

Saint Mary's Catholic College

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NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 9

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, 4th December

- 6pm P-6 Christmas Concert

Friday, 5th December

- End of year Mass, 9am-Saint Mary's Church
- School finishes at 12.30pm
- Bus children and those who can't get home will be supervised until 3pm if required.

Wednesday, 28th January

- Term 1 Commences

Saturday, 31st January

- P&F Family Fun Day
9am to 12noon

Tuesday, 3rd February

- Opening School MASS
9.15am Maryknoll Centre

Wednesday, 4th February

- QUT Roadshow
Years 7-9

Tuesday, 10th February

- College Photos

Thursday 12th February

- Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 17th February

- P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday 19th February

- Year 8 History & Year 11/12
Ancient History Excursion
Abbey Museum

Tuesday, 24th February

- Board Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday, 17th March

- P&F Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, 24th March

- Immunisation Clinic
- Board Meeting 7.30pm

Friday, 27th March

- Benedictine Awards
2pm MKC

Monday, 30th March

- Year 10 Work Experience
Week

Tuesday, 31st March

- Year 7-12 Camp

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From the Principal



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

This week I received a lovely letter from a P-6 student thanking our College for the change that our community has made in her life. I have tried to remove anything that would identify her.

From when I first came to this school this year, I have noticed great changes. My school work has changed from below average...my spelling has gone from 2 words to 20 words for my best personal score. My Maths has gone from not knowing anything to knowing most of the answers in my Maths book...I am always happy.

I love my class because there's lots of support and care. When one of our classmates was in hospital, I saw what love and care really was.

My teacher has helped me to learn how to cope with life and care about life...to undergo tough times and heal what was hurt, they taught me to be free.

Out of 10, I rate this school 11, because it's over the great line. My mum tells her friends how great this school is and how positive the changes are. This school is completely positive.

It is wonderful to hear the difference that our community is making in the lives of our children.

As we head toward Christmas, I normally remind everyone about "Keeping Christ in Christmas" and remembering that the birth of Christ is the "Reason for the Season", but this year I was given a reminder myself from one of our Year 1 students. I was at a function last week and Santa had just pulled up in a ute with presents to give all the assembled children. One of our Year 1s had politely asked if she could sit beside me for Santa's visit. Before Santa could start, she gently leaned over and said, "Mr Nayler, do you know why we celebrate Christmas?". With Santa preparing to jump off the back of his ute, I decided to play it safe and asked what the Year 1 student thought. She said, "At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus" and went on to tell me that Easter was also actually a celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Even for a seasoned parent and Principal, I was taken aback that in the midst of the excitement of Santa's visit and the impending delivery of a special gift, that one of our Year 1s was still able to see the true meaning of Christmas without losing her sense of joy. When her time came, she ran forward and eagerly accepted her gift from Santa, thanking him for his kindness. It was a very simple experience, but one that I also found to be quite profound.

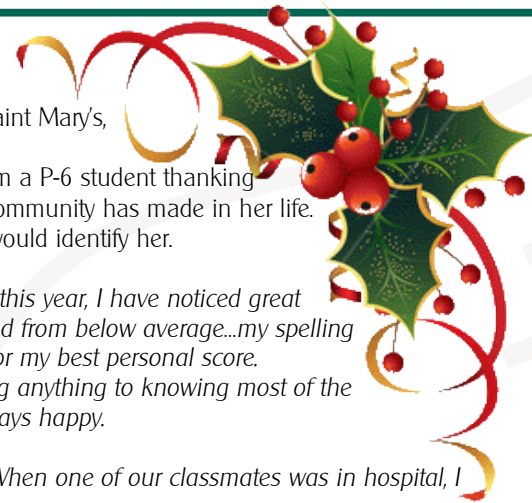
I would like to wish all of our families a Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I pray that all in our community are kept safe over these holidays.

The final weeks have been filled with so many wonderful activities. We have had the tremendous Peace Child performances, Year 6 Rites of Passage, year level excursions, swimming days, Orientation Days and Man Cave farewell to name but a few. Later this week, we will have our Prep and Year 7 Orientation Days, P&F and Board Committee BBQ, Carols Night and End of Year Mass.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff, parents and talented students for another incredible year at Saint Mary's. I would especially like to thank Fr Nigel and our College P&F, Board and Leadership team for their support in Saint Mary's continued growth and development.

