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From the Principal

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July – 4 August. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Discovering New Horizons.**

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2018, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are discovering new horizons.

There are 304 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ more than 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

At Saint Mary's, we launched Catholic Education Week with Rock On Stage, which is our major annual fundraiser providing support to Bacolod Kindy. On Monday evening, our teachers participated in a twilight professional learning session, focusing on how we seek to *Realise the Dignity* of everyone in our community.

As a family, you may like to consider some of the following ideas for celebrating Catholic Education Week at home:

- Begin a family gratitude journal for all family members to jot down little things that they are grateful for. Younger children could draw what they are grateful for or have an older sibling or parent scribe for them.
- After school, ask your child to talk firstly about 3 good things that happened in the day and then one solved problem.
- Think about ways that your family might be able to practice sharing with our community e.g. donating used toys or clothing; visiting people in nursing homes or aged care facilities and spending time with them
- Encourage everyone in the family to put money aside for Mission Week in October.
- Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for and extend forgiveness to members of your family. "Do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph. 4:26).
- Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with others you may meet throughout your day or week.
- Before you begin a family dinner, turn off all electronic devices, light a candle and pause for a moment of silence. Pray silently for peace; peace in your hearts, peace in your families and peace in our world. This could also happen at the end of a shared meal.

Happy Catholic Education Week!

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



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Head of Primary News

Questacon Science Circus

There are two groups, Prep to Year 2 at 9.30am and Year 3 to Year 6 at 11.10am, attending the presentation in the Maryknoll Centre.

Assembly is this Friday in the lower courtyard beginning at 9.00am sharp. The Prep to Year 2 students will be presented with awards and birthdays first so they can head up to the MKC for the Questacon Science Circus.

Social Media

Social media plays a big part in everybody's lives. Can you please take some time to check the devices your child is using (iPads, parents' phone, home computer etc) and check the apps that are loaded on the device. At the back of this newsletter is a sample of information that is available on the government website to assist you in determining what is appropriate. There is a table that names the apps e.g. Snapchat and Facebook and recommends an age that is appropriate, it also lists what the manufacturer deems age appropriate. There is quite a difference in the 'recommended' age. The site of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Australian Government www.esafety.gov.au has great information.

I recently, and am still, speaking with the individual classes reminding students who use Snapchat (and other social media platforms) to use words and text that is appropriate. I said to the classes, "if you don't have the courage to say the words to their face, then don't be a coward and type the comment". I also reminded children to mind their own business and not to relay in text any hearsay, rumour or gossip. I also spoke to children about actually using the telephone (and perhaps more pleasant for the recipient) to speak with that person directly and have a conversation where the intonation, cadence, inflection and humour are clear and evident in the words that are being used.

As parents you have the final say about what apps your child can access. The link to the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) shows a **simple guide** with useful sites for you to find out more information and to be more informed. I would ask that you speak with your child about the language used on social media and the effects 'just joking' words and disrespectful language can have on a person, especially young pre-teens.

A big thank you to the parents and children for purchasing the yo-yos from the NED show last week. The **'Pay It Forward' sales** enables the next school to have the show at no cost to the children. These will be on sale until Friday. They are sold at morning tea. The website has tricks and instructions for changing the string etc. www.theNEDshow.com. There are hard copies of NED's Six Trix at the office.

Uniforms

Thank you to parents and the students of Saint Mary's Catholic College for ensuring that the uniform of our college is worn with great pride and respect. This in turn helps them fulfil our motto of 'Realise Your Dignity'. Our motto is at the crux of why we do what we do. This small detail in a child's life does go a long way to preparing them for a deeper understanding of their self-worth, self-discipline and their own dignity.

A big thank you to the staff and parents of our children in Prep to Year 6 for the preparation of this year's **Rock On Stage**. I still get super excited when the show comes to life on the night and all the angst and anguish disappear and a wonderful show appears before our eyes. It's also amazing that the show is done and dusted by 8.30pm! Thank you Miss Cunningham. Every year is bigger and better thanks to our Saint Mary's students pushing themselves to the limit of their comfort zone and beyond.

