

Saint Mary's Catholic College

SOUTH BURNETT

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 14th May

- Mass 8.15am
Multi Media Room
- NAPLAN Test
- Futsal Shield 4 to 6pm

Thursday, 15th May

- NAPLAN Test
- Motivational Media
Years 7-12
- Orana Visit
3.15 to 4.15pm

Friday, 16th May

- NAPLAN Test Catch Up Day
- BCT Excursion

Tuesday, 20th May

- ICAS Computer Skills Test
- ACMA Cybersafety Parent
Evening - 7pm
- Catholic Cup Netball

Wednesday, 21st May

- Mass 8.15am
Multi Media Room

Thursday, 22nd May

- Whip Cracking Team
Brisbane

Friday, 23rd May

- Feast Day

Saturday, 24th May

- RACI Chemistry Titration

Sunday, 25th May

- P&F Working Bee 8am
- Family Mass 10am

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary's,

This week, our Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students take part in the annual NAPLAN test. These tests can sometimes be a stressful time for schools, parents and students. As I said in last week's newsletter, these tests are just one of many measurements of our students' progress. The best way for parents to assess the NAPLAN data is to look at their own child's progress across the various tests and across the years to look at areas of both weakness and improvement.

As a school, we can see the huge improvement of most of our students across their NAPLAN journey. This data is harder for parents to access as you only see the bulk data for entire classes. This can be skewed at times by influxes of students from other schools. Once again, I would remind parents that Saint Mary's does not spend an excessive amount of time on NAPLAN practice, as whilst this may improve our NAPLAN results in the short term, we are interested in the long term aim of educating our students for their futures. **Our focus is therefore on teaching the Australian Curriculum from P-10, rather than on the NAPLAN test.** The results of this are best shown in our graduates who over the past four years (for which My Schools data is available) **have the highest percentage of University (33%), TAFE, Apprenticeships and Traineeships (35%) of all South Burnett high schools.**

As a community, we would like to congratulate **Mr Collier and his wife Racheal on the birth of their first child Ava Elizabeth.** They begin a wonderful, rewarding, and at times, challenging journey. We ask for Christ's blessings on the Collier family at this exciting time.



I would like to thank Mr Toms for organising the visit by No Alcohol – Game On-which who took our Year 10 students through a program on better understanding the issues surrounding alcohol and also Mrs Radcliffe for organising the Fun with Maths program from our P-6 students.

2015 enrolments have begun for students in Prep, Year 7 & Year 8. I would encourage **all current parents looking to enrol students in these year levels to organise an interview before the end of term.** Please also make other prospective parents aware that enrolments are underway. We will hold an **Open Night from 6.00 - 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 4** to allow prospective parents and community members around our College. There will be tours from 6.00 – 7.00pm, followed by an information session from 7.00 – 7.30pm.

Our ACMA (Australian Communication and Media Authority) **Cybersafety parent presentation will be held in our Maryknoll Centre from 7.00- 8.30pm this Tuesday, May 20.** All parents and students are welcome. Our College's P&F will forgo its meeting to come to this important session. This evening aims to provide parents and carers with the information they need for their children to safely navigate the online world. Topics covered will include: cyberbullying and social media, online security, online dangers, positive uses of new technologies, etc. We have invited parents and carers from other local schools and St Mary's parish to join us, so feel free to bring others along. All students from Years 5 – 12 will have a session on Cybersafety on either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Saint Mary's Feast Day celebrations will be held on Friday, May 23. The day will begin with a **Feast Day Mass at 9am** in the Maryknoll Centre and finish with the **Saint Mary's Feast Day Talent Show from 1.10 – 3.00pm.** Parents and carers are most welcome at both of these events. We will have a sausage sizzle and ice-block for students in the middle of the day to celebrate the Feast Day of our patroness and namesake, Saint Mary – Help of Christians.

Yours in Christ

M. Nayler
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

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From the Deputy

Prayer for Justice

God of justice and mercy,
You hear the cries of the poor and you weep
for those who suffer injustice.
Wake us from indifference.
Open our eyes to those around us.
Rouse within us our knowledge of what is
right.
Transform our hearts so that we may
transform your world.
We make this prayer through your son, Jesus,
our model of justice.
Amen

Hats

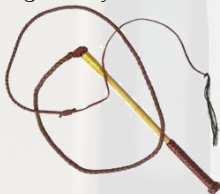
Thank you to all the students in Years Prep-6
who wear their hats at all times.
Students in Years 7-12 need to wear their hats
at all times when out in the sun, particularly
for sport/P.E. lessons.
Years 10-12 students in Area A (Benedictine
Square) need to wear their hats at morning
tea and lunch.

