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

Thank you to all of the parents and carers, staff and students who have wished me well for my 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.

I would like to welcome Jane Iszlaub and Lisa Atkinson who will be starting with us in Term 2. Jane will be replacing Mr Scanlan and Lisa will be working in the office 3 days a week.

At the end of this week, we celebrate our major Christian feast of Easter. It is a time when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter egg symbolises the new life and resurrection that all of us will receive through Christ’s rising from the dead.

I am still amazed that some people say, “I don’t believe in Jesus”, as if there is some question over Jesus’ existence. I can understand if people don’t believe that Jesus is God because that is a question of faith, but there is no question of Jesus’ existence as he is mentioned by both Roman and Jewish historians, neither of which supported the early Christians. We would expect that if the early Christians were making up stories of an imaginary Jesus that this would be reported, but instead we have many mentions of Jesus, some of which I have included below.

At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good, and he was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them after his crucifixion and that he was alive; accordingly, he was perhaps the Messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders.

Flavius Josephus (AD 37?-101? Greek / Arabic translation from this Jewish Historian writing for the Romans)

Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular.

Tacitus (A.D. c.55-A.D. c.117, Roman historian)
On the eve of the Passover Yeshu (Jesus) was hanged (Crucified - hung on a tree). For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, "He is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy. Any one who can say anything in his favor, let him come forward and plead on his behalf." But since nothing was brought forward in his favor he was hanged on the eve of the Passover! The Talmud (Jewish Holy Book)

The Christians, you know, worship a man to this day the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account. … You see, these misguided creatures start with the general conviction that they are immortal for all time, which explains the contempt of death and voluntary self-devotion which are so common among them; and then it was impressed on them by their original lawgiver that they are all brothers, from the moment that they are converted, and deny the gods of Greece, and worship the crucified sage, and live after his laws. All this they take quite on faith, with the result that they despise all worldly goods alike, regarding them merely as common property. Lucian (circa 120-after 180, Greek writer and rhetorician)

Last Friday we awarded the following students a Benedictine award at our assembly:

- Prep A - Amelia Somers and Chace Burnage
- Prep B - Poppy Jeffs and James McCarthy
- Year 1 - Rory O'Connor and Layla Bradford
- Year 2 - Ellenor Anderson and Hayden Watson
- Year 3 - Caitlyn Magee and Benjiman Whalan
- Year 3/4 - Lily Bredhauer and Keli-Vanua Law-Palm
- Year 4 - Lilly Weier and Euan Crane
- Year 5 - Joanna Haak and Samuel Schmidhauser
- Year 5/6 - Teresa Fomiatti and Thomas Pennell
- Year 6 - Caitlyn Carney and Leonard Potgieter
- Year 7A - Alyssa Hetherington and Joseph Whalan
- Year 7B - Elizabeth Watson and Nicholas McIvor
- Year 7C - Bethany Minniecon and Andrew Kemp
- Year 8A - Alexandra Labinsky and Justin Bunker
- Year 8B - Chloe Smith and Harry Burt
- Year 9A - Grace McFarlane and Stuart Hetherington
- Year 9B - Ernest Corbet and Catherine Trebbin
- Year 10A - Mikaila Schloss and Jacob Mallett
- Year 10B - Erin Newman and Olivia Frahm
- Year 10C - Jessica Barron and Jaiden Francis
- Year 11A - Jackson Lucas and Seraiya Gordon
- Year 11B - Tommy Schmidhauser and Hannah Mallett
- Year 12 - Hannah Depper and Kyle Raabe

Congratulations to our Benedictine Awardees and SRC Representatives who received their badges last Friday.

Wishing you and your families a happy, holy and safe Easter.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and families and carers all the blessings for Easter.

Please enjoy the break and rest up ready to return energised and ready for Term 2.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

realise your dignity
The College office will close this Thursday, 2nd April, for the Easter holidays and will reopen on Monday, 20th April. Term 2 Fee Statements will be posted to families at the beginning of next term. From all the staff in the office, we wish you a restful holiday after a busy start to the year and look forward to welcoming our families back healthy and well in term 2.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Counsellor News

“We work so hard to get somewhere, to realize a dream, to arrive at some destination, that we often forget that though some satisfaction may be waiting at the end of our endurance and effort, there is great and irreplaceable aliveness in the steps along the way.” - Mark Nepo

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

After School Sporting Care

In term 2, we are offering 2 afternoons of after school sporting care, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15- 4:15. Tuesday will be basketball, and Thursday will be soccer. There will be notes going home about Sporting Schools this week. If you are interested, please bring the consent form back as soon as possible to secure your spot. This will start in week 2 of term 2. If there are any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College.

Thank you.
Ellen Inwood
P-6 Sports Coordinator

Indigenous News

We would like to welcome Aunty Sylvia McGregor to our Indigenous team. Aunty Sylvia will be working with the high school students in their classes 5 days a week.