Kind regards

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Rock On Stage

Congratulations to all our students who participated in last Friday night's Rock On Stage. What a sensational night of entertainment! Students, with their teachers, prepared and practised their routines over the last fortnight to present wonderful performances on Friday. The audience packed the Maryknoll Centre with standing room only. From the Preps' outstanding Abba medley to the Year 2 war montage to Year 6's 'The Greatest Show on Earth', the primary students were outstanding. Our secondary performances were just as enjoyable as the primary ones from the Year 7 performance through to the excellent Year 12 exercise performance, which was very amusing.

All the students should be commended for participating in this fundraising event. As in other years, this event raises funds for the Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines. The kindy is always very pleased to receive our financial help as it does not receive any government support from the Philippines government.

Congratulations to the P&F and the staff for their excellent contributions but it must be mentioned that this year the staff beat the

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P&F!! Thank you to Mrs Mungall and her band of brave and talented parents. Many Thanks to Bridget McDonald, Harrison Lucas, Jessica Ryan and Francis Hobbs for their compering of the evening, Miss Cunningham and Mrs Iszlaub for their organisation, together with all the staff and students who participated and supported the event in one way or another.

Rock On Stage marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week. The theme for this year is Discovering New Horizons. Catholic Education Week provides us with the opportunity to promote the ethos of our College and celebrate the special things that occur in Catholic schools every day.

Year 10 Information Evening

On **Monday 20 August** our Year 10 students will have their Subject Information Day. During the morning students will have the opportunity to hear information about subjects being offered in Year 11 in 2019. In the evening parents, with their Year 10 student, will be invited to speak individually with teachers about the subjects students might be interested in taking in Year 11. This will be followed by a presentation given by Mrs Myles and me about specific details about pathway options for students, ATAR, which subjects qualify for ATAR calculation, as well as the QCE.

More information will follow in the coming weeks to the Year 10 parents and their students.

This week (Tuesday 31 July), the Year 10 students were addressed by teachers from TAFE about courses being offered by Kingaroy TAFE in 2019. Students should not enrol yet as it is important that students have all the information available to them about QCE and ATAR before they make decisions about their future pathway.

Later this week Year 10 students will also receive information and paperwork about work experience. Work experience will occur in the last week of Term 3. All students are expected to participate in work experience as it provides an opportunity to learn about the workplace and become work ready.

In the current climate employers are looking for students to have 21st century skills such as the ability to: communicate in the workplace, work collaboratively and in a team, have ICT skills, think creatively and critically, have personal and social skills and be literate and numerate. https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/snr_syll_redev_21st_century_skills_associate_skills.pdf

We hope that students will have the opportunity to develop these skills during work experience.

QTAC

During the past week Year 12 students received their QTAC books. Mr Turnbull gave a very brief overview of the booklets and the process and asked students to have a read of the booklet over the coming weeks.

Mr Turnbull is available for career's advice for any student but he will also spend some time explaining to Year 12 students how to apply for tertiary courses. All students eligible for an OP or a Rank should consider applying for a tertiary course before the due date. Students need access to a credit card to apply. This is because students who have applied have several opportunities to change their mind for no extra cost before offers are sent by QTAC. However, if students do not apply and decide later (after the application close date) there is a costly financial penalty.

Uni Open Days

This is the season for University Open Days. Please follow the attached link for upcoming Open Days <https://www.openday.com.au/tertiary/brisbane/>

Uniform

Thank you to parents who are making a concerted effort to ensure their child is in correct uniform every day. Your efforts are appreciated.

Year 12 QCS Test Data

At the end of last term, Year 12 students sat a practice QCS Test. This was sent to markers who were asked to provide each student with individualised feedback to help them improve in the Writing Task and also the Short Response paper. We received the results recently.

Many thanks to Mrs Meyers and Mr Connelly for their continued help in assisting students prepare for the upcoming QCS test. This year the test will be held on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September.

Kind regards

Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

THANK YOU!!

