Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary's,

I am sorry to have to pass on the sad news of the passing of Ashley Hill (Saint Mary's parent and highly respected member of the Cherbourg community) after battling cancer for many months. Our community's thoughts and prayers are with Elvie, Bobbie, Curtis, Trent and their family, friends and community. Ashley's funeral is planned to be held at the AIM Peoples Church, Barambah Avenue in Cherbourg this Friday, 28\textsuperscript{th} August 2015 at 2.30pm.


I would like to thank the small, but hard working P&F Working Bee team for Sunday's efforts. Our Working Bees allow our College to complete important improvements that otherwise would take money away from our many other projects.

I would also like to thank the staff and students who took part in our beautiful Parish / College Mass on Sunday. Unfortunately, I had to pass on my apologies for Mass and kept a good distance from our Working Bee helpers as I had picked up a gastro bug at the Principals' cluster meeting in Nanango last week.

At that same Principals' meeting, I was given an interesting reminder about the effects of poor student attendance and lateness on our children's futures by one of the Principals. I thought I would share this information with our community (Please find information on Page 2).

This week, we will celebrate Book Week with a number of great events. I would encourage our parents to join us for our Campfire Stories Night on Wednesday, 26\textsuperscript{th} August at 6.30pm. I would like to thank Mrs Burr and all of her many helpers who make Book Week so special each year.

All parents and carers are encouraged to attend our Community Consultation on the qualities our community is looking for in the 2016 Principal. Mr Peter Stower, our College's Area Supervisor from Brisbane Catholic Education, will chair this consultation to be held at 7pm on Tuesday, September 15.

Weather permitting, our new sports court will have its surface laid this week. It has been tough waiting the six weeks needed for the cement to fully cure, but it will be great to see students using the court within the next week!

I am still hopeful that our new building project (classrooms, student services room and music room) will begin in early September. Unfortunately, our tenders came in way above the funds allocated to the project by the Block Grant Authority and we have been busily negotiation revised plans and loans. We are still hopeful that we can have rooms in place for the opening weeks of next year, but this will depend on rain delays and solving all of our current issues. This will be the one and only time in my recent years in the South Burnett that I am praying for it not to rain too much, rather than praying for lots of rain….sorry to all of our rural families.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
Deputy Principal News

Prayer for Students sitting exams over the next two weeks

Loving God
be with me now,
as I prepare for my exams.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have
given me and for the opportunity of education.
Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me

to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam
- and always.
In Jesus’ name
Amen

The next two weeks will see the Year 12 students sit for two days of QCS followed by term three exams.
All students in years seven to twelve will sit exams in most subjects over the next two weeks. It is imperative that
students are completing homework each night and revising key concepts taught over the past seven weeks.
Good luck to all students sitting exams in the coming weeks. I would like to wish Year 12 students sitting the QCS next week
all the best and ask that they get plenty of sleep and eat well before and during this exam period.

St Joseph’s Murgon
Next week I will take up the position of Acting Principal of St Joseph’s, Murgon. I will be away from August, 31st to October, 9th. Ms Sonia Robertson will be Acting Deputy Principal in my absence. Mrs Angelique Arden will replace Ms Robertson in her 7 - 9 Wellbeing role. I would like to thank Ms Robertson and Mrs Arden for stepping up and taking on leadership roles within our College and I wish them God’s blessings during this six week period.

Behaviour Expectations
Thank you to the students who are making a great effort to maintain our high standards of behaviour at Saint Mary’s. Some students are requiring extra support and guidance at this time with regards to their behaviour. Term three is a tricky time in the school calendar and we have had a lot of illness over the past term. Students need to dig deep and put their best foot forward over the coming weeks and then enjoy the September holidays.
Parents will be contacted in cases of serious breach of our behaviour support plan. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher or a member of the wellbeing team for assistance.

**Rock on Stage DVDs**

Rock on Stage DVDs have arrived and are available for collection at Student Services at the end of the day. Please come and see Mrs Rutley to collect your DVD.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

**APA News**

**Saint Mary’s Equestrian Champions**

Students from Saint Mary’s Catholic College have this year continued their run of success at the annual Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition in Maryborough.

Patrick Frohloff (Year 7) and Jade Novak (Year 11) were Age Champion and Reserve Age Champion respectively. For Patrick, it was the 5th year in succession that he has won the event.