Speaking/Listening respectfully

I mentioned last week about the need for
students to follow directions from staff at all
times, particularly when
teaching classes. Some students are not being
respectful and will need to be placed on
behaviour cards so we can monitor
their behaviour on a lesson by lesson basis.
Parents will be contacted if this is the case.
Consequences for inappropriate behaviour
include lunch detention, removal from
playground, after school detention and
suspension if necessary. It is hoped in all
cases that
students will understand that their behaviour
is inappropriate and speak respectfully at all
times.

Whip cracking

Next Thursday, the whip cracking team, will
travel to the Brisbane Royal Exhibition
Grounds with Mr Sims (coach), Mr Erwin and
Mrs Arrell will open the RNA Rural Discovery
day at the RNA Grounds. There will be over
1000 students in attendance as well as media
(Channel 7). On Monday 26 May, Totally Wild
(Channel 10) will be doing a story on the
Saint Mary's and Saint
John's whip cracking
students. This will air
later in the year.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal



APRE News

Fr Nigel Sequeira's Commissioning Mass

What: Commissioning Mass and light supper
celebration

When: Tuesday, 27th May 5.30pm

Where: St Mary's Parish Kingaroy, Albert Street

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Who: Celebrated by the Archbishop of
Brisbane, Mark Coleridge

Fr Nigel has been the Parish Priest at St
Mary's Kingaroy, St Patrick's Nanango and
Our Lady of Peace Kumbia for about 5
months now. We are blessed to have Fr Nigel
because of his extensive experience in many
other walks of life and his passion for helping
others. Father Sequeira is extremely keen to
get involved in our school where at all
possible. He has already been a great source
of information and inspiration for our senior
Study of Religion students; he has celebrated
weekly Mass for us at the college on
Wednesday mornings and is also hosting a
retreat for students on the holidays. I have
already been inspired by Father Nigel in my
role to continue to nurture and promote the
'good news', the Gospel.

It would be a great sign of support and
gratitude to Father Nigel if the college
community is well represented at this special
occasion. Every member of our Saint Mary's
family will benefit, either directly or indirectly
from his pastoral leadership if they haven't
already.

Mrs Moya Hayden and Ms Romka Sudull, two
of our very esteemed musicians, are involved
in the music for the Mass so I can attest it will
be a treat to the senses and inspiring to all
who can attend.

Joke of the week

Q. Who was the greatest male financier of the
Bible?

A. Noah, because he floated all his stocks
while others around him were in liquidation.

God's blessings
Mr Marty Perrett
APRE

APR News

Naplan Tests are well underway at the college
this week. Students in Years 3,5,7, and 9 have
been thoroughly prepared by our staff over
the last few weeks and will be doing the test
each morning on Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday this week.

Also this week, staff are involved with
Professional Development focused on how we
meet the needs of our gifted and talented
students and also on how to best prepare
students to be Cyber safe.

On Thursday, students from Years 7-12 will
view the 2014 **Motivational Media**
presentation titled "Impact". The audio visual
presentation is especially geared towards
teenage students, and this year's presentation
challenges students to "leave your mark on
the world".

Excursion this week include Year 12 students
to Brisbane for the Powerhouse of Leaders
meeting, the Senior Physics class to
Dreamworld, and the BCT students to the
Meandu Mine.
Mr John Dalton
Assistant to the Principal

From the Office

Term 2 Fees Now Overdue

Thank you to those families who have
brought their accounts up to date. A further
reminder that unless you have a formalised
instalment payment arrangement in place
with the College (e.g. Direct Debit, BPay) your
Term 2 account was due for payment by
Friday 9th May. 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 Debits or BPay. So please if
you have not already contacted the office with
details of your planned instalments can you
do so immediately to prevent us doing
unnecessary fee follow up procedures.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Prep to Year 6 News

**Sacramental Program – Confirmation and
First Eucharist August 31st 2014.** If your child
has been Baptised and completed their
Reconciliation then there is a parent
information afternoon and repeat evening on
Monday 26th May for families wishing to have
their child receive the final sacraments of
initiation.

It will commence at **1.30pm in the Media
Room of the Resource Centre at Saint Mary's
Catholic College Kingaroy. Repeated at
6.00pm** that evening in the **Biscuit Tin**. This is
located behind the Saint Mary's parish hall in
Albert street, Kingaroy.

If you are new to the program (or want an
update), please bring a photo of your child (I
have the ones from Reconciliation) to this
meeting. You will receive two booklets one for
Confirmation and one for Eucharist. Please
bring \$20 for the booklets and medallion and
certificate. Bishop Finnigan will be presiding
as will Father Nigel Sequeira.

