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

This week, we welcome Ms Sonia Robertson (Acting Deputy Principal), Mrs Angelique Arden (Acting Year 7-9 Wellbeing Leader) and Mrs Kim Sparrow (Classroom Teacher) as they step up and fill in while Mr Erwin takes on the role of Acting Principal at St Joseph’s, Murgon. All three bring significant experience and a range of new gifts and talents to these important roles.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we had the both the Year 12 QCS Test and Year 11 Leadership Camp. I trust that students have come away from both of these events with a sense of satisfaction that they have given of their best.

Each year, I have attended the Year 11 Leadership Camp to support the development of our future leaders. Our Christian model of leadership is based on Christ’s model of Servant Leadership rather than the model we sometimes see in wider society where the leaders are served by everyone else. Mark 10:42-45 reminds us:

“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Later in the newsletter, you will read about the new tertiary entrance system which will come into being from the beginning of the 2018 school year. This will affect our current Year 8 students. Like many educators, I am hoping that the new system will provide both a fairer system for accessing tertiary studies and greater range of opportunities for students to demonstrate their abilities. The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance rank for students completing Year 12 from 2019.

Last week, we celebrated Book Week with a number of great events. It was wonderful to join the Saint Mary’s pirate crew as we performed a pirate song for the Book Week Parade and to have the opportunity to once again read at our Campfire Stories night. I would like to thank Mrs Burr and all of her many helpers who make Book Week so special each year.

At the end of the Book Week Parade, I had the opportunity to talk to the P-6 students about the 2015 Book Week theme – Books light up our world and why I love books. I love that books, unlike movies, allow us to imagine the characters for ourselves. In a sense, they become ours. No one else imagines those characters quite as we do. While we all have similar experiences when we read the same book, no two people have an identical experience.

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 which will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, September 15.

Poor weather has slowed down the marking of our new sports court, but all is going well; it should be completed by the end of this week. I am looking forward to seeing the students using the court.

From the Principal
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 negotiating 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.

On the final day of term we will hold our annual Saint Mary’s Feast Day Talent Show and Benedictine Awards. These two great events will hopefully cap off a memorable term. Families are most welcome to join us to celebrate both the considerable talents and commitment of our students.

Yours in Christ
M. Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to take on this role and thank the Saint Mary’s community in advance for your support. I will endeavour to perform the duties entailed as effectively and professionally as Mr Sean Erwin.

As the end of a very busy term approaches I take this opportunity to remind our student body to be mindful of each other in their interactions. I am aware that the busyness continues in the form of upcoming exams, assessment deadlines and other commitments, consequently students are tired and perhaps a little less patient than usually. This can sometimes result in students not being as ‘careful’ with each other or considerate as they might otherwise be. We are all members of this unique community that is Saint Mary’s Catholic College and as such should be aware that our actions impact on those around us, on our community. Students should be guided by our Benedictine Values in this; particularly the values of being respectful, being just and being their best.

I challenge all students to make a conscious effort to do something for someone else this week- something selfless. It certainly doesn’t need to be a ‘big’ thing...maybe make mum, dad or a caregiver a coffee, help with dinner or do a chore just because you know it will help out, ask how a classmate is and listen to their response, strike up a conversation with someone you don’t usually chat to or just say thank you. The goodwill extended by such acts is catching, not only does it make the receiver feel good but you will feel better for doing it too! Imagine if all members of the Saint Mary’s Catholic College community did just one thing...

School Procedures - Weekly Focus

This week we are asking all students to pay particular attention to punctuality. It is important that they are on time for homeroom and lessons as this maximises learning time and reduces disruption to classes. In order to achieve this students are encouraged to be organised, plan ahead for the day, clarify any questions around schedule during homeroom and should not go back to their bags between lessons.

Have a great week!
Ms Sonia Robertson
Acting Deputy Principal

SPG News

NEW Senior Assessment in 2018

Most of our parents and students would have heard by now that Queensland will be adopting a new Senior assessment process. This will take effect beginning with the current Year 8 class.

Some parents might also have noted that in media reports, the proposed return to a Senior External Exam has grabbed the headlines in reporting of this development.

However, it should be noted that like our interstate counterparts, the external exam for each subject will only be half of the result for that subject. The other half will be made up of marks from school based assessment much the same as we currently do.

As a summary, the new result for each senior subject will be made up of:

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Under the current system, the marks for a student's best 5 subjects are added together and then all the students in Qld are split into OP 1, OP2 etc.

Under the new system, the tertiary institution will receive the results for each individual subject from QCAA, and they will each decide which subject to use to select new intakes of students.