280 riders from 71 different schools competed in this year's competition, that included a diverse range of events such as dressage, showjumping, hacking, sporting events, and the stockman’s challenge.

Unfortunately, the campdrafting event was cancelled due to the drought preventing the organisers from obtaining suitable cattle.

The Saint Mary’s team of 10 riders had success in many individual events.

**Bridget Barkle (Year 12):**
1st Dressage, 2nd Pleasure Hack, 2nd Rider Class, 4th Led Hack

**Jayde Novak (Year 11):**
1st Led Hack, 1st Dressage, 1st Pleasure Hack, 2nd Rider Class

**Maddison Wintour (Year 10):**
2nd Showjumping

**Erin Newman (Year 10):**
4th Showjumping

**Bonnie Winch (Year 10):**
5th Barrell Racing

**Renee Irvine (Year 9):**
5th Showjumping

**Meg Wernecke (Year 8):**
1st Showjumping, 4th Dressage

**Patrick Frohloff (Year 7):**
1st Led Hack, 1st Dressage, 1st Pleasure Hack, 2nd Rider Class

**Molly Wernecke (Year 6):**
3rd Keyhole Race, 4th Bending, 3rd Teddy Bear Race, 5th Pleasure Hack

Congratulation to all the riders and their very supportive parents for a great effort.

Regards

Mr John Dalton
APA
A Multifaith Reality

The importance of Religious Education in Catholic schools cannot be underrated or overlooked. We as educators, teachers, and parents, are challenged to continue to teach Christianity in a way that our students have a thorough understanding of the home tradition and also knowledge of other major world religions. This is evidenced and supported by the way the new Religious Education curriculum has been designed. This begs the question; Why do we need to know about other religions?

We live in a multifaith world and one that is connected for us but even more so for our students now and in their futures. A very good question raised by Mary Boys, an American educator, is:

What sort of education prepares people to draw on their commitment of faith in the public arena in order to foster the common good?

Teaching Christianity well in contemporary times forces good teachers to cross many boundaries and opens students to the ultimate message of Jesus, love. The Second Vatican Council had a lot to say about it in the declaration, Nostra Aetate, acknowledging other faiths. The awareness of this has allowed us to look at Christianity’s relationship with other faiths, but keep clear the message of Jesus. Sunday’s gospel reminds us that the message is clear but challenging, even Jesus’ disciples struggled with it.

‘After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ John 6:60

This challenge is exactly the one we, teachers and parents, have and one that requires depth of knowledge, courage and grounding in their own personal faith.

YR 9 & 10 Reflection Day – Stepping up

Last Wednesday all year 9 and 10 students took part in our annual reflection day at the college. Run by Dave Jorna, it allowed the students across these year levels to interact with each other and their homeroom teachers and to come to an appreciation of who they are and what they have. I witnessed a very mature bunch of teenagers who were open, honest and affirming of each other, their families and their teachers. I would encourage all parents to ask their students what happened and what they got out of the day. It is well worth a conversation because of the healing and goodwill that was tangible.

Class Mass

Year 11 and 12 students went down to the 9 am Friday Mass last week. It was really encouraging to see the reverence the students showed. Father Nigel was very accommodating as usual and spent a good deal of time after mass answering questions about the nature of the Eucharist and its importance to Catholics. It is not only a great chance to support the faith of our students but also open their eyes to the significance of ritual.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

College Fees Now Overdue

Reminder Fee Statements have been sent this week to families who have yet to pay their Term 3 Fees or who have not contacted the College to make a formal payment arrangement. If unable to pay fees in full immediately, please contact the College to organise an instalment plan and to prevent unnecessary fee follow up procedures. 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.

Counsellor News

“Usually when we hear or read something new, we just compare it to our own ideas. If it is the same, we accept it and say that it is correct. If it is not, we say it is incorrect. In either case, we learn nothing.” - Thich Nhất Hạnh
Campfire Stories night on Wednesday 26th August between 6.30pm – 7.30pm: All are welcome! Come in your onesies or pjs and bring a rug! There’ll be milk and cookies at the end of the night.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finalises on the 28th August. Please ensure that your child has submitted their completed forms to their classroom teacher by this date. There will be no potential for extensions thereafter.