I would like to wish our Year 12 families and those that are leaving us at the end of 2014 all the best for the future. I would especially like to thank Mr Toms, Miss Tucker and Mr Brown who are joining new school communities in 2015 and Mr Bird and Mr Lee who have been filling in for staff on leave.

All parents and carers are welcome to our End of Year Mass at 9am this Friday at St Mary's Church. Our School will finish at 12.30pm this Friday, so parents who are able can collect student then. Students who need to wait for buses or their normal 3pm pickup will be supervised until then. School resumes



for 2015 on Wednesday, Jan 28. As we have many students wanting to join our community, I would ask that anyone who finds that they will be moving on to a new school for 2015, contacts our office ASAP so that we can offer these students a place.

May the blessings of Christ be with you and your families this Christmas and may Saint Mary and St Benedict continue to watch over you in the new year.

Yours in Christ

M. Nayler

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Friday Arrangements

Period 1 and 2 - Mass in the church for P-9

Period 3 and 4 - clean up in homerooms

Lunch-Students able to go home/picked up by car

12-40 to 2-55pm - Students supervised in the Art room by staff until buses arrive or parents pick up as per normal finish of the day at 2-55pm

Start of Year Arrangements

School begins for all students on Wednesday, 28th January 2015.

Students are to be in formal uniform. A whole school assembly will start the day followed by homerooms until morning tea. Normal lessons will occur after morning tea.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a blessed Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone safely back in January next year.

God Bless

Mr Sean Erwin

Deputy Principal

APRE News

End of Year Mass

On the last day of school, Friday the 5th of December at 9 am, you are invited to join the rest of the College as we return to Saint Mary's Church on Albert Street to celebrate our end of year Mass. The reason we don't have all our liturgies and Masses there is because we just don't fit anymore. However, with the senior classes gone, it will be a fitting end to the school year.

Saint Vincent De Paul – Christmas Appeal

Seven weeks ago Year 9 students launched the 2014 Christmas Appeal. With the generosity of families of the College and help from the parish we have over 1500 items to give. There are families in the region who might be struggling a little this Christmas and this aims to bring a little light to their lives. Tomorrow night at our annual Prep-6 carols concert we will present all the items to some members of the local Saint Vincent De Paul Conference who volunteer their time assisting people in the region. Our Vinnie's Youth Contact, Emili Pitter and Mrs Heather Barrett will join the local conference members in accepting the gift on behalf of the organisation.

I would like to thank Mrs Angelique Arden and Mr Michael Scanlan for driving this initiative this year with their year 9 students. They also raised \$130 at a bake sale to help purchase some items that might otherwise be missing from a hamper.

The joy in Christmas comes from giving. Jesus modelled ultimate generosity when he gave of himself in life and in death. We can give to others in many ways everyday and it does not have to involve money or material goods. A little praise, some genuine affirmations even a listening ear can be gifts that another will remember beyond the life of a new toy or piece of cool clothing.

I wish all in our Saint Mary's community a happy Christmas, and a Christmas that challenges us to be generous even in the times when we expect to be receiving.

Regards

Mr Martin Perrett

APRE



Library News

Textbook Returns Process – Year 7 -10

All outstanding resources are now well overdue and letters have been posted home to inform parents.

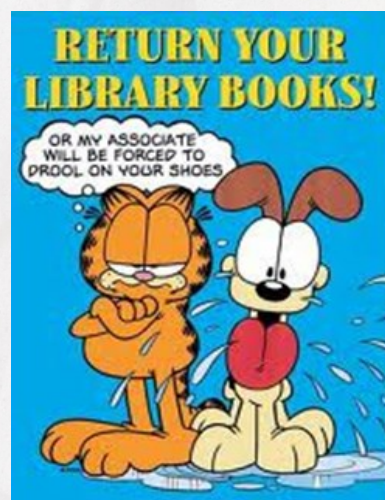
Please note: If books are not returned/paid for within 7 days of the letter, names will be sent to the

Business Manager to add to accounts.

Yours in reading

Mrs Melanie Burr

Teacher Librarian



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Curriculum News



Swimming Celebration of Learning – Prep to Year 6

A big thank you to all the teachers – especially Leesa Johnston, Jenny Lutz and Sarah McCarthy for the organisation of the day, Leadership and staff members and parents who came along to watch the children demonstrate what they have learnt during their swimming block – which of course was the purpose of this fun swim day.

The day had no pressure of competition so the children were able to demonstrate what they know rather than nominating for something they can't really manage at this stage. This demonstration in front of peers and parents, builds capacity and confidence. It fosters a sense of achievement as they prepare over the years to compete in the major swim event at Saint Mary's.

