



Saint Mary's Catholic College

SOUTH BURNETT

NEWSLETTER *Term 01 Week 09*

PO Box 311, 10 Kent Street,
 Kingaroy QLD 4610
 P 07 4160 0900
 F 07 4162 1581
 Student Absences
 07 4160 0950
 M 0408 261 566
 EMERGENCY USE ONLY
 pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au
 www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au

Contents

From the Principal	1
Head of Primary News	2
Head of Secondary News	2
Campus Minister News	3
Resource Centre News	4
Sports News	4
Music Notes	5
Peter Pan Junior Musical News	5
From the Tuckshop	6
Year 5 Classroom News	7
Whipcracking News	7
Rugby League	7
Sacramental Program	8
Community Notices	8
Calendar of Events	9

From the Principal

This Wednesday evening, we are holding an **information night for the parents and carers of students currently in Year 10**. The purpose of this information night is to start explaining the very significant **changes to Senior Schooling** that will begin to affect these students from the commencement of next year.

The new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems:

New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems begin in Queensland with students entering Year 11 in 2019.

The new systems include:

- a model that uses school-based assessment and external assessment
- processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- introducing the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

For success in work and life, young Queenslanders in the 21st century need to be innovators, entrepreneurs, lifelong learners, valued employees and responsible global citizens. To keep pace with a transforming society and economy, senior schooling in Queensland is changing. To strengthen our current system and enhance its fairness and reliability, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) responded to the advice of education experts to develop a new world class curriculum and assessment system for all Queensland schools, starting with Year 11 students in 2019.

The new system means that, in most subjects, students will be assessed using three school-based assessments and one external assessment set and marked by the QCAA. It is believed that stronger school-based assessment processes and common external assessment will benefit students and teachers.

Year 12 students graduating in 2020 will receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), replacing the current OP. The ATAR is used around Australia.

You can find more information about the impending changes to senior schooling in Queensland on the QCAA website <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te>

Parents and Friends Association

This week, we conducted the AGM for our Parents and Friends Association. Congratulations to the following people on being appointed to the Executive for 2018:

President: Mr Damien Martoo
 Vice President: Mr Ben Jeffs
 Treasurer: Mr Neil Mungall
 Secretary: Mrs Alice Hauritz

The Saint Mary's P&F Association provides wonderful support to the College community. They are holding their first **P&F Engagement Gathering for 2018 this Friday afternoon straight after school**. These gatherings provide a great opportunity for parents and carers to come together in a relaxed environment and connect socially. For more information, check out the [P&F Engagement Page](#).

God bless

M. Myles
 Mrs Angela Myles
 College Principal



realise your dignity

Head of Primary News

Next week is the last week of Term 1. There are two weeks before we **celebrate the Easter Triduum**: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday. P-12 will be celebrating a liturgy on Thursday the 29th May (last day) at 9.00am in the Maryknoll Centre.

Sacraments: Please note the change to the time for Confirmation. It is now 10.30am Sunday 24th June. The Mass is still in Nanango but a later start. Kingaroy Mass will be at 8.00am on Sunday 24th June.

After Easter holidays the temperature will be dropping. Please use the holidays to rename your child's belongings, **especially any jackets or hats**. After a while the names wear off and it is difficult to get lost belongings back to their owners.

NAPLAN is week 5 of Term 2. If you have any concerns about your child sitting NAPLAN then please speak with your child's teacher or Louise Kennedy (7-12) to Lisa Perrett (P-6) the Support Teachers Inclusive Education.

God bless

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Next Step Survey

Next Step is a statewide post-school destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 last year in Queensland.

Insights gained from Next Step assists schools to review and plan their services for students, and school system personnel to evaluate education policies as they affect the transition from school to further study and employment.

This year's survey of 2017 Year 12 completers will commence in March 2018. The Minister of Education has requested assistance in getting 2017 students to complete the survey and I seek your support in once again promoting participation in the survey.

If you are the parent of a student who completed Year 12 last year, or are a sibling of a Year 12 completer, or may know of former students through your friendship with their parents, can I please encourage you to ask immediate past graduates to complete the survey when they receive it. This survey provides the government and also the College with valuable data.

Further information about Next Step is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important study.

Special Consideration for QCS Test

Year 12 students have the opportunity to apply for Special Provision for the 2018 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

Special provision is available to students who are affected by a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier for their access to the test or to their demonstration of achievement in the test.

Before the test, students can apply for **Special arrangements** or **Exemption**.

Special arrangements are practical adjustments to the test conditions, e.g. restbreaks, A3-size test materials, computer.

Exemption allows a student to be absent from the test and remain eligible for an OP.

Exemption will be considered where students are so severely affected by their impairment/circumstances that they will be unable to sit the test with the special arrangements that are available.

Students can also apply for exemption after the test, providing they meet the conditions below:

Absentee exemption allows a student who was absent from the test to remain eligible for an OP.

The absence must have been unforeseen and unavoidable.