Take Home Readers
The last issuing of library books and take home readers will be next Friday. Only Accelerated Readers will be issued to students in Week 9 on a week loan.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader
There will be a Prep to Year 6 school DISCO on Friday, 11th September - second last week of school. It will be in the Mary Knoll Centre. It runs from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Wear your best disco gear! There will be prizes on the night for most creative dress, funniest dance moves and most creative hair. Addison Hawks (yr 6) will be our DJ and requests will be taken. Ainsley Moller, Emma Manktelow and Caitlin Kennedy will be running the canteen, collecting the gold coins and assisting the younger students. There will be teacher supervision for the evening.

Poppers and chips will be on sale. Free water. Gold coin donation as you enter. All proceeds going to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Banned Items
A trend has been appearing at Saint Mary’s this last week. There have been a number of ‘Fart Bombs’ being let off around the school, most recently in the primary boys toilet. Under no circumstances are these to be carried on the bus or brought to Saint Mary’s. There are serious consequences for students who choose to ignore this directive.

Grand Theft Auto
It has come to our attention that some students are familiar with or play Grand Theft Auto on their Playstations or X Box etc. This game is rated R18+ and is not appropriate for children under 18 to play or view. Please make sure that the content your child is viewing or playing is age appropriate.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

South Burnett Athletics
On Tuesday 11th August, the 10-12 year old athletics carnival was held at Nanango State School. It was a great day, and we have the following students representing South Burnett in Maryborough on Wednesday 26th August: Rahni Lucas, Lannah Sowden, Taylor Armstrong and Hanne Steenkamp are representing South Burnett for various events. We are very proud of you all!

Taabinga 10-A-Side
If your student is interested in competing in the Taabinga 10-A-Side competition on the 11th of September, please make sure they get their forms back. We currently do not have enough players to make a team to send. Forms need to be in by the end of the week please, and we will make a decision from there.

Wide Bay Touch Competition in Murgon- 30th August
Due to lack of numbers in the Secondary School, we are only able to send a Primary mixed team. There will be no Under 13, Under 15 or Open age Touch Football team. This is a wonderful effort from our primary students to be competing on a Sunday against many other schools from around Wide Bay. Thank you to Mrs Johnston for helping the team and being with them on the day.

Relay For Life
On the 10th and 11th of October (first weekend back of Term 4), the Relay For Life is being held at the Kingaroy Showgrounds. This is a fantastic cause, as most people know of someone who is suffering or has suffered from any type of cancer. The more money we can raise, the more we can help those suffering families.

realise your dignity
It is expected that students attempt to raise at least $100 in order to take the event seriously, and not as a social event. Forms and money need to be back by the end of the week so we can begin to fundraise and register online etc.

Yours in sport
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

Year 7 to 10 Teaching and Learning News

Exam Block
Students in Year 7-10 will begin sitting their exams this week. Exams will continue into next week with some being scheduled for Week 9 as well. Students will be provided with a homeroom timetable and asked to record the dates of these exams in their diaries. Please ensure that they attend their exams with the correct equipment needed e.g. pencils, biros, rulers, calculators etc.

Year 9 Geography assessment has been extended and is now due in Week 9 (not week 8 as per assessment calendar).

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Music News

Annual Feast Day Talent Show
On Friday 18 September (the last day of term 3), we will be holding our Annual Feast Day Talent Show. All students, from all year levels, are invited to nominate for a spot on the program. We welcome the skilled, the quirky, the zany, and the amazing!

Nominations close on Friday 11 September, when selection will take place.

The Pajama Game
I would like to congratulate Ernie Corbet, Richelle Bethke, and Ashleigh Reinbott for landing their starring roles in the latest South Burnett Musical Comedy Society’s production of ‘The Pajama Game’. Performing in a musical would be a daunting task for most adults, and I have been told that these three young performers are doing a very professional job. If you would like to see our students in action, there are shows on the following dates:

Friday 28 August – 7:30pm
Saturday 29 August – 2:00pm and 7:30pm

All performances are at the Kingaroy Town Hall, and doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

‘Drums 101’
Years 7A, 7B, 7C, and 8B are studying a unit on American Drumline performance and composition. They are required to memorise their music, and may benefit from some home practise to do this. Parents of children in these classes are encouraged to discuss this assessment task with their children, and if you are very lucky, our young drummers may even demonstrate sections of the music for you! It is hoped that a combined class performance will occur early next term. Stay tuned for more information on this (very noisy) event.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Indigenous News

Congratulations to Solomon Button for beginning his work experience at Murgon IGA this term.

A reminder to all parents and carers to please ring the school office if your child/children are away.

