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

Last week, we farewelled Damien Martoo, our outgoing P&F President at our P&F's AGM. I would like to thank Damien for his outstanding leadership of our College's P&F Committee. Damien has brought a strong sense of community to both our P&F and College community. I would personally like to thank Damien for his support for myself and for our entire College community.

I would like to thank the entire 2014 P&F committee and supporters for their great work and welcome Susan Robertson into our 2015 P&F committee. Susan has been our P&F's representative on the College Board and has been joining me at both P&F and College Board meetings each month. I look forward to working closely with Susan and the 2015 P&F committee to continue to build strong community relationships and improve our College's facilities and co-curricular programs. Our 2015 P&F committee are:

- President - Susan Robertson
- Secretary - Sharon McFarlane
- Treasurer - Neil Mungall
- Board Representative – Suzanne Mungall

Saint Mary's will undergo a new building program in 2015 with two new centres being built. Fr Nigel and I have written to the Vicar General and have received the approval to name these new buildings after significant figures in our community's history.

The Good Samaritan Centre, named after the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who worked at the College across most of its history, will feature 6 new secondary classrooms and a new Student Support Centre. Its elevator shaft will allow disabled access to both floors and will also provide a new streetscape for the College.

The second development will hopefully be named after Sr. Mary Hedwige, who was the first Principal of Saint Mary's Convent School back in 1929. The Sr. Mary Hedwige block will feature a state-of-the-art music room with recording rooms and the first of three new primary rooms.

As a community, we are extremely thankful for the support of both the Australian and Queensland governments who have provided most of the funding toward the new buildings.

During the College's Combined Anniversary celebrations, we will rename its library as the Fr Vince (VJ) Carroll Resource Centre. Fr Carroll was instrumental in the development of Saint Mary's Secondary College in 1965. Interestingly, it will be the third part of the College to carry the Carroll name although none of these significant Carrolls are closely related to each other. The Daniel and Bridget Carroll Oval was named after the South Burnett couple who originally donated the land to build the College. The Sr. Dolores Carroll Trade Training Centre was named after the currently 101 year old first Principal of Saint Mary's Secondary College.

Last week, we were visited by Bishop Brian Finnegan who toured our College and visited our newly renovated Prep classrooms. I would like to thank Mr Erwin and our staff who looked after him in my absence while I attended a Literacy Workshop.
In the past couple of weeks, we have been given increased funding for both Students With Disabilities (SWD) and Indigenous (ISA) funding and have been able to:

- employ two new fulltime Teacher Aides – Mrs Sylvia McGregor & Mrs Gillian Sutton. This means that we will have four more Teacher Aides than we did last year to support our students.
- move Mrs Erwin to fulltime to work to improve the literacy for all students with a special focus on our Indigenous and ESL (English as a Second Language) students.

I would like to remind parents and carers that we have staff on duty from 8.20am – 3.10pm to look after students. Parents and carers are responsible for making alternative arrangements for students outside of these hours.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that I will be away on Long Service Leave for the last week of term 1 and the first week of term 2. Both these weeks are four day weeks for students with Term 1 finishing on Thursday, April 2 and returning for Term 2 on Tuesday, April 21. Monday April 20 is a designated staff travel day with no classes for students.

Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Camp Behaviour
Students were reminded that behaviour on camp is the same or even better than at school. If a student on camp behaves in a disrespectful manner or disobeys camp instructors, they may have to go home. Camp teachers will call Mr Erwin who will contact parents in the case of students needing to be picked up. This is a rare occurrence, but it has happened due to student refusal to follow instructions or poor behaviour. I would ask parents to speak with their child regarding high behaviour expectations during camps. Students should also appreciate that staff need sleep as well and they are on duty 24 hours. We are lucky to have camps as some schools have cancelled their camp programs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Day 1 - Term 2
Tuesday, 21st April is the first day back for students.
Next week finishes on Thursday (Holy Thursday). Only P-6 students will be present from Tuesday to Thursday.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal
Parents and students should note that Week 10 of this term is reserved for Year 7-12 Camps, Retreats, and Work Experience.

So that these dates can be entered into calendars and diaries of all affected people, the following is a point summary of these activities. Please note bus departure times. Fuller details of each of these camps and other activities have been sent home with students.

To assist in the smooth operation of these camps, parents and carers can assist by:
- Making sure students pack all the required clothing for the camp.
- Ensure your student does not take a mobile phone on camps. These are forbidden on all camps.
- Ensure your student does not bring lollies or extra food on camps. Bingeing on lollies can cause serious behaviour issues for some students.