Keep in mind when the children are 10 years or turning 10 in that year, if they qualify, are able to compete in the Saint Mary's Catholic College Swimming Carnival in February. Children need to be able to swim 50m in one or more of the squad strokes. The 10 years to Open major swim competition, enables students with qualifying times to compete in the South Burnett competition, which then leads to Wide Bay competition.

This was the inaugural P-6 Swimming Celebration of Learning day and we have learnt a lot and are in the process of a review that will consider a few changes in 2015.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Coordinator

Year 8 Orientation Day

Yesterday over 55 students participated in our Orientation day for Year 8s in 2015. The day provided opportunities for students to socialise with others and meet some of their new classmates and teachers. Students participated in sport, science, workshop and art. The day ended with team building games that were very well-received. A similar Year 7 Orientation Day is planned for Wednesday 3rd December.

Year 6 Rites of Passage Ceremony

The College hosted another beautiful Rites of Passage ceremony for our Year 6s on Monday the 1st December at 6pm-7.00pm. This event commemorated students' transition from one phase of learning into another by celebrating an important milestone within their schooling i.e. Year 6 moving into a new Teaching and Learning Community. Students received a certificate, candle and cross on a chain as a gift. The smiles on the faces of students and the pride they displayed attested to the success of this ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support this year with the return of resources, reading programs, chess and teaching and learning. Have a wonderful holidays, everyone!

Warm regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian/Year 7-10 Curriculum Coordinator

Classroom News

Year 8 Home Economics

This week is a practical cooking lesson. Students need to bring a plastic container to bring their food home in.

Regards
Angelique Arden
Home Economics Teacher

Music News

Instrumental Tuition News

Enrolment forms for 2015 tuition will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please return these as soon as possible to the office or Mr Scanlan.

Instrument Hire Forms

Those students who are currently hiring instruments from the College will also have a hire form sent home for 2015 hire. Please note: no instruments will be issued without a signed hire form. If you are interested in hiring an instrument from the College in 2015, please contact Mr Scanlan through the office.

Regards
Mr Michael Scanlan
Music Teacher

Tuckshop News

Thank you to everyone for their donations and support over the year. There is **no tuckshop this Friday**. The tuckshop reopens on Wednesday, 28th January.

Wishing everyone Season's Greetings and safe holidays.

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Indigenous News

A huge thank you to all the students, parents and carers, and staff (past and present) for the wonderful achievements of the year. The students have worked really well and it is so wonderful to see the improvements in results over the course of this year. This term has been really busy with assignments, graduations, work experience, sports, arts, excursions and a multitude of other events. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with your children and with you.

We wish everyone a safe and holy holiday season.

May you be endowed with God's blessings,

Kind Regards

Mrs Amanda Erwin (Indigenous Support Teacher) on behalf of the team,

Mr Dallas Brown, Mrs Karen Bond, Mr Ryan Williams

Whip Cracking News

2015 Whip Cracking Team - Save The Date

- Sunday 8th Feb - Clifton Old Whip Cracking Titles
- Saturday 7th March - Proston Show Whip Cracking Competition & Performance
- Saturday 14th March - Oakey Show Performance

Reminder

Thank you to the students who have handed in the blue whip cracking shirts. If you have forgotten please do so by next week.

Kind regards

Mrs Lauren Arrell

Whip Cracking Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all of the families who have supported the Christmas appeal this year. We have received an overwhelming number of non-perishable food donations along with gifts and Christmas goodies. Your generosity will go towards helping over 2,000 Australian households who will be doing it tough this Christmas.

Kind regards

Michael Scanlan + Angelique Arden

Year 9 Religion Teachers

Homework Club / Tutoring

Homework Club has concluded for this year and will resume next year. To all those who attended over the course of the year, thanks and see you all in 2015.

Regards

Ms Sonia Robertson

Homework Club Supervisor

P&F News

Who can believe it? Another year is nearly over at Saint Mary's. First and foremost I would like to thank all parents, carers and students who have supported the P&F in fundraising catering and working bees this year. Without your involvement we could not achieve what we do. A massive thank you must go out to your P&F committee who are the real driving force behind what the P&F does.

On behalf of the entire P&F I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year. May God's light shine upon you and your loved ones this Christmas.

P & F Fundraiser - Bright Star Kids - Personalised Stickers and Labels

When organising your "back to school" make sure you use the P & F fundraiser company to get your personalised stickers and labels.