Here are some additional points from the ACER panel that recommended the changes, and go someway to explaining the new model.

- Teachers will continue to play a central role in the assessment of student work. In all senior subjects there are aspects of learning that cannot be assessed validly with a written examination. For each subject, they propose three specified but teacher-designed assessment activities.
- Teachers will still judge performances on each activity using a 10-point scale, which the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority will provide. Queensland has a long history of teacher judgment of student work, and our proposal builds on this experience. As well, a more rigorous moderation process will be used to ensure teachers’ judgments are comparable across schools. Queensland has a long history of teacher moderation and our proposal builds on that experience.
- Thirdly, in most subjects, an external assessment will be developed and marked by QCAA. Students’ knowledge and understanding of a subject usually can be assessed efficiently and reliably with a common test. Schools already make extensive use of teacher-developed tests for teaching and learning purposes and Australian senior secondary authorities have considerable experience in developing and marking external tests and examinations. We propose that results on the external assessment be reported as a mark out of 30.
- In addition, each student’s marks on the three school assessments and the external assessment will be added to obtain a Subject Result out of 60. This provides a level of transparency often absent from senior assessment processes. Students will be able to confirm their Subject Result simply by adding their three school marks and one external mark. Subject results will then be available to universities for use in selection decisions.
- Finally, the ranking of applicants to university courses will be the responsibility of universities rather than the school curriculum and assessment authority (QCAA) as at present. It is appropriate universities themselves decide the basis on which they admit some students ahead of others.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News
OrangeSky Laundry

On Tuesday, 15th September the College is having a causal clothes day to support the OrangeSky Laundry. This initiative was founded in July, 2014 by friends Lucas Patchett and Nicholas Marchesi, ex Brisbane Catholic Education students. The mobile laundry provides practical help for the homeless by providing a service to wash their clothes. The business’s main aims are to raise health standards, restore respect and reduce the strain for homeless people. It’s expensive work – each OrangeSky laundry van, fully equipped with washers and dryers, costs more than $70,000 to buy and fit out!

We’d love to help them out – so all Brisbane Catholic Education schools are being asked to help with a donation. Saint Mary’s South Burnett invites all students to wear as much orange as possible and bring in a $2 coin on Tuesday, 15th September (usually a formal uniform day).

Please find the flyer about the OrangeSky Laundry at the back of this newsletter.

Christian Initiation for Children

This week parents of students in year 2, 3 and 4 will receive a pamphlet and letter from Pam Betts, Executive Director, Brisbane Catholic Education that details some changes to the sacramental program. Christian Initiation incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people. The program requires the parish, families and schools work in partnership in preparing students for the sacraments.

- The Parish is responsible for establishing and running the program for sacramental preparation and celebration.
- The family is where the faith is learned and lived. Parents as the first educators of their children share with them the Catholic Faith and experiences of belonging to the Church.

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The Catholic School provides education about the sacraments through classroom teaching of religion and through its own religious life.

Pam Betts, Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, 20th August.

Please note this program does not exclude students or families who wish Christian initiation for individuals at an older age and enquiries about this can be made through the school or the parish office.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

Fees Statements to be Emailed
Commencing Term 4, all Statements of Fees & Levies will be emailed to families. We will use the email address of the account holder which was provided to the College either during the enrolment process or via the Parent Portal ‘Update Details’ page. If you have not provided an email address to the College, your Statement will continue to be posted to you. The Statement will only be sent to account holders. If you wish to check your details or update your email, please contact our Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare, in the College office.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Counsellor News

Wor(l)ld does it often take extreme life situations to bring back an awareness of the magic and mystery of life? Why do we often wait until we’re about to die before discovering a deep gratitude for life as it is? Why do we exhaust ourselves seeking love, acceptance, fame, success, or spiritual enlightenment in the future? Why do we work or meditate ourselves into the grave? Why do we postpone life? Why do we hold back from it? What are we looking for exactly? What are we waiting for? What are we afraid of? Will the life we long for really come in the future? Or is it always closer than that? - Jeff Foster, The Deepest Acceptance

Library News

Accelerated Reader
Congratulations to Ally Kemp and Khyla Thompson on reaching their Accelerated Reader Millionaire Status!

Book Club
Book club order forms are going home this week, please return your orders to the College office by Monday, 7th September 2015.

Book Week
We celebrated Book Week 2015 – ‘Books Light up our World’ with two big events: a dress-up parade and mass reading event and the popular Campfire Stories night. Prep – Year 6 students came dressed as their favourite book characters for the parade whilst the staff were dressed as pirates to support the book ‘Portside Pirates’. The Mary Knoll Centre was a magnificent sight to see, with an array of colourful costumes and smiling faces. Among the dress-ups were Frozen characters, Spiderman, princesses, Fancy Nancy, minions and pony pals. The audience were kept entertained by the pirates doing a dance to the song ‘Portside Pirates’. Students were given a bookmark to commemorate the occasion, followed by a mass reading event for 15 minutes on the oval where younger students buddied up with older students to share their favourite books.

