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

Next week, we have a number of important events:
- **College Athletics Carnival**: Thurs 25th and Fri 26th June
- **2pm Friday, 26th June**: Benedictine Awards ceremony. QISSN Netball team send off and Athletics Age Champions announced (dependent on completion of scoring from the carnival).

Please remember that Term 3 starts on Tuesday, July 14 as the Monday, July 13 is a Teaching staff travel day. The office will be open on Monday, July 13.

This weekend, there is a parish Youth Mass at 5pm, this Sunday, June 21. This Mass is open to all ages, but seeks to provide our young people with an opportunity to come along to Youth Mass and stay for a bowl of spaghetti afterwards. I would encourage families to support this parish initiative. I would congratulate Suzanne Mungall, Fr Nigel and all those involved for this much-needed initiative.

We hear a great deal in the media about bullying at schools. It is important for schools, parents and carers to understand what bullying is and what it is not. National definitions have been developed by the MCEETYA ‘Safe and Supportive School Communities’ management group and used in the National Safe Schools’ Framework (2011):

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies. Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying.

For use with younger students Bullying is when someone targets another child again and again and tries to make them feel bad. They say or do many mean and hurtful things, make fun of them a lot, try to stop them from joining in or make others not like them. Although it isn't nice if someone says or does something mean to someone else, we don't necessarily call that bullying. It also isn't bullying if children of the same age have a one-off argument.

For use with older students Bullying is when one student (or a group) targets another student again and again to upset or hurt them. They might hurt them physically, try to socially isolate them or say and do many mean or humiliating things to them. Although it's neither respectful nor acceptable if someone behaves in a mean or aggressive way on one occasion, it isn't considered bullying. A fight or disagreement between students of equal power or status isn't considered bullying.

What is NOT Bullying? There are also some behaviours, which although they might be unpleasant or distressing, are not bullying: Mutual conflict - which involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation. Single-episode acts of nastiness or physical aggression, or aggression directed towards many different people, is not bullying unless it becomes a pattern of behaviours. Social rejection or dislike is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Conflict: Conflict is a mutual disagreement, argument or dispute between people where no one has a significant power advantage and both feel equally aggrieved. Conflict is different to bullying because there is always an imbalance of power in bullying. However, poorly resolved conflict situations, especially those involving friendship break-ups or romantic break-ups sometimes lead to either aggression or
bullying. Conflict can be a precursor to bullying where there are instances of repeated conflict and where the balance of power changes.

It is important that our students feel that they can talk with someone about issues that concern them whether this is bullying or conflict. As a College community, we believe that as the first educators of their children that it would be best that all students can have open communication with their parents and carers about things which upset them including issues of conflict and bullying. At our College, we also have many other staff members that students can speak with including: their class teacher, Student Wellbeing Middle Leaders (P-Yr 6: Mrs Radcliffe; Yrs 7-9: Ms Robertson; Yrs 10-12 Mr Fomiatti), Indigenous Support Worker (Mrs Bond), College counsellor (Mr Turnbull) or other trusted teachers, staff members or Leadership team members. For any of these issues to be resolved it is important that our College and families work together. It is also important that we as a College and families build resilience in our children, so that they can deal with the minor conflicts in life rather than try and cotton-wool them from having to deal with any conflict resolution. This will not leave them prepared for a world in which minor conflicts between people are part of our human condition.

Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

A man is talking to God.

“God, how long is a million years?”
God answers, “To me, it’s about a minute”,
“God, how much is a million dollars?”
“God, it’s a penny.”
“God may I have a penny?”
God answers “In a minute.”
(from St Mary’s Parish newsletter last Sunday)

Dear Lord, help us to retain our sense of humour throughout these last couple of weeks!
Let us speak nicely to our friends and be civil to everyone in our class.
God Bless all my friends and the wonderful school we live and work in
Amen

Top Oval and out of bounds

Students are reminded that the Top Oval is to be used at lunch only (2nd break). Hats are to be worn at all times.
Mr Medlen will be running some secondary field events on the top oval before the carnival next Thursday and Friday.

Hats

This is the last reminder that hats are to be worn at all times when out in the open. Thank you to P-6 students who follow this rule well at all times.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

QCE News

In last week’s newsletter, I wrote about the Queensland Certificate of Education and the way it differs from the old Senior Certificate.
This week, I will summarise some of the aspects not mentioned last week, namely, eligibility, planning and Learning Accounts.

Learning options and requirements

The QCE offers flexibility in what is learnt, as well as where and when learning occurs. Students have a wide range of learning options; these can include senior school subjects, vocational education and training, workplace and community learning, as well as university subjects undertaken while at school.