Regards
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker
On **Friday, 21st of August 2015** all of the year 9, 10 and 11 dance students had the opportunity to experience a dance skills and repertoire workshop with industry professionals **Danny Hindmarsh** and **Fern Caolan**. Both dancers have extensive dance backgrounds including performing at Disneyland Hong Kong. Danny and Fern are going to the US in September to dance on a cruise liner around the Caribbean and Europe.

This experience was invaluable for students, as it enabled them to gain an understanding of Lyrical and Contemporary Dance styles as well as expanding their repertoire of performance and choreography styles.

Regards

*Mrs Angelique Arden*
Dance Teacher

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**Dance News**

**Literacy and Numeracy News**

**Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Literacy and Numeracy week will be celebrated for the 17th year in Australia from August 31st to September 6th. This week is set aside so as to raise the awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all people. There is a special section dedicated to parents with resources, information, activities and videos to help encourage a love of learning. It has some great ideas with regard to how parents can incorporate literacy and numeracy skills into everyday life and activities.


**Indigenous Literacy Day**

To celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day on September 2, we will have a story reading session in the library at lunchtime. Everyone is welcome to join.

Have a wonderful week

*Mrs Amanda Erwin*
Literacy and Numeracy Teacher

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**Year 12 Valedictory Fundraising Events**

Throughout Term 3 the Year 12 class will be holding fundraising events. These events are:

- **Tuesday, 25th August** - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Thursday, 27th August** - Icy cups $1 and pizza slice $1.50. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Thursday, 3rd September** - Baked goods 50c to $2 and cheerios in a cup with sauce $2 for 5. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea and Lunch.
- **Friday, 4th September** - Movie Night from 3.30pm in the Maryknoll Centre screening Big Hero 6
- **Tuesday, 8th September** - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Thursday, 10th September** - Icy cups $1 and pizza slice $1.50. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Tuesday, 15th September** - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Thursday, 17th September** - Baked goods 50c to $2 and cheerios in a cup with sauce $2 for 5. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea and Lunch.

Thank you to Mrs Karen Ford for donating baked goods towards our bake sales and Ryan’s Butchery Wondai for supplying the sausages for our sausage sizzles. All money raised will go towards our Year 12 Valedictory Dinner to be held at Cassis at Booie in November.

Regards

*Year 12 students*

**realise your dignity**
On the weekend the “Crack Up Sisters” Struthie and Twiggs, travelled to Kingaroy to run a performance workshop with the Saint Mary’s Whip Cracking Team, on Saturday. The purpose of the workshop was to come up with a new act for the team performances and events.

The workshop was well attended and the student’s positive attitude and enthusiasm towards the workshop was commendable. The team came up with a script and a story that the students wanted to perform. The concept that the students came up with was “what it means to be a Kingaroy kid”.

They worked on a beginning, middle and an ending. Then they were taught acrobatics and tricks to go with the story and how to blend in whip cracking techniques into the show.

We look forward to working on the performance piece over the next few months.

Please Note: Whip Cracking Practice this week will be Wednesday at 10.30am on the bottom oval. And could all the team return their Totally Wild Media Consent Sheet to Mrs Arrell before Thursday.

Upcoming Whip Cracking Dates
- Saturday, 3 October - Murgon Dairy Museum Festival Whip Cracking Performance
- Friday, 16 October - Chinchilla Campdraft Whip Cracking Performance

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Chicken and Gravy Roll and Spaghetti Meatballs - $3.50 each

There are no party pies or sausage rolls on a Friday.

Donation of Goods
If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Self Raising Flour
- Caster Sugar
- Beef Stock Powder
- Small Tinned Pineapple
- Small Tinned Corn
- Tinned Whole Beets

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

Ordering and Payment
For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use the paper bag system. Your child’s order can be place in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings and this is then delivered to the tuckshop. Orders will be filled and returned to the classes at morning tea and lunch. This will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. Plastic bags are not suitable for ordering, it is very difficult to place your child’s order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for 0.05c each. We only accept Australian currency at the Tuckshop.

The paper bag ordering system is for Prep to Year 5 as well as High School. The high school students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.
**Slush Puppies**
Please make sure your child is aware that if they order a slush puppie, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be put into the tuckshop baskets.