On Wednesday night, students, teachers and parents came dressed in their pyjamas and ‘onesies’ to listen to a range of stories and entertaining songs. It was a wonderful night with a cozy fire, great musical talent and storytelling skills. Milk and cookies were served to conclude the night and were a welcomed treat for students.

Don’t forget! Book Club orders are due: Monday, 7th September

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In addition to these two big events, during the week, students enjoyed a variety of lunchtime activities and daily guest readers. Each primary class worked on a big display for the library using some of the shortlisted books as their focus.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
This challenge has now been finalised for the year. Thank you for supporting your children with this reading adventure. It is such a huge achievement that students in Prep-Year 7 have met this challenge this year. Well done, students!

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.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

**Prep to Year 6 Sport News**

**Active After Schools**
Just a reminder: the Thursday rugby league afternoons will finish this Thursday, 3rd September. The Tuesday netball afternoons will finish next Tuesday, 8th of September.

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

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Exam Block

Please note that the Year 10 Science Exam scheduled for Thursday 3rd September has been postponed to Thursday 10th September. Year 10 students have also been given an extension on their Science assignments.

Students away for long periods of time

Parents, please inform me directly or via the school if your child/children are going on holiday at least two weeks prior to leaving. If your child is missing a week or more of school due to family emergency/illness, please contact me asap.

This process is very important so that I can give teachers time to organise work as necessary or gather information from them about assessments/exams which might be needed.

Please email pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au and attention it to me.

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

Year 7 to 10 Sport News

Last week our secondary students participated in the South Burnett Athletics trials at Kingaroy State High School. I nominated 63 students based on qualifiers and 25 attended. They did fantastically well and the college is proud of all efforts. Their behaviour was outstanding and they represented the college with pride. Here are some notable results. Many will be selected to represent South Burnett at the Regional trials in Maryborough and hopefully go on to the State titles. There are strong qualifying standards—but I will let them know asap.

Results
Renee Irvine - 1st Javelin, 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus, 3rd Long Jump
Matt Patrani - 1st 800m, 3rd 400m
Justin Bunker - 3rd Javelin
Harry Burt - 3rd 100m, 3rd 400m, 4th Triple Jump
Alex Dunemann - 4th High Jump
Patrick Hoult - 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st 400m
Lindsay Kennedy - 1st Shot Put
Deidre Murray - 3rd 100m, 3rd Javelin, 1st High Jump
Rahab Murray - 1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus, 2nd High Jump, 1st Javelin
Erin Newman - 2nd High Jump
Troy Taylor - 2nd Javelin
Hayden Yesberg - 2nd 800m
Maddie Rackemann - 1st High Jump
Mikaila Schloss - 4th Javelin

All the others went well and I was proud of the efforts. We really do have a base to build on in athletics. I am hoping next year to purchase athletics singlets to show us off and to start an athletics squad who want to train and excel.

Congratulations to Fletcher Brown on making the South Burnett 12years Cricket team. Well done and good luck.

Visual Art Department News

Nanango State High School and Saint Mary’s Catholic College are combining talented photographers to contribute to a Queensland Rural Women’s project to tackle the affects of drought on regional areas.

We have included work from the following young women:
- Laura Freeman Year 8
- Bridget McDonald Year 9
- Katie Robertson Year 9
- Catherine Trebbin Year 9
- Latisha Guelsser Year 9
- Briannan Thomson Year 10

This program invites year 8-12 students from secondary schools and youth organisations to explore the impacts of drought on their communities and develop these ideas into five minute YouTube clips. The project offers a positive opportunity for young people to creatively articulate their concerns and showcase their abilities.

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Congratulations girls for having your photos used to help others.
Regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Art Teacher

Well done to all the students (and parents) who came to book week dressed as their favourite book characters. You all looked fabulous.

Good luck also to all our students in the footy grand final this weekend.
Regards
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker

Indigenous News

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Year 12 Valedictory Fundraising Events
Throughout Term 3 the Year 12 class will be holding fundraising events. These events are:
- 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 Boogie in November.

Regards
Year 12 students

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

Whip Cracking Practice
Whip Cracking practice is published in the College Daily Notices each week.
Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Tuckshop News
Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch – Mini Spring Rolls (4) $3.50
Morning Tea and Lunch – Chicken Chow Mein $3.50

There are NO Pies or Sausage Rolls sold on a Friday.