Any questions or queries please contact Pam
Radcliffe at SMCC on 4162 2011.

Fun With Maths. A great day was had by all
students on Friday, when the Fun With Maths
touring trailer came to Saint Mary's. Prep to
Year 6 enjoyed the many and varied activities
and learned that there are many ways you
can do and have fun with mathematics.

NAPLAN is on this week. Year 3,5,7,9 will be

sitting the NAPLAN testing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We wish them well.

May is the traditional month that we celebrate Mary. Our school has Mary Help of Christians as our patron. In your prayers this month think about Mary and maybe say the Hail Mary together.

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Prep - Year 6 Coordinator

Library Corner

Lexile Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

Blue Award (3 books) - Louisa Frahm, Molly Wernecke, Sammy Rix and Jordyn Soley

Red Award (5 books) - Hannah Lipsett-Batts

Bronze Award (10 books) - Lachlan O'Kane, Bella Hams and Kaitlin Ritchie



2014 Premier's Reading Challenge



Once again this year, I am delighted to help P-7

students participate in the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children's literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities. Reading widely will bring untold benefits throughout their lives.

The reading period for the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge at Saint Mary's starts on Monday 23 May and closes Friday 29th August

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. 'Experiencing' books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.

Students will have received a reading challenge record sheet and bookmark to help them keep track of the books they have read.

Every student who completes the challenge

will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates to students in Term 4.

For more information about Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this challenge.

NAPLAN

This week, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are sitting the NAPLAN tests. Please note that there will be a catch-up test day on Friday for students who are away during the week. It is very important to encourage your child to eat a good breakfast, more so this week, as they will be mentally exhausted. We encourage students to choose wisely from their lunchboxes at morning tea and to drink plenty of water. On Thursday, Years 7 and 9 students will require the book listed calculator which will enable them to complete the calculator-allowed part of the Numeracy tests most effectively.

Regards

Mrs Melanie Burr

Teacher Librarian

Counsellor News

Being an Effective Parent Isn't a Matter of Luck

Parenthood need not be a difficult and demanding experience that brings problems, worries and anxiety. One survey by parent trainer, Dr. Harold Minden, found that the responses of hundreds of parents to the question, "How would you rate your parenting experience?" were as follows:

22% answered "fulfilling and positive"

37% answered "moderately fulfilling"

41% answered "frustrating and negative"

Dr. Minden also found that 69% of the satisfied parents said they would enrol in a parent training course, but only 37% of the frustrated and negative parents said they would do so. It appeared they did not recognize the need for assistance in parenting. Those parents typically think that how kids turn out is outside their control—a matter of luck. Many of them rely on the same method of raising children and dealing with problems in their families that were used by their parents and grandparents even though they know these methods don't work.

We now know without a doubt that parents who take training and learn how to create democratic, non-authoritarian relationships with both their spouses and their children will build happy marriages and create a "new species of children." Here is a list of the characteristics of this new species:

- They get their own needs met, yet are sensitive when others may be affected negatively.
- They are very sensitive to all forms of unfairness they see in their world.
- They treat their friends the way they have been treated at home—they are good listeners, good counsellors, good at expressing themselves, good at solving problems, and good at resolving conflicts with others.
- They are mature for their age, fun-loving, playful.
- They want their needs met, yet are unselfish, altruistic and giving to others.
- They have less need to be dependent on other people—yet they have friendships and make friends easily.
- They are less afraid of being laughed at, less afraid of what people will say, more individualistic.
- They are relatively unfrightened by the unknown, and they don't just cling to the familiar.
- They have a high degree of self-acceptance—accepting the way they are, yet this somehow frees them to change and improve themselves.

Raising children who develop these characteristics takes time and commitment. There's no gimmick or quick way to do it. Parents who take the time to understand and then put what they learn into practice are richly rewarded, usually far beyond their hopes and expectations.

www.gordontraining.com

Thank you

Graham Turnbull

Guidance Counsellor

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:

Morning Tea & Lunch \$3.50

Roast Beef & Gravy Rolls

Lunch Only \$3.50

Potato Bake

There are NO pies, party pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays.

Donations of baking ingredients especially self raising flour and caster sugar would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Roster

Fri, 16th May - Amanda Hetherington

Mon, 19th May - Cathy Gartner

Wed, 21st May - Rebecca Stokes

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If you are unable to make your rostered tuckshop day please contact me at the College as soon as possible.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News

Hello everyone and welcome to another wonderful week at Saint Mary's Catholic College. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families to the school and extend an invitation to attend our P&F meetings. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, 20th May and we will be attending the cyber safety session as this is a very important issue in the eyes of all parents and carers. I urge you to attend this information night and also enjoy a cuppa and biscuits.