Declaring a test grade null and void allows a student who sat the test to choose not to receive a test grade. OP-eligible students remain eligible for an OP.

Students may apply if they believe that illness or exceptional circumstances significantly affected their performance during all or part of the test.

Students must provide suitable documentation to support their application. Documentation should be uploaded with the application. Medical documentation must be provided by a suitably qualified person who is not related to the student and is not employed by the school.

realise your dignity

If students wish to apply for Special Provision they should see Mrs Sullivan. Applications are made online by the College.

Exam Block

Exam Block began this week and we wish our students from Years 11 and 12 well as they spend their week undertaking and preparing for exams.

A few reminders:

1. All students must sit all exams on set exam date
2. Students who miss exams must have a medical certificate
3. Students who miss exam/assessment must see teachers and complete exam as soon as possible on return to school
4. Students must wear full uniform to school at anytime during exam block
5. Students only have to be at College for exam.
6. Students can use study facilities provided in library or seek additional assistance from teachers at College
7. Students may study at home if this is more conducive to them.

QCS Test Chief Community Representatives

In last week's newsletter the positions of Chief Community representatives were advertised for the QCS Test. If you are interested in either of these positions, please see last week's newsletter and collect an application pack from Mrs Rutley in the office.

God bless

Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

Campus Minister News

Project Compassion

During the last few weeks our Year 12 students have been organising and running fundraisers and awareness-raising activities for Project Compassion. So far through these activities and Homeroom boxes we have raised \$864 boxes are in Homeroom until the end of term. If each student were to bring \$1 for Project Compassion in the next week we could raise over \$1,000. Thank you for your donations so far.

- **COLOURING-IN COMPETITION – students in Prep to Year 4 can enter the colouring in competition for a gold coin donation**
Colouring in sheet can be obtained from the class teacher. Entries are due next Monday. Prize is a \$10 tuckshop voucher.

Students have been painting a cross during their lunch time to raise awareness for Project Compassion. This cross is a symbol for this year's theme: "A Just Future for All". Once the cross is completed students will have an opportunity to put their signatures on it. We will then use this cross in our end of term Liturgy.

Community BBQ

Last Tuesday, primary students attended the Community BBQ to give hand made crosses, a prayer and an Easter egg to the community. The patrons were touched by the gift and thoroughly enjoyed the presence of the students. Well done "Crafty Kids" club and Lisa Atkinson for your generosity.



"I plead with you – never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. BE NOT AFRAID" Saint John Paul II

God Bless

Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister

realise your dignity

Resource Centre News

This Week ... Week 9 in the Library

All library borrowings are to be returned during the primary library lessons this week. This also includes home readers that are sent home. Your cooperation and support with this allows the unnecessary following up and chasing of overdue books. The Resource Centre will also be a designated study area this week for the Year 11 and 12s who are in exam block.

Accelerated Reading Programme

The Top 10 students **overall** in the 2018 AR **word count** are:

Student	Passed Quizzes	Taken Quizzes	Word Count
Poppy Jeffs	4	4	28,715
Lucas Mungall	2	2	25,496
James McCarthy	2	3	23,224
Darcy Williamson	1	2	20,801
Cody Carr	1	1	19,591
Malakai Ewing	2	2	19,909
Hamish Mungall	1	1	14,266
Lachlan Taylor	1	2	12,363
Hayden Walters	1	1	12,086
Rebecca Black	1	1	7,843

The Top 10 students for the week 8 Reporting Period (12/03 - 16/03)

Student	Passed Quizzes	Taken Quizzes	Word Count
James McCarthy	2	3	23,224
Hamish Mungall	1	1	14,266
Hayden Walters	1	1	12,086
Rebecca Black	1	1	7,843
Tamika Kerkow	1	2	6,352
Riley Gleich	1	1	3,371
Poppy Jeffs	2	2	2,616
Letia-May Rowen	3	4	1,868
Zara Whitaker	1	1	1,518
Laiccee-Lee Dales	1	1	1,151

Yours in reading
Mr Bill Mulcahy
Teacher Librarian

Sports News

Over the past few weeks we have had some outstanding performances from students who have represented our school and themselves very well at 10-19 Years South Burnett and Wide Bay school sports trials. On behalf of the school we would like to congratulate each of the following students on their fine athletic performances:

- Jeremy Hobbs
- Francis Hobbs
- Jessica Ryan
- Fletcher Brown
- Lleyton Brown
- Riley Cook
- Luke Beutel
- Maddison Sansby
- Ryan McNamara

- David Taylor
- Briath Crossingham
- Harry Perrett
- Deidre Murray
- Bridget Reeve
- Josee Currin
- Esme Bligh
- Ryan Maudsley
- Jenna Wolski
- Olivia Davis
- Samuel Perrett
- Riley Kerkow
- Brandon Lohse

We wish all these students the best as they compete at the next representative level in their chosen sports.