To be awarded a QCE, students must have at least 20 credits in the required pattern, and fulfil literacy and numeracy requirements.

Planning for a QCE – SET Plan

A Senior Education and Training Plan (SET) Plan helps students structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions. As part of the planning process, students think about their future, consider their abilities and investigate their options for careers and
further education.

The student, their parents or carers, and the school meet to develop the SET Plan, which details what, where and how a student will study during their senior phase of learning (usually Years 11 and 12). The plan is finalised by the end of Year 10 and at our College, it is done with the student's Academic Mentor. The SET Plan is reviewed periodically to monitor the student's progress. It can be updated at any time.

**Monitoring progress – learning accounts**

When a student is registered, the QCAA opens a learning account for them. The learning account records details of learning and results of any completed studies. Students are able to access their learning account through the Student Connect website. Our College also does an eligibility forecast at the end of each of the 4 semesters of Senior study.

**Awarding a QCE**

Most students are awarded a QCE at the end of Year 12. Students who do not meet the QCE requirements at the end of Year 12 can continue to work towards their certificate – their learning account remains open, regardless of their age (however, credits expire after 9 years). The QCAA will award a QCE in the following July or December, once a person becomes eligible.

All students who finish Year 12 receive a transcript of their learning account in the form of a Senior Statement, which is issued in December.

After finishing Year 12 students who become eligible for the award of a QCE will receive a Statement of Results. A Statement of Results is a cumulative transcript of their learning account. These will be issued every July and December.

**Tertiary entrance and the QCE**

The requirements for a QCE are different to those for tertiary entrance. See the Tertiary Entrance section of this website for more information on pathways to tertiary study.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

**APRE News**

Reconciliation – ‘time to change it up’

We certainly did ‘change it up’ this year at our College observance of Reconciliation week held on June the 3rd, Mabo Day. Shuanna Button and Uncle Eric welcomed the entire College to the ceremony and then to country in the Bunya Dreaming Garden. Eric told the story of how the carpet snake got its spots, a story that was! well received and still talked about days after.

We moved through the smoking ceremony, set up by Mr Turnbull, to the Mary Knoll Centre where Mr Fomiatti reminded us of the sentiment of Kevin Rudd’s address to the nation and national apology. Jolleen Walker (Yr 6) beautifully read from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans about the importance of building up our neighbours. The cast of the Peace Child performed a dance to ‘come to the river’ which is an invitation to all of us to be part of a greater message of unity and listening. Mrs Bond and Mrs Collins organised an incredible version of the Dancing Zorba performed with an indigenous slant. It was really entertaining and great to see indigenous and two non-indigenous students dance together in a completely light hearted way.

As the community left the Mary Knoll Centre they became part of a giant serpent, 40 metres in length, by placing their name beside other students in their class on this giant piece of art. The aim is to hang this at the College to remind us of the day, the purpose of the day and our part and place in a larger body called ‘community’.

The rest of the day saw students take part in one or two of the following activities:

- Fried damper cooking
- Elder’s stories
- Community Health presentation
- Barambah Educational Centre activities (spear, boomerang and woomera throwing)
- Indigenous art

**realise your dignity**
The College would like to thank the elders who volunteered some of their time to be with our students and staff on this day, Community Health and The Barambah Educational Centre for their work with our students. The College is also very grateful to Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo, Ms Amy Woodruff and Mrs Karen Bond for their ‘hands on’ involvement in the activities.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

Lost Property
We have a very large collection of lost jumpers and jackets most un-named or have the names of students who have left the school some time ago. The names could have washed off. The lost property is on display in the student counter area of the office.

Please come and look through it and claim anything you think might be yours.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Rutley
Student Services

Counsellor News

The next time you lose heart and you can't bear to experience what you're feeling, you might recall this instruction: change the way you see it and lean in. Instead of blaming our discomfort on outer circumstances or on our own weakness, we can choose to stay present and awake to our experience, not rejecting it, not grasping it, not buying the stories that we relentlessly tell ourselves. This is priceless advice that addresses the true cause of suffering - yours, mine, and that of all living beings. Pema Chodron: Taking the Leap

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library News

Yesterday was the last issuing of take home readers for the term. This Friday (19th) will be the last day for library borrowing. We will aim to get everything back by Wednesday, the 23rd June. There are quite a few overdues at present.

Can you please remind your child to return any overdue books that they might have?

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 Sports News

5 Years-9 Years Athletics Carnival
A reminder that after lunch on Tuesday 23rd of June (Week 10), there will be athletics-based activities for 5 to 9 year old students.