Thank you,
Mr John Dalton
Assistant to the Principal

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**APRE News**

**ANZAC Day - 100th anniversary**

Saturday the 25th of April marks a century since the allied forces landed at Gallipoli. In our lifetime there may not be a more significant time to commemorate this occasion. As always the day comes soon after Easter which is fitting in many ways. As people who live in hopeful times because of the sacrifice Jesus made all those years ago, we also benefit from the efforts of fallen soldiers gone before us. The many men and women who fought to secure our freedom remind us daily of our call to justice and peace. Our college will be represented at in as many of the regional events as possible and I am encouraging parents and students to join us.

The table below indicates our arrangements to date. If you are able to join the March as a parent and or bring your students to take part it would be greatly appreciated.

I would love to get a group to Proston, Kumbia and Blackbutt if possible. If you could help out please contact me at the college.
Easter Bags - Saint Vincent De Paul

Yesterday Ms Emili Pitter, our Saint Vincent De Paul youth worker and Mr Neil Hutton, began a new initiative. Ms Pitter brought enough calico bags for each student to decorate with an Easter message. The students really jumped at the chance and the 100 or so bags were then presented to Ms Heather Barritt to use in the local Vinnies store. The bags provide a green solution to cartage and hopefully bring a smile to the faces of patrons of the store.

It is wonderful to read some of the messages students wrote and great to have Ms Pitter, who lives at the Sunshine Coast, involved with our students. Below is the response we got from Mrs Barritt yesterday.

“Hi Mr Nayler
What an awesome surprise I received today: the shopping bags Years 3 -5 painted and decorated with lots of Easter messages on them! The bags will be on sale from this afternoon at our Kingaroy Vinnies store.
A very special thank you to ALL the students who participated in such a wonderful project.”
Kind regards, Heather
Heather Barritt | Multi Centre Coordinator Kingaroy/Wondai
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Parent Volunteers – Code of Conduct and Student Protection information session

It is a requirement that any parent who is volunteering at the college in any capacity (tuckshop, library, classroom, uniform shop) needs to complete the Volunteer Code of Conduct and Student Protection session. The Guidance Counsellor Mr. Graham Turnbull delivers this session. The next session will be 9.00am FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH IN THE BOARDROOM.

“Sometimes the simplest and best use of our will is to drop it all and just walk out from under everything that is covering us, even if only for an hour or so-just walk out from under the webs we’ve spun, the tasks we’ve assumed, the problems we have to solve. They’ll be there when we get back, and maybe some of them will fall apart without our worry to hold them up.”
— Mark Nepo, The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library Corner

Library borrowing

Library borrowing ends this week. All Accelerated Reader, Take Home Readers and library books will be due back by next Wednesday, 1st April please.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

NAPLAN

It’s that time of year again. The students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN.

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

If as a parent you have grounds for your child to be withdrawn please see Ms Radcliffe. There is a form that needs to be submitted before mid April.

Visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au for more information.

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NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING – “I can make a difference”

Thanks to all the teachers and students who participated in the activities on the day. We know that bullying is an ongoing issue in all schools and it is something that is addressed regularly. It was nice to stand in solidarity with the whole of Australia as all children in schools across Australia stood up against bullying.

Year Four say NoWay to Bullying.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

Prep to Year Six Sport News

We have had a fantastic term of sport in primary at Saint Mary’s! We have had many students from our school selected in several South Burnett teams. This is a wonderful achievement!

Fletcher Brown - South Burnett AFL Team
Maddie Sansby - South Burnett Touch Football and Soccer Team
Taylor Armstrong - South Burnett Touch Football Team
Lannah Sowden - South Burnett Touch Football Team
Ned Madden - South Burnett Touch Football and Rugby League Team
Bridget Reeve - South Burnett Netball Team
Leonard Potgeiter - South Burnett Tennis Team
Tennae Francis - South Burnett Soccer Team
Nick McIvor - South Burnett Soccer Team

Fletcher is competing this week at the Wide Bay Trials; we wish you the best of luck! Other Wide Bay trials will be held near the beginning of next term. The rest of the students will be competing at various venues at Wide Bay level for potential selection into Wide Bay teams.

This weekend, Lannah Sowden competed in the State level 1500m competition at QE2. This is a very impressive achievement Lannah, well done!

We are very proud of our primary school sporting achievements here at Saint Mary’s and know you represent our school positively. We look forward to witnessing further sporting achievements from our primary school students.
Thank you,
Ellen Inwood
P-6 Sports Coordinator
Student Learning Concerns
If you are worried about your child’s academic progress this term, please contact your child’s class teacher or homeroom teacher. This offers you the most direct means to acquire information or clarification about your child’s learning. You are also welcome to make an appointment with me by leaving a message for me at the office.