The next working bee will be held on Sunday the 25th of May starting at 8am - noon.



Bring your shovel, wheel barrows, whipper snippers and a hat. A light morning tea and sausage sizzle will be provided as well.

We actually have a good time at our working bees.

Last of all the P&F have decided to change the colour of the Saint Mary's Supporter Shirts. The pattern and logos will remain the same but the main colour will change from white to green and the price will be \$10 per shirt cheaper. As soon as we get back the final drawings to confirm these shirts will be available at the uniform shop to purchase for \$45 each. These are a Canterbury branded shirt that looks very smart and is a great way to show support of your school.

Blessings
Damien Martoo

Sports News

Primary School Sports Gala Day

Primary School Sports Gala day will be on 30th May 2014. More information will be out later this week.

Regards
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Art News

I would like to thank the College community for donating all of the great recyclables to the art room over the last few months.

I still need to bulk up on a few more items:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Cardboard (cereal boxes are the best)

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Thank you for your continued support. These items make the art room run a lot more smoothly.

Regards
Mrs Langford Martoo
Art Teacher

Home Economics News

Year 8 Home Economics

This week - Theory lesson bring books and writing equipment

Next week - Theory lesson bring books and writing equipment

Year 9 Home Economics

This week - Theory lesson bring books and writing equipment

Next week - Practical lesson bring a large plastic container

Thank you

Miss Angelique Cook and Mrs Tamara Collins
Home Economics Teachers

Dance News

On Wednesday, 7th May, all Year 10, 11, 12 and a selection of Year 9 Dance students had the opportunity to attend a ballet workshop with performers from the Queensland Ballet. After the workshop the students saw the QLD Ballet's latest performance of Coppelia at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre in Brisbane. This experience is invaluable for students in Dance, as it enabled them to develop appreciation for Ballet as an artistic form of dance, learn about the Ballet culture and further develop their understandings of performance based skills and techniques.

Futsal News

There are two competitions coming up in the next two weeks. First up is our Inter School Futsal Shield held on Wednesday, 21st May from 4-6pm at Kingaroy State High School. A note has been sent out and students need to notify me if they are unable to attend so a replacement can be found.

Second up, we are attending the South West Titles (Toowoomba). This tournament is an important one in our calendar as it is where many of our students get selected for State teams. The Primary team plays on Monday, 26th May with Mr Brown, U14 Boys play on Tuesday, 27th May with Mr Toms, U15 Boys play on Wednesday, 28th May with Mr Cook and the Senior Girls team play on Thursday, 29th May with Mr Perrett.

Team shirts will be given out the week beforehand. Primary teams need to return their shirts the **following day** so that they can be given out to the next team. More shirts have been ordered. If you have a shirt at home please return it immediately, otherwise travelling teams will be wearing their sports uniform.

If you have any further question please come and see me asap.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Coach

Indigenous News

Our school will be celebrating National Reconciliation Week on Tuesday 27 May. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/carers/guardians to come and join us.

It is a chance to "Walk the Talk" together about the meaning of Reconciliation and continue to build respectful relationships with each other. Morning tea will be provided.

Regards

Mrs Valerie Mathews and Uncle Eric Law





**Saint Mary's Catholic College
Kingaroy**

Invites applications for the position of

Janitor – 10hrs per week
Monday to Friday
Miscellaneous Workers Award State Level 3

Applications need to be lodged via www.bne.catholic.edu.au
Applications close Friday, 16 May 2014 at 4pm
A Role Description is available from pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au



REMINDER

**The College Newsletter is
available on the
College Website
from each Wednesday
afternoon.**

Round 10		
Name:		
Broncos	vs.	Titans
Rabbitohs	vs.	Storms
Eels	vs.	Dragons
Sharks	vs.	Tigers
Cowboys	vs.	Roosters
Raiders	vs.	Panthers
Bulldogs	vs.	Warriors
Sea Eagles	vs.	Knights



Saint Mary's Catholic College Kingaroy
IT Support Officer
Commencing Term 3, 2014

38hrs per week term time plus 4 extra weeks per year.
School Officer Level 4-5 depending on qualifications.

Saint Mary's Catholic College, is seeking a suitably qualified and enthusiastic person to oversee our College's IT support department. More information or Role Description is available from the College 4162 2011 or pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Applications must be made via www.bne.catholic.edu.au.
Applications close 4pm, Friday May 30.

**Saint Mary's Feast Day
TALENT SHOW**
Friday, 23rd May
Period 5 and 6