Bright Star Kids is a great company who give our P & F a whopping 20% commission on your purchases.

www.brightstarkids.com.au



You will no longer need to follow the fundraising website link that we used last year.

Instead simply select St Mary's Catholic College P&F Assoc at the checkout in the "Nominate Your Fundraising Group" in the checkout. It's really easy to do so no-one will miss it. If you can't find it, you can search simply with our postcode :-)

So make sure you support this great company who provides so much to our College.

FREE Family Fun Day

We are running a FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday, 31st January 2015 at the College. The new year seems a long way off but the P & F are already planning a great day of activities to get into the Saint Mary's community spirit. Get the new year off to a great start and come to the Family Fun Day. Meet new faces and catch up with your old friends.

All Activities Free. There are games, races and fun for ALL ages. Flyers have been given out to the youngest in each family. Please return the RSVP section to the College office by **Friday, 5th December.**

We are also looking for helpers. If you missed the flyer and wish to RSVP or know any more, please do so by contacting Damien Martoo: drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au or 0408 068 485
Suzanne Mungall: scrubrdcoolum@live.com.au or 0499 527 830

Ultimate Santa Raffle Winners

1st : Week's holiday at Coolum Escape valued at \$800.00

A relaxed family beach house for a relaxing stay : Sleeps 10.

Kindly donated by Suzanne Mungall & Justin McCarthy. www.facebook.com/CoolumEscape

WON BY: Yvonne Pawlik

2nd: Dry as a Bone valued at \$219.00

Brumby Jacket: 2XL (bomber style: oil skin exterior, lined interior)

Donated by Boehringer-Ingelheim managed by Des Crane.

WON BY: Kim Sparrow

3rd: A Larissa Bright: Complete Men's Shaving Kit valued at \$79.95

Kindly donated by Taryn Walters from Evolve Beauty: Beauty Salon. www.facebook.com/EvolvebeautybyTaryn

WON BY: Jade Shackleton

4th: Face Shave and Hair Cut valued at \$55.00

Kindly donated by SG's Hair Designs, Kingaroy Shopping Mall

WON BY: Josh Soley

5th: Brumbies gift voucher valued at \$50.00

Kindly donated by Brumbies Bakery, Kingaroy Shopping Mall

WON BY: Catherine Trebbin

6th : iTunes Voucher \$30.00

WON BY: Jess Langley

Thank you to all who took part in selling the raffle tickets. We raised \$885.00.

Blessings

Mr Damien Martoo

President

Christmas Mass News

Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday 24th December

St Malachy's - Cooyar 4:30 pm

St Mary's Church- Kingaroy 5:30 pm (Christmas Pageant/ Carols at 5 pm)

Our Lady of Dolours -Yarraman 6:30 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Nanango 7:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass Thursday 25th December

Sacred Heart Church- Blackbutt 7:30 am

Our Lady of Peace Church- Kumbia 8:00 am

Our Lady Help of Christians - Nanango 9:30 am

St Mary's Church- Kingaroy 10:00 am

Sacramental Program 2015

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Next year the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated at the end of May. Preparations will begin in mid to late February.

It is with some sadness that I say farewell and a HUGE thank you to Sandra Ritchie as she steps down from the Sacramental Program.

Sandra Ritchie has been the 'behind the scene' worker for the Sacramental Program for many years. Her quiet ways, gentle reminders and efficiency is what oils the wheels of the Sacramental Program. Without her support the organisation of the program would certainly not run as smoothly.

The lovely display board in the church with the photos, the banners, having the tea and coffee ready, helping with the preparation of the activities and so many more acts of kindness. These acts, helped Peter Undery and me be more organised and took the pressure down a notch or two.

Thank you Sandra. Your contributions to this program have been invaluable. On behalf of Peter Undery and me and all the past candidates over many years, we say thank you for all your effort and support. You will be missed.

Peace Child

A very big thank you to all the parents, staff and students who came last night to watch our production of "The Peace Child". While this is something that I have wanted to do for a while now I never truly realised how much it would mean to so many students and parents for this to happen. There are so many talented students in our primary school and they will be a force to reckon with when they are in high school. Some of my favourite moments from the show included our little Year One students who delivered their lines with such pizzazz and cuteness that my heart melted every time they spoke as it takes a lot of concentration to be on stage for that length of time. The 'comic timing' of our students and the laughs of the audience, with a smile on my face everything they laughed. Abbey Perrett's solo was a beautiful moment that hopefully brought a sombre moment in the play. The students' encore as they had such elation in their voices knowing they had just achieved something special.