On Monday our leadership team received a lovely email from Mrs Briony Hoare in the office, and the intention for my newsletter article this week is summed up in her words to us. Briony was reporting on the generosity of our community supporting our Rock On Stage and supporting our Sister Kindergarten in the Philippines, Bacolod. Please enjoy...

"Hi guys, wonderful news, Rock On Stage total proceeds were \$1578.15".

I must apologise to the many families who bought tickets in the raffle at the door. I said it was going to be drawn on the night, but will be drawn on Monday 27 August, so PLEASE keep your tickets. We do have all names recorded on the stubs as well. Tickets will be for sale right up until that date.

Kind regards

Mr Martin Perrett

APRE

Uniform Requirements

General

1. In 2018, students must wear the full and correct new uniform.
2. All uniform items (except shoes) must be purchased through the uniform shop.
3. All shoes (including sport shoes) must be completely black, lace-up, below the ankle, school style shoes. However, P-5 may also have Velcro instead of laces.
4. The Year 12 Jersey may be worn every day except Tuesday when Formal uniform must be worn.
5. Students may wear the sport uniform on any day except when it is otherwise declared by the College that the formal uniform must be worn.
6. Students in P-5 are able to wear sport uniform on Tuesdays if that is the day they have HPE.
7. Senior students (and particularly School Leaders) are encouraged to wear the formal uniform more regularly.
8. All P - 12 female students may wear maroon tights and these can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Formal Uniform

- All P -12 students are required to own and wear a formal uniform.
- Year 6-12 students must wear their formal uniform each Tuesday.
- The College will declare other special days when the formal uniform must be worn (e.g. excursions, visits, presentations, and formal occasions.)
- The Year 12 Jersey is not permitted to be worn with the College Formal uniform.

Hair

The following applies to all students:

- Hair is to be kept neat, clean and tidy and cut no shorter than 10mm.
- Unsecured hair length to be no longer than the collar and must be above the eyebrows.
- Hair longer than collar length or below the eyebrow is to be secured.
- Hair ties are maroon, bottle green, black or white.
- Head bands are maroon, bottle green, black or white.
- Hair dye can only be used if it is a single natural colour throughout the hair or natural coloured highlights.
- Facial hair, hair tracks and "Rats Tails" are not permitted.

Make-up

The following applies to all students:

- Make-up of any form (including eyeliner and eye shadow) is not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish is not permitted.
- Lip balm is to be of skin colour only.

Jewellery

The following are acceptable for all students:

- One ring (max. width of 3mm, with no raised stone or attachment).
- One small plain stud may be worn in each lower ear lobe (max. 3mm dia., no stone permitted) OR
- One sleeper per ear may be worn in each lower ear lobe (max. 1mm ring thickness and 15mm outside dia).

No other form of piercing is acceptable

- A simple religious pendant on a neck chain worn under the uniform, to be removed for sports, Science Lab classes, Technical classes, or when physical contact is likely.

- A wrist watch.
- Designated College badges.
- Medical bracelets identifying conditions such as diabetes.

Office News

Term 3 Fee Statements have been sent to families and are due for payment in full by this Friday 3rd August, unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place with the College. Please contact the office immediately if you have not yet received your fees statement. 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. If you are currently paying by instalment, please remember that your account with the College must be paid in full by the end of the school year.

Kind regards

Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Campus Minister News

Catholic Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week (29 July – 4 August) This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. We launched Saint Mary's Celebration of Catholic Education Week with Rock On Stage which raised funds for Bacolod Kindergarten. This event captures who we are as a catholic community. It is an amazing and unique event that grows community and gives opportunity to students to step out of themselves for something good and something greater. We have a beautiful gift of family here at St Mary's with the capacity to reach out to each other in love and to other communities in love.

The theme for Catholic Education Week is Discovering New Horizons. This theme was drawn from Pope Francis' letter to young people, and his call to young people and the church to "open new horizons for spreading joy"

My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy.

