs to be able to sing, act, move and has great comedic timing (a bit of a clown). He needs to be treacherous with the Lost Boys as well as a complete wimp around the Crocodile.
- **Smee** – Captain Hook's sidekick who only wants to see Captain Hook succeed in his evil plot.
- **Crocodile** – Silent part, but somebody who can become a wicked beast.
- **Tinkerbell** – Non-speaking acting role. This role requires use of light and sound.

Within this online form you will also be able to nominate to be a part of a Crew. These crews include:

- Tech Crew
- Set Crew
- Prop Crew
- Costume Design Crew
- Advertising Crew
- Stage Manager

Link to online form: <https://goo.gl/jFdsi>

Link to audition track *Finale Ultimo*: <https://goo.gl/n3S3Nj>

Calendar of Events

Thursday 15 March

Orana Aged Care Visit

Friday 16 March - Friday 23 March

Year 11-12 Exam Block

Friday 16 March

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence P-12

SB Primary Zone Trials

Monday 19 March

Year 2 Excursion

SMCC - Youth Group 3pm - 5pm

KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm

U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 20 March

P&F AGM and General Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 21 March

Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Year 10 Information Night 6pm

Monday 26 March

KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm

U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 27 March

Benedictine Awards 12.25pm

Defence Force Presentation

UQ Women's College Presentation

Wednesday 28 March

Apex Debating 5.30pm to 9pm

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 29 March

Station of the Cross

Please note the office will be closed for the Station of the Cross 9am to 10.30am

Orana Aged Care Visit

Term 1 Completed

Monday 16 April

Pupil Free Day

SMCC Youth Group 3pm - 5pm

Tuesday 17 April

Term 2 Commences

P&F Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 18 April

Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Thursday 19 April

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

Monday 23 April

Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm to 8pm

Tuesday 24 April

ANZAC Day Liturgy 9am - 10.30am

Please note the office will be closed for the ANZAC Day Liturgy

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 26 April

First Eucharist Parent Information Session 2pm to 3pm

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Orana Aged Care Visit

Parent Teacher Interviews in Murgon 4pm - 6pm

Saturday 28 April

Rock and Roll Trivia Night 6.30pm

Monday 30 April

SMCC Youth Group 3pm to 5pm

KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm

U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 1 May

Year 7 and 10 Immunisations

Wednesday 2 May

Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Thursday 3 May

RYDA Driver Safety Program - Year 11 students

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

Friday 4 May

College Cross Country

Monday 7 May

Labour Day Public Holiday

Kingaroy Eisteddfod

Tuesday 8 May

Kingaroy Eisteddfod

Community BBQ

Wednesday 9 May

Kingaroy Eisteddfod

Thursday 10 May

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

Orana Aged Care Visit

Friday 11 May

SB Cow Horse Competition

Monday 14 May

SMCC Youth Group 3pm - 5pm

KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm

U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 15 May

P&F Meeting 5.30pm

NAPLAN Testing

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 16 May

NAPLAN Testing

Year 4 Camp

Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Thursday 17 May

NAPLAN Testing

Year 4 Camp

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

Friday 18 May

NAPLAN Testing Catch Up Day

Wednesday 23 May

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 24 May

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm

Orana Aged Care Visit

Monday 28 May - Wednesday 30 May

Year 12 Retreat

Monday 28 May

SMCC Youth Group 3pm - 5pm

Tuesday 29 May

ICAS Competition - Science

Wednesday 30 May

Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Thursday 31 May

Musical Rehearsal 3pm to 4pm

Friday 31 May - Saturday 2 June

Kokoda Challenge

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