There will be no first, second, or third place-getters. This is an afternoon designed to reinforce what the students have learned throughout the term with their athletics sessions, and prepare them for the following years of formal athletics competition.

The 5 to 9 year old sprints will be held on the Friday with the rest of the school. Six year olds and up can compete in the South Burnett Athletics sprints races, and a student must come first, second or third in order to be able to go to this next level.

The 10 to 12 year olds will be competing formally on the Thursday and Friday of week 10 (25th and 26th of June).

Regards
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

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**Assessment**
This week, we continue our Year 7-12 Exam block. During this period, students will sit exams in an uninterrupted session. Students have been asked to diarise these dates so they are aware of them. Please ensure that your child arrives to their exams with the correct materials required including an eraser and pen/pencil.

**Chess**
Please support the PNF and our SMCC chess team by volunteering a couple hours of your time this weekend at the IGA BBQ. Forms were sent home last week and will need to be returned to the office please. Should you require another form please see Mrs Rutley at student services.

 Regards  
Mrs Melanie Burr  
Middle School Teaching and Learning Leader

**Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News**

**Pierre de Coubertin Award**
The acknowledged founder of the modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, was convinced that participants in physical activity played a significant role in developing the individual.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards strongly support physical education and sport in schools and promote a commitment to positive values. They aim to recognize good sportsmanship and not just elite performance.

At some stage during Years 7 to 12, the award recipient must have represented the school, district or region as a participant in at least three sports in the competitive arena, demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. One of those sports must be on the current Olympic program. A literary or artistic work is also submitted with the nomination.

This year Saint Mary’s was able to put forward one student to nominate for this coveted award. The college is very proud to congratulate our current Year 12 student Hayden Yesberg for receiving the Pierre de Coubertin Award.

Regards  
Mr Paul Fomiatti  
Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader

**Year 7 to Year 12 Sport News**
The main focus for the next 2 weeks is the Athletics carnival.

All Discus and Javelin events will be covered by the end of this week for safety reasons.

Please ensure your children are aware of the events run before the arnica as they will be published in the daily notices.

The outline for our Athletics Carnival week is as follows:

**Tuesday, 23rd June - Prep to Year 4 Carnival (5 to 9 year old boys and girls)**
1.00pm to 3.00pm  Athletics carnival will run for 5 to 9 year old boys and girls

**Thursday, 25th June - Events 10 to 18 years boys and girls only**
Prep to Year 4 students normal classes

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Friday, 26th June - Whole School Prep to Year 12

9.15am     Prep to Year 6     Sprints - heats and finals
           Field events 10 to 18 year old boys and girls

10.15am    Prep to Year 6     Relays
           Field events 10 to 18 year old boys and girls

10.35am    Morning Tea        Tuckshop Open

11.00am    100m               13 to 18 year old boys and girls

11.05am    Prep to Year 6     Normal classes

11.45am    200m               13 to 18 year old boys and girls

12.30pm    Lunch              Tuckshop Open

1.00pm      Relays             13 to 18 year old boys and girls

2.00pm      Carnival finished

2.00pm      Whole school assembly - Benedictine Awards in Maryknoll Centre

Detailed programs and information will be distributed in classes Friday this week.

Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator

Music News

Farewell to Mrs Pink
This is our final week with Mrs Christine Pink, our Intern Teacher. Mrs Pink has been working mainly with our Secondary Music students. We thank Mrs Pink for sharing her wonderful music skills with us, and we wish her all the very best as she completes her university studies.

Senior Vocal Ensemble
The Senior Girls’ Vocal Ensemble has now become a “Co-Ed” activity. Our 18 girls are eager to welcome and lads from Years 9 – 12 to the group. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at second break.

Orchestra
The Saint Mary's Orchestra welcomes all students from Level 2/AMEB 2/Rock School 2 and above in standard. Rehearsal for this ensemble is held on Mondays at 3:05 – 4:30pm. This group requires a high level of commitment, and regular weekly attendance is required so that the ensemble can represent the school at formal occasions. Please consider this before submitting an enrolment form.

Donations
As I mentioned last week, I welcome all donations of clean sturdy brooms, metal buckets, and plastic dustpans and brushes for our Year 7 and 8 Percussion unit next term. Remember us when you are next at the hardware store!

Have a wonderful week
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Mini Dagwood Dogs - $2.50 each
Lunch Only - Spaghetti Bolognaise - $3.50

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.