Yours in sport

Miss Tiffany Harman and Mr Isaac Freeman

Sports Coordinators

Music Notes

Music Dates

Term 1

- 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)
- Sunday, 13 May – Firepit Youth Mass (5:30pm)

Year 4 – String Immersion

Mrs Kennedy would like me to express her thanks to all of the Year 4 parents and carers who are supporting their sons and daughters to complete their violin practice in the lead up to the Kingaroy Eisteddfod in May. You are doing a wonderful job and it is lovely to see the students improving week to week.

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

If you would like to sing in the Easter Sunday Mass 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.

Year 6AB Prepping for the Eisteddfod Next Week

The Year 6 classes are fine-tuning their music for the Eisteddfod and as a special Week 10 activity, we will combine the classes for a mega-choir practice. The two songs that are being prepared are "Try Everything" (from the movie, *Zootopia*) and "The Peg-Leg Pirate Band".

Yours in music

Mrs Jane Iszlaub

Middle Leader - Co-Curricular Arts and Culture

Peter Pan Junior Musical News

Auditions are well under way and the Arts Department is very excited about the talent auditioning for us at Morning Tea and Lunch time this week. *Peter Pan* is going to be the best musical Saint Mary's has presented yet!

The last day for auditions is Friday 23 March. If you are still wanting to audition please add your name to one of the sheets in the green folder at Student Services.

A couple of key Musical dates to jot down in your diary. More detailed letters and permission forms will follow later.
Rehearsals:

Musical rehearsal:

- Thursday afternoons 2:55 – 3:10 - Afternoon tea (roster to be confirmed) and 3:10 – 4:15
Dates April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21

realise your dignity

- Sunday June 17: 11:30am – 5:00pm (students bring own morning tea and lunch) – Full Dress and Tech Rehearsal
- All other rehearsals will happen during class time. Notes will be provided with further detail.

Performances:

- Friday, 22 June 12pm – Matinee (Kindies and Aged Care Facilities)
- Friday, 22 June 6pm – Opening Night
- Saturday, 23 June 6pm – Closing Night

Casting details will be announced Monday, 26 March (next week). The Year 10 Arts students are excited to start working on directing, choreographing, advertising, blocking and performing the musical as part of their Term 2 studies.

Kind regards

Miss Jessica Cunningham

Curriculum Learning Leader - The Arts

From the Tuckshop

Friday Green Board Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- Potato Gems - \$4.00 each
- Fish and Chips - \$5.00 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

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

Year 5 Classroom News

From Little Things Big Things Grow! Look what the Year 5 students have been doing!

This term in Maths, Science and Technology students have been busy investigating plant growth and adaptations as well as learning about measurement.



Kind regards

Mrs Wendy Lenihan

Year 5 Classroom Teacher

Whipcracking News

Last Practice for Term 1 - this Thursday, 23 March (3pm to 4pm)
(Please meet at undercover tuck shop area).

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay- Memorial Park
Whipcracking performance 6.30pm.
Tuesday, 27 March

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival- Sunday, 27 May

I will send a note home early in Term 2 to let you know of practice days and times for the term ahead.

With Thanks

Mrs Lauren Arrell

Whipcracking Coordinator

Rugby League

Last week the U/15 rugby league team travelled to Murgon to play their first game for 2018 against Murgon SHS. We were able to field 12 players with a couple of lads unable to play due to an injury. The team consists of a mix of a core group with rugby league experience and several lads playing their first ever game. The final score resulted in a good win by Murgon SHS by 54 to 4. The score however did not reflect the intensity of the game. Our lone try scorer was our halfback Joseph Meikle who crossed over late in the first half. The half time score saw Murgon SHS leading 38 to 4. Our halftime talk was around line speed in our defence and restricting Murgon's scoring opportunities. We were creating attacking opportunities for ourselves but couldn't turn them into points. It was pleasing to see a much better effort in the second half. I was so proud of the lads, and I wish to make special mention of the effort by Damien Baulch and Thomas Kelly, our secondrowers, given this was their first game of rugby league.

Each game, Mr Freeman and I, will award 3-2-1 points to our team. For this game against Murgon, we have awarded 3 points to our hooker Harry Perrett for great defence; 2 points to our captain and lock Callum Burt; and 1 point goes to prop Harley Mathieson for his tenacity when taking the ball up. Our next game will be on the last day of school against Nanango SHS.

Yours in league

Mr Bill Mulcahy

Coach

realise your dignity

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.

Community Notices

Calendar of Events

Monday 26 March

Memorial Service for Rohan at 9am
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

Stations of the Cross

*Please note the office will be closed for the Stations 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 27 April

Prep Excursion

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

Monday 21 May

KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm
U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

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
KOKODA Training 3pm to 5pm
U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

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

Thursday 7 June

Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm
Orana Aged Care Visit

Monday 11 June

U15 Rugby League Training 3pm to 4pm

Wednesday 13 June

ICAS Competition - Spelling
Youth Group at St Mary's Church 3pm to 5pm

Thursday 14 June

ICAS Competition - Writing
Musical Rehearsal 3pm - 4pm