A special thanks go to the parents who committed their children to this production and picked them up from rehearsals every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. A big thanks to Megan Saxton and Claire Van Dyk and our Year 10 Drama and Dance students Tayla Barbler and Ashleigh Reinbott who assisted in choreographing and with the music for being a part of this amazing team and helping with supervision and rehearsing. Thanks to Angelique Arden and Michael Scanlan for help with sound and lighting. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped with the kitchen to prepare tea and coffee and lay out the food. Finally a huge thanks needs to go to the cast of "The Peace Child". Without your commitment to show up, rehearse and learn lines and dance moves, this production would never have happened.

Thank you

Mrs Tamara Collins

Performing Arts Teacher



Peace Child



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Saint Mary's Catholic College Parents and Friends Association

INVITES SMCC STUDENTS AND FAMILY TO:

FAMILY FUN DAY

SAT 31 JAN 2015



Get the new year off to a great start when you come along and celebrate the beginning of 2015 with new and old school community members.

SAT 31 JAN 2015

9AM – 12NOON

All Activities Free.

Prizes for participation.

Saint Mary's Catholic College,

Fun activities for all age groups.

in front of the Mary Knoll Centre.

Jumping Castle Colouring Comp

Free Sausage Sizzle Cake Stall

Silly Races Fun Quiz

Treasure Hunt Games

Prizes Coffee

Whip Cracking

FREE

If you have any questions, please contact either :

Damien Martoo : drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au or 0408068485

Suzanne Mungall : scrubrdcoolum@live.com.au or 0499527830

Please let us know by 5 Dec 2014 if you think you might attend the Family Fun Day. This will assist with planning.



Rites of Passage



Kingaroy Christmas Carnival 11th December 2014 5pm - 9pm

- Hosted by Corky & Shaz from Crow FM
- Starts 5pm to 9pm
- Rides & slides for the kids from \$2 each
- Blazer the Bear and other costume characters
- Face Painting available for the Kids
- Pony rides
- Loads of food and craft stores
- Raffles and prizes to be won!



Affordable night out for the family!

Free Entertainment 6.30pm to 9pm

Free animal farm

See Santa at 6.15pm

And get your free photo taken
(Cnr Haly and Kingaroy streets)

Want to know how you can help?

Holding such a fantastic event each year requires funding to cover insurances and subsidising rides and entertainment. If you are interested in providing sponsorship for this great community event please contact Tina Torrens "Sponsorship Project Leader" on 0417 010 292 or Will Johnson "Carnival" Project Leader 0408 644 460. All donations are greatly appreciated.

www.kingaroychristmascarnival.com

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Blue Light Disco

5th December 2014

DISCOS

Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be brought

\$5 entry

Start: 6:00pm
Finish: 8:30pm

Glendon Street

Parents must collect their children from inside the hall and may at any time throughout the night
Photo Booth, pizza and Face Painting.

Kingaroy Town Hall
Friday 5th December 2014



Instrumental Tuition Enrolment Form

The Music Department at St Mary's Catholic College prides itself on the fact it has the ability to offer Instrumental Tuition to its students. Instrumental Tuition is conducted by visiting tutors with a wide range of experience both as performers and educators. If you wish for your child to learn an instrument, please complete this form and return it to the College office. Information collected on this form will be passed on to the respective tutor who will contact you directly to discuss lesson times, required equipment and any costs involved. Please be aware that students are only able to have a maximum of 2 lessons per week to ensure that they do not miss too much valuable class time.

Guitar	Drum Kit	Piano
Violin*	Viola*	Cello*
	Double Bass*	
Flute*	Clarinet*	Saxophone
Trumpet		

* Some School Instruments are available for hire. Please contact the College for a Hire Form.

Performance Ensembles

The Performance Ensembles at the College include:

String Orchestra (rehearsals Monday, 3pm to 4:00pm)

P-6 Choir (rehearsals Wednesday Lunchtime)

7-12 Vocal Ensemble (rehearsals TBA)

These groups each have a fee of \$15 per semester to cover the cost of photocopying, purchasing scores and other organisational matters. Please indicate if you would like your child to be a member of either of these Performance Ensembles.

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Details: (H) _____ (W) _____

(M) _____

Signature: _____

All students undertaking Music Tuition will need to resubmit this form at the end of each year to maintain accurate and up to date records for the following year.