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Self-Raising Flour  
Castor Sugar  
Small Tinned Corn Kernels  
Tinned Whole Beets  
Beef Stock Powder  
Tinned Diced or Crushed Tomatoes  
Pasta - Spiral, Spaghetti, Penne or Macaroni  
Small Tinned Pineapple  
Tinned Tomato Soup  
Rice - Long Grain White  
Popcorn Kernels

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 ordering system. Your child’s order can be placed 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 and this will ensure that they will have their lunch on time.

Please do not use staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing.

If you order a slush puppy please make sure that your child is aware that they have to collect it from the Tuckshop as it cannot be put in the tuckshop baskets with their orders.

Regards  
Mrs Michelle Davis  
Tuckshop Convenor

**Parents and Friends News**
The P & F had their monthly meeting last night, it was lovely to see some new faces. We discussed a few items and I would like to share them with you. Hopefully you might like to add a couple of dates to your calendar.

This weekend we have our IGA sausage sizzle from 9.00am to 1.00pm both Saturday and Sunday, come down and buy a sausage, drink and raffle ticket from us.

Our first week back at school after the holidays will see us at the Cow Horse event in Nanango. We are still calling for volunteers to help serve yummy food and drinks at this event on Thursday, 16th July.

On Friday, 17th July we would like to hold a get together for no other reason than 'Just Because!' We thought it might be a nice way to welcome back our families for the start of term 3. We will be meeting at the Memorial Park playground at 3.15pm. There will be free ice cream and sprinkles for the kids. We would love to see you there!

If you need to contact me my number is 0419 766 141.
God bless  
Mrs Susan Robertson  
P&F President

**P&F ‘Just Because’ Get Together**
Friday, 17th July at 3.15pm  
Memorial Park, Haly Street, Kingaroy.
Free ice cream and sprinkles for the kids.  
Everyone welcome. We would love to see you there!
Sacramental Program
The preparation for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin late in Term 3** and be completed in November 2015. The sacraments of initiation begin with Baptism. These sacraments are what are needed for candidates who are interested in becoming a Catholic. Children should be in Year 3 or older when receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will need to have received this sacrament first in order to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2016. More detailed information on parent sessions and an activity afternoon about Reconciliation will become available as soon as Father Nigel Sequeira sets the date in November 2015. Contact Pam Radcliffe at the College 4162 2011.

Dental Van
If you would like your child/ren to see the dental van please return your forms to the College office by Friday, 26th June. There are spare forms available if you have misplaced your copy.

Thank you
Thank you so very much for your wonderful kindness helping the Forest View residents participate in the Wondai ANZAC Day March, pushing their wheelchairs, making sure the residents were kept comfortable in the shade and offering them water to drink. We really appreciate your caring attitude helping to make our participation in the march and ceremony a very memorable and special time.

From the Forest View Residents

Year Three Classroom News
In Year 3 this term, the students have been investigating schooling in the olden days. The recent celebration of the combined anniversaries here at Saint Mary’s has led to many inquisitive minds wanting to know what the college was like in the past. We have all been amazed by old photos and very interesting stories from guest speakers. The students have been very busy creating their own historical booklet about Saint Mary’s, explaining the changes to uniforms, buildings, classroom resources and even rules and expectations. They are all very relieved and appreciative to have such nice teachers that don’t use a cane for getting less than 100% for spelling! Mrs Weier & Mrs McCarthy.
Cow Horse Competition
Thursday, 16th July at Nanango Show Grounds

If you can help please contact Susan on 0419 766 141

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

catholic
YOUTH mass
www.facebook.com/stmaryskingaroy

AGED 15 – 35 ?
MEET, CELEBRATE, SHARE
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015
5PM MASS, 6PM SUPPER

A Catholic mass
by & for young adults of the modern world.

Catholic Church Albert St Kingaroy,
All ages & denominations welcome.

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Tea, coffee, cakes and raffles come visit Nanango Post Office on Thursday 25th June from 9:30am to 12noon for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

Nanango Post Office and Staff wish to support this great cause for Cancer Council's mission to defeat cancer and help those affected by this devastating disease.

For 20 years, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea has helped fund world class research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. We are proud in helping Cancer Council raise over $1300 last year help us make this year even bigger.

We look forward to seeing you come in and say hello at Nanango Post Office on 25th June from 9:30am.

NAME OF GROUP: Sing Australia Kingaroy
VENUE: Uniting Church Hall Alfred St Kingaroy (opposite Woolworths)
DATE & TIME: Mondays 7:00-9:00pm (except school & public holidays)
CONTACT: Sharron Coughlan: 4163 2291 or 0431 816 071