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who completed their work experience this week. We are proud of you for giving it a go.

We would like to wish all our families a Happy Easter and a safe holiday and we look forward to working with your children in Term 2.

Regards,
Mrs Karen Bond, Aunty Sylvia, Mrs Amanda Erwin and Mr Ryan Williams
Indigenous Support Team

Tuckshop News

Thank you to those who have donated their time and ingredients over this term. If you are available to come in and volunteer in Term 2 please contact me via the College office on 4162 2011.

The tuckshop will be opened on Tuesday, 21st April due to the Pupil Free Day on the first week back.

Have a happy and safe Easter break.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor
ANZAC Day Tradition

Each year, Saint Mary’s has a silent meditation walk as part of our ceremony on ANZAC day. This walk is a reflective time. To enhance this experience we have made a bank of cards with images of past students, staff and school family members who have been in the defence forces.

An example is this picture of my Great-Uncle Captain Ivor Margetts - killed at Pozieres WWI. The card would have his picture and a small blurb about him and his military history, with a caption saying who he is related to.

If you have an image and story, please email me blangford@bne.catholic.edu.au a copy of the photo and basic information on what is in the photo.

Thanks

Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Classroom Teacher

Parents and Friends News

I can’t believe it is the last week of Term 1! The P&F are off and running fairly early in Term 2. We have our monthly meeting the first Tuesday back, 21st of April at 7.00pm in the staff room. Please feel free to come and join us for the evening and meet the new Executive Team.

Our Links Morning Tea will be held Wednesday, 22nd of April 8.40am – 10.00am in the staff room courtyard. This is an invitation to everyone to come along and enjoy some light hearted chit chat, a cuppa and some yummy food.

On the 30th of April, the Cow and Horse event is on in Nanango. We are calling for volunteers for the day to help with the serving of food. Don’t worry, you don’t have to volunteer for the full day, if you can only spare an hour or two we would still love your help. It is a big day, but the more volunteers we can get the easier it is for everyone. We always have a great day filled with hard work, fun and laughter!

If you need to contact me regarding P&F matters, or would like to volunteer for any events, please feel free to ring 0419766141 or email me at sbrobbbo@gmail.com

God bless

Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

P&F Links Morning Tea

Wednesday, 22nd April 2015
8.40am to 10.00am

Saint Mary’s Catholic College Staffroom Courtyard.

Saint Mary’s Catholic College community members welcome.

Caritas Australia

8th Week of Lent
Project Compassion:
Vinsen from Indonesia

Sustainable food for life

Until recently, the weather in Vinsen’s small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable.

To combat the variable weather patterns afflicting farmers in Vinsen’s village, an innovative local community program supported by Caritas Australia is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life — regardless of the changing weather.

Your donations to Project Compassion 2015 help farmers in remote West Timor create a life-long source of food, improving the future wellbeing of their families and communities.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 924 413

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COME JOIN THE RATION SHED’S RECONCILIATION FUN RUN 2015

Starting at the Murgon Showground and ending in Cherbourg

The people of Cherbourg welcome the people of Murgon, the South Burnett and beyond to run (or walk) the 7 km in the name of friendship, in the name of hope, in the name of new possibilities.

Run with friends, walk with strangers, share with everyone, enjoy together and at the end of the route in Cherbourg Memorial Park and the Ration Shed Museum we’ll all have a big party - with food, traditional games, sports workshops, market stalls, dancers and performers starting at 10 am.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN, even if you don’t run or walk - ALL WELCOME!

Buses will leave Cherbourg for Murgon Showground on Sunday morning at 7.15 am for check-in at 7.30 am with race start at 8 am sharp. Shuttles will run between Cherbourg and Murgon from 10 am to 11 am on race day.

Also please note: the Cherbourg-Murgon road will be closed in both directions between 8 am and 10 am on the race day - Sunday 17 May.

Proceeds from the Fun Run will go to The Ration Shed Museum for their work in education and reconciliation.

or contact the Ration Shed Museum: 07 4169 5753 or info@rationshed.com.au

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

100pm  Nanango Races
6.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Mass
7.00pm - 11.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Dinner and live entertainment

Sunday, 31st May 2015

10.00am - 2.00pm  College Open Day, memorabilia sales, classroom displays and tours.
12.30pm  Official welcome, past student and staff time line and past staff and student roll call, plaque and time capsule.

RSVP at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSVP_SM2015

Kingeroy

Blue Light Disco

24 April 2015

Sponsored by:

6:00pm to 8:30pm
Kingeroy Town Hall
Glenden Street, Kingeroy

$5 entry

Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be shown

Parents to collect children from INSIDE the hall (at any time)
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

https://www.facebook.com/CopperCountryRestaurant
www.coppercountryrestaurant.com.au

For further information & details

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