**Volunteers**
If you wish to volunteer at the Tuckshop please contact the college office on 4162 2011. Even if you can only donate a few hours in the morning, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week.
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convener

**Parents and Friends News**
The P&F have purchased supporter caps and car/bumper stickers. The caps can be purchased for $15.00 from the uniform shop. They are for parents and carers, not for students to wear at school.

The car/bumper stickers are free and can be picked up from the front desk in the office. It is one sticker per family.

Keep collecting the Earn and Learn stickers. You can pop them in the box outside Woolworths or bring them to Kingaroy Office Central. The Earn & Learn promotion finishes on the last week of Term.

Due to a lack of interest we have decided to cancel the Father Child/Children event that was to be held on the 2nd of September. We will look at this event again next year and give everyone a little more time to plan the evening.

Any outstanding chocolate money can you please return it to the College office as soon as possible.

As always if you would like to contact me my number is 0419766141 or email: shrobbo@gmail.com

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

**Sacramental Program**
Congratulations to the 13 children who have signed up for the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Due to the high interest there is another parent session at the school in the Board Room on Monday, 31st August at 1.30pm. This will be the last parent info session for this sacrament. If possible please bring a photo of your child if they don’t attend Saint Mary’s Catholic College, $20 for the workbook and certificate etc. Please contact Pam Radcliffe at the College for further information. 4162 2011.

**Community BBQ**
If you have used magazines or unwanted books (children and adult literature) please donate them to the Community BBQ, so someone else can enjoy them! Please send them to the College office and I will collect them from there.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.
Miss Claire Van Dyk

**RSPCA Cupcake Day**
A very big thank you to all the bakers, sellers and buyers of cupcakes on RSPCA Cupcake Day! Saint Mary’s has raised $500 to help the RSPCA:
- Save animals
- Find homes for animals
- Care for animals
- Find lost animals
- Teach kids about animal welfare
- Work with rescue groups
- Train people and animals
- Animal welfare awareness
- Work with welfare groups

And…..

Look after God’s creations big and small.

realise your dignity
Miss Van Dyk's Prep B Whiptail Wallabies Learning Journey
Participating respectfully in meditative prayer - Meditation at the Dreaming Garden, Meditation Cloud Pictures and Colour Prayer.

Being an Artist - Incursion to the Art Room

Science - Weather Collages

realise your dignity
The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society Inc. Presents

THE 7 1/2 CENTS

(based on the novel “7 1/2 cents by Richard Bissell)
Music & Lyrics by Richard Adler & Jerry Ross
Permission of Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd

in the Kingaroy Town Hall
on
Friday, 28th August
Saturday, 29th August
at 7.30pm

Matinees
Saturday, 29th August at 2pm

Door open half hour before Showtime.

Admission: Tickets $25, Concession $20, Student $15

Tickets available at Office Central, 163 Haly Street, Kingaroy.

Tickets will also be available for purchase online this year.
All you need is a valid credit card and go to http://tinyurl.com/sbmcs2015 and make your booking.

Movie Night

Friday, 4th September
at 3.30pm
in the Maryknoll Centre

Items available for purchase:
Popcorn $1.50
Chips $1.20
Poppers $1.50
Cheerios $2.00 for 5
Baked Items 50c to $2

BIG HERO 6
All money raised goes towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

St. Joseph’s Parish & School presents
SYMPHONY in the South Burnett

Saturday 5 September 3pm - 9pm

HOT & DRINKS • NOVELTY • CRAFTS
BIG DROP SLIDE • THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE
GET DUNK’D • BUCKING BULL • LICENCED BAR
RAFFLE • 2 JUMPING CASTLES • $25 RIDES PASS
CHILDREN PERFORMANCES • POLICE PIPE BAND
SCHOOL BANDS • FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN

See you there!

South Burnett Regional Council presents
SYMPHONY in the South Burnett

Instrumental Workshops
3rd – 4th October 2015
Kingaroy High School Assembly Hall

Do you play a musical instrument?
Come join with the South Burnett Community Orchestra and 4 specialist tutors for an awesome two day music workshop. All musicians welcome!

Cost $10 includes sheet music, 2 day workshop, morning & afternoon teas, Optional dinner and jam session Saturday night at Taabinga Homestead, invite your friends and family to a FREE CONCERT Sunday 3pm at Kingaroy High School Assembly Hall

For more information or to register your interest, please email: sborchestra@hotmail.com
See also: www.sbc orchestra.com.au or www.facebook.com/sbc orchestra

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