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

Year 7 to Year 12 Sports News
The College has a lot happening this week. On Wednesday, our 13yrs and 15yrs Rugby League teams play Gayndah on our oval (15yrs at about 11.15pm and 13yrs at about 3pm). Our Netballers will also play Gayndah at 3pm. Thanks to Mr Connelly for organising the games. Mr Williams will take the 13yrs and I will take the 15yrs. Good luck.

On Friday, our Open cricket team plays in a South Burnett T-20 Cricket knockout competition at Kingaroy SHS starting at 9am and finishing around 2.30pm. All support would be welcomed. The winner of this day will meet the Hervey Bay winners and progress to inter-regional level.

We wish Emma Cran all the best at the State swimming championships this week. Swim your best!

Congratulations to Lateisha Wilkins who has not only made South Burnett for soccer but has also been awarded funding from Future State Grants, which fosters development of students in country areas. Well done.

The school is in the process of buying new jerseys for both Rugby League and Futsal. Designs are being sorted. The top oval is finally looking really good and will be marked this week. Thanks to our groundsman Mr Linnane. The college also purchased 4 new shade tarps which were used at our swimming carnival and will be well used this year. We also look forward to the start of work on our outdoor sports area which the P&C kindly supported.

Futsal starts soon. Tracey Clegg is organising our representative sides, to compete in South West Qld or wider and trials begin this week. They have been advertised and a number of meetings held. Also, Mr Perrett is organising sides to compete locally against other schools, but this is not elite level. If your child is interested, please see him.

QISSN netball training is underway. We have plenty of interested staff this year and a very young, but developing team. We will also compete in the Qld Catholic Netball carnival and the Vicki Wilson Cup. After the holidays, I will do a full wrap-up of Term 1 sport and also a review. Please forward secondary comments to me and primary to Miss Inwood. It should be noted, that we pass on information, as we receive it from conveners, districts and region.

On Monday, all our winter sports South Burnett representatives went to Wide Bay trials.

Congratulations on making Wide Bay Representation.
- Alex Dunnemann - 15yrs Rugby League
- Rahab Murray - Open Girls Soccer
- Lateisha Wilkins - 15yrs Girls Soccer (she is only in yr7)
- Deidre Murray - 15yrs Girls Netball
- Ryan Jacobs - Open Boys Rugby Union
- Hayden Yesberg - Open Boys Golf

Have a happy and safe Easter.
Yours in sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator
Music News
In what will be my last newsletter, I’d like to personally thank all of the Saint Mary’s community for their support, participation and enthusiasm for Music at the school. I look forward to hearing great things from the new teacher about the wonderful things happening in Music at Saint Mary’s.
Yours in music
Mr Michael Scanlan
Music Teacher

Tuckshop News
Friday Extra Choice Menu
Morning Tea and Lunch - Potato Scallops $2.00
Lunch Only - Potato Bake $3.50

There are no pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no meat on Fridays until Term 2, due to Lent.

Tuckshop Menu
There is a new tuckshop menu for the year. Please use the 2015 tuckshop menu as prices have changed. Bags are available to purchase from the tuckshop for 5c. Please ensure that you send your child’s tuckshop order in a paper bag. It is not safe to put hot food in plastic bags.

Donated Items
Donations of self raising flour, caster sugar and any dry goods, as per back of the Tuckshop Menu, would be greatly appreciated. A big THANK YOU to all those people who have donated dry goods.

Term 2 - Tuckshop Opening Tuesday, 21st April
The tuckshop will be open on Tuesday, 21st April.
Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Cricket Team News
Cricket training will be on again this Wednesday afternoon from 3:10 - 4:10. Please see Mrs Arden if you would like to be involved or if you can’t make it to training. All students will need to bring their own gear. Also remember to bring back your consent form for the T20 competition on Friday.
Thanks
Mrs Angelique Arden

Photography Club News
Saint Mary’s has started a photography club for any interested students in year 7 - 12. This is a chance for students to share their work and ideas, challenge each other to take better photos, and to exhibit their work.

Meetings will be announced in the morning notices and will happen on one Thursday afternoon per month 3:15pm to 4:15pm. The next meeting is this Thursday.

We had a great turn-out to our first meeting and saw some great photos. Any students who are interested but cannot attend on Thursday afternoons, please see Mrs Martoo for information. Students can still be in the club even if they cannot attend meetings.

Come and get an entry form for the Photography section of the Kingaroy this week from Mrs Martoo.

Thanks to everyone involved for making this an exciting start to a new venture!
Regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

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Rugby League and Netball News
- Monday, 30th March 1.30pm Rugby League - Under 13 SMCC vs Nanango on the Top Oval
Thank you
Mr Julian Connelly

Cow Horse Competition
A reminder to all riders that nominations for the 2015 Cow Horse Competition are now due.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, 30th April 2015 at the Nanango Showgrounds.