Donation of Goods
If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

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

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 .05c each.

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 puppy, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able
to be put into the tuckshop baskets.

Thank you to everyone who recently supported the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner Pie Drive. It was a great success and I hope you are all enjoying your pies!

Have a great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Wide Bay All School’s Carnival

Congratulations to Max Paterson, Leonard Potgieter, Bridget Reeve, Sammi Rix, Ben Trebbin, Matthew Trebbin, Taylor Armstrong, Harrison Neal, Patrick Flynn and Harry Flynn who played in Murgon on Sunday for the Wide Bay All School’s Carnival. These boys and girls represented the school extremely well, had a very enjoyable day, learnt some new skills and played very well. They won their first game against Barambah Small Schools Cluster 2-1, lost the second game to Murgon State School 3-2 then went onto the semi final against St Joseph’s Murgon. The semi final turned out to be a much harder game and we were defeated 4-0. Thanks to the parents who were able to transport the students to the carnival and came along for the day to support the players. We are looking forward to getting some more teams together for next year.
Mrs Leesa Johnston
Coach

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: shrobo@gmail.com

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

Tuesday, 8th September 2015

SAUSAGES $1.50

Name_____________________________ Year Level____________

Number of Sausages_________ Number of Poppers_________

Sauce (Please Tick)

Tomato                  BBQ                   None

All money raised will go towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.
Year One Classroom News

Year 1 has been a very busy classroom this term. We have a beautiful display in the Library for Book Week. The students enjoyed the book Pig The Pug and have written some lovely recounts about the book and created some excellent impressions of Pig to go with their recounts. Everyone enjoyed the Book Week Parade in the Mary Knoll Centre and the sharing of books with the year 4 students. We now look forward to finishing our Science and Geography unit on landscapes and how they can change over time. To complete this task each child will need to bring in a small box to create a 3D model of a place. Thanks for all you efforts. Keep up the reading and spelling, it is making a big difference to the student’s confidence and development.
The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society Inc.
Presents
THE
PARKER CASH
(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 of 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
Fete
Saturday 5 September 3pm - 9pm

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:
sbcorchestra@hotmail.com
See also: www.sbsco.com.au or www.facebook.com/sbcorchestra
26 August 2015

Dear parent or carer,

New senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems

I’m writing to keep you informed of important changes being made to Queensland’s senior school assessment and tertiary entrance systems. These changes will come into effect in 2018, when your child will start Year 11.

These systems have been the subject of a major independent review by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). In a report to the previous government, ACER found that existing systems have served Queensland well, but will not be sustainable over the longer term.

The Queensland Government will introduce a new approach to senior assessment which combines the benefits of school-based assessment developed and marked by teachers with common external assessment developed and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

It will also include new processes to better support the quality and comparability of school-based assessment.

In relation to tertiary selection, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance rank for students completing Year 12 from 2019.

This approach will bring Queensland into line with all other Australian states and territories, and will simplify the existing process for students applying to study at interstate universities.

I am committed to ensuring that these significant changes are the subject of careful planning and preparation.

As such, I will lead a new Senior Secondary Assessment Taskforce, with representation from schooling sectors, parent groups, secondary principals and universities, to guide the introduction of these new systems.

The department and your principal will keep you informed as these important reforms continue.

You can find further information at www.det.qld.gov.au/SATE.

Yours sincerely

KATE JONES MP
Minister for Education
Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
Our Plan to Get the Van!

Our Catholic Education Week ambassadors this year were Lucas and Nicholas from Orange Sky Laundry - a great initiative that provides practical help for the homeless by providing a service to wash their clothes.

It’s expensive work – each Orange Sky laundry van, fully equipped with washers and dryers, costs more than $70,000 to buy and fit out!

We’d love to help them out – so all Brisbane Catholic Education schools are being asked to help with our plan to get the van!

How can we help?

By holding a gold coin donation day in the last week of Term 3.

If all of our students and staff, across all BCE schools, are able to contribute just $1 each, we will have enough money to provide a new Orange Sky van to be able to reach even more of the homeless in our Archdiocese – a sign of our commitment to social justice, making a difference and putting our faith into action.

Ideas for the day in your school could include:

- wearing an orange shirt for a gold coin donation
- filling in a van shape or making a big van outline with gold coins
- taking a model van to all the classes in your school for the children to put their donations into
- having Orange Sky Laundry visit your school so Nicholas and Lucas can explain, first-hand, how they make a difference.

So - join us in helping to provide another van for

Orange Sky

For more information, contact:
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John Phelan 3033 7469