During this week homerooms have been invited to "Discover New Horizons for spreading joy" through random acts of kindness. Year 7 to Year 12 have received a jar that has 23 random acts of kindness inside, students are invited to take one and use it this week, they are also invited to write more acts of kindness to keep filling their jar. Prep to Year 6 have received an empty jar and are asked to reflect on one way they were kind during the day, write this down and fill their jar with kindness.

Being kind requires courage and action, being kind can spread joy to others and ignite joy in our own hearts. This is our challenge and our invitation. Rock On stage was a great example of trading the sofa for a pair of "dancing" shoes and it opened new horizons for our little school in Bacolod. Thank you for your generosity.

God bless

Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister

Music Notes

Upcoming Events

- Friday 10 August – Senior Music excursion to Opera Masterclass and Concert at St Peter's Lutheran College, Indooroopilly

Yours in music

Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Teacher and Prep to Year 12 Program Leader of the Arts and Culture

Visual Art Department

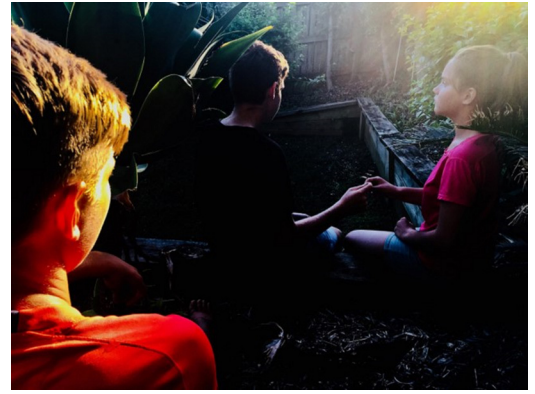
Each year the Queensland Government runs a prestigious competition for Visual Arts students in Years 11 and 12. It is called CREATIVE GENERATIONS and culminates in an exhibition at GOMA in Brisbane.

This year the Saint Mary's entry is a stunningly lit photograph by Year 12 student Marisa Hosking. I hope you will join me in congratulating her in being chosen for this year's competition.

Opening night will be later this term in Toowoomba.

Kind regards

Mrs Bron Martoo
Visual Art Teacher



Indonesian News

The Indonesian language students from year three to year eight were so fortunate to have lessons with a teacher from Bali, Indonesia last week. Pak Yudis taught our students Indonesian language and culture through interactive games, activities and music.

Brisbane Catholic Education organised for Pak Yudis to teach the Indonesian language students at 14 different BCE schools over five weeks.

All our students engaged really well with the lessons and were delighted with meeting him. Pak Yudis was delighted to meet our students.

Kind regards

Ms Rachel McNamara
Indonesian Teacher



Whip Cracking News

Upcoming SMCC Whipcracking Events

- Ekka 10 August 9am - 3pm
- Baconfest 25 August, Kingaroy 'Little Piggies in the Park' 2 x 15min morning sessions 8.30am and 10am
- Wondai Show Saturday 1 September

Kind regards

Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

From the Tuckshop

Friday Green Board Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch
BEEF & GRAVY ROLLS - \$4.00 each
CHEESE & BACON PIZZA ROUNDAS - \$4.00 each

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.

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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.

*****FROZEN JEWELS ARE CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE*****

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

Fortnight at a Glance

Thursday, 2 August

10 - 12 years 1500m trials at Kingaroy State High School - 1.30pm

Friday, 3 August

Questacon Science Fair Prep to Year 6

Monday, 6 August

South Burnett 10 - 12 years Primary Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 7 August

South Burnett 6 - 9 years Primary Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 8 August

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

Friday, 10 August

EKKA Whip Cracking Challenge

Monday, 13 August

EKKA Show Holiday

Tuesday, 14 August

ICAS Competition Maths

Science Fair 9am - 2.30pm Maryknoll Centre

Thursday, 15 August

South Burnett 13 - 15 years Athletics Carnival

Friday, 16 August

South Burnett 16 - 19 years Athletics Carnival

South Burnett Cluster 10 - 12 years Boys and Girls Cricket Trials

Elective information Day for Year 8's and 9's going into Years 9 and 10