Parents and Friends News
Last Wednesday evening your P&F met for the AGM meeting for 2015. Damien (Damo) Martoo has been our President for the past three years and this year has decided to step down from this role to concentrate on his studies. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the blood, sweat and tears and the odd laugh you have given us over this time.

The new P&F committee positions are as follows:
  President - Susan Robertson
  Secretary - Sharon McFarlane
  Treasurer - Neil Mungall
  Board Representative - Suzanne Mungall

We have decided to have an event coordinator for each event this year. This person will be the contact person for the event. Our first event is after the holidays, on the 30th of April. The Cow and Horse event, in Nanango, is a big day of catering to the masses for us. Kelley Crane will be the event coordinator for the Cow and Horse. If you would like to help in any way with this event please let me know and I will pass your details onto Kelley.

After the AGM we held our monthly P&F meeting. We approved the purchasing of another cold water bubbler for the students and a sound system that is placed in the classroom to help students with a hearing impairment. This device is portable and can be used in any classroom.

I thought I would add a couple of photos from our Flower Stall a couple of weeks ago.

A big thank you to all the wonderful people involved in donating their time to pick, bunch and sell the flowers! A special thanks goes to the Torrens family for donating the beautiful Proteas and Linard Floral & Bridal Centre for the Baby’s Breath and Status.

If you need to contact me regarding P&F matters please feel free to ring 0419766141 or email me at sbrobbo@gmail.com

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President
Thank you to the parents who came along to the parent information session and to the parents who put in their apologies and have since contacted Pam Radcliffe. If you have not contacted Pam Radcliffe about your child’s Confirmation and Communion can you please do so immediately on 4162 2011 or pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au Sacramental Program as the subject.

The preparation time for these sacraments has begun some weeks ago and without the proper preparation it would be difficult for your child to receive the final sacraments of initiation on the 31st May 2015.
What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national Statements of Learning for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.
How is NAPLAN performance measured?
NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website).

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Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.
**RSPCA Queensland**

**MOVIE NIGHT!**

**SATURDAY 28th MARCH**
6pm

Kingaroy Memorial Park
Holy St, Kingaroy

**COME ALONG AND WATCH**
FURRY VENGEANCE
UNDER THE STARS!
All funds raised helps all creatures great and small

**CHOCOLATE**

**HOT DRINKS**

**SLUSHIES**

**POPCORN**

CALL THE KINGAROY RSPCA ANIMAL CARE CENTRE ON 4162 5500 TO PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!
Tickets will also be available on the night from 5:30pm.

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**The SOUTH BURNETT CHORALE**

**present the Glory of Easter**

_Easter Cantata_
by John W. Peterson

**Sunday 29th March 2015 - 6:00 pm**

Kingaroy - Uniting Church
Cnr Alford & Youngman Streets, Kingaroy

All proceeds to:
“Resources for Christian Education in Schools”

Also at:
Wondai Lutheran Church - Sunday 29th March 2015 - 2.00pm

All proceeds to:
beyondblue - Depression, Anxiety

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**Saint Mary’s Catholic College**

**Combined Anniversaries Celebrations**

St Mary’s Convent School 1929
St Mary’s Secondary College 1965
South Burnett Catholic College 1990

**Calling all past students and staff**

**Saturday, 30th May 2015**

1000pm
Nanango Races

600pm
Combined Anniversaries Mass

700pm - 1100pm
Combined Anniversaries Dinner and live entertainment

**Sunday, 31st May 2015**

1000am - 2000pm
College Open Day, memorabilia sales, classroom displays and tours.

1230pm
Official welcome, past student and staff time line and past staff and student roll call, plaque and time capsule

Copper Country Restaurant & Nanango Show Society

JUNIOR CHEF AWARD

Do you know of any budding Junior Chefs who want to join in our competition?

Copper Country Restaurant is proud to once again sponsor this culinary competition & is dedicated to the development of budding junior chefs & cooks in the region.

Competing is about gaining experience & going up against your peers. Seeing what other junior chefs at your level are creating. This will have a very positive impact on the skills as a junior chef & we hope all of the competitors will increase their working knowledge.

Open to all junior chefs under 18 years of age.

Apart from the $100 1st Prize Money & Trophy, The winning entry will be featured on the Copper Country Restaurant Menu with the winner being acknowledged as the creator of this fine fare.

Entries Close at 8am Friday 10th April
Exhibits with entry cards attached must be in no later than 8.30am Friday 10th April
Judging commences at 9am Friday 10th April

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For further information & details

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