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

This 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 (dependant 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.

I would congratulate Suzanne Mungall, Fr Nigel, our staff, parents and students and all those involved in last weekend’s wonderful **Youth Mass**. At the Mass Fr Nigel raised the possibility of sending a group of young people to the next World Youth Day in Poland. I experienced World Youth Day in Sydney as an adult supervisor and I could thoroughly recommend this life-changing experience.

Thanks also to our College’s P&F, student, parent and staff supporters who raised much-needed funds for our QISSN, Futsal, Chess and Equestrian teams at the IGA BBQs over the past three weeks.

Next week, our **QISSN** (Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball) team (below) will compete at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre for this state-wide competition. We wish our girls and their support team (Mrs Bond, Ms Thomas, Mrs Freeman) and parents all the best. Please come along and support our team at their games: 9.30am, Midday & 3pm - Monday June 29; 9am, 11.30am, 2pm & 4pm – Tuesday June 30; and semi-finals and finals yet to be advised on Thursday July 2 and Friday, July 3.

Kiara Wright (Captain), Rahab Murray, Georgia Reeve, Jocelyn Dolan, Deidre Murray, Olivia Burchmann, Emma Cran, Laura Freeman, Torue Palm & Jordyn Soley

In August 2012, I worked with Brisbane Catholic Education and our College Board to produce our **Education Brief** which was our plan for the next five years (2012 – 2017). I am pleased to report that in less than three years, we are working toward completion of all but 1 of the 39 suggested improvements / developments.

**Suggested improvements/developments**

1. Replacing lino floors in P-6 with carpet to reduce noise
2. Increased shelving to display education material in P-6
3. Cupboards and storage space including built-in storage in the Primary Long Room (Computer Room and Flexible Learning Space)
4. Separate Year 4 and 5 playground equipment
5. Soccer nets for Prep to Year 6 fields
6. Prep to Year 1 sand pit cover
7. Full sized convertible rugby league and soccer field
8. Cricket nets
9. Handball courts
10. withdrawal room for ESL, Indigenous and special needs students
11. Air conditioning for staff areas - office
12. A3 colour printer required for graphics room to meet QSA graphics standards
13. College signs to identify our community
14. Purchase of a 25 seater bus to assist students to access sporting, cultural, religious education activities despite on rural location.
15. Access to timetabling and organisational matters, student behaviour and pastoral care,
communications, first aid etc. via the student services desk.

16. Access to a variety of portable technology devices including laptop program for Yr 9 – 12 students and all staff; sets of Mac laptops and iPads available for classes to borrow from the Resource Centre; computers and laptops

17. Reliable wireless network

18. Support for behaviour learning and pastoral care e.g. lunch is available for students if they have forgotten or do not have lunch; lunch-time activities program (available on selected days).

19. Increasing numbers of students in Years 9 to 12 will mean a significant increase in the numbers of laptops required

20. Benedictine and Marian spirituality (especially with the Good Samaritan Tradition)

21. First Aid Certification for all staff

22. Implementation of BCE IT programs (LIFE, SRS, SMS, Timetabler, eMinerva, Dynamix etc.)

23. Toilets need an upgrade

24. Refurbishing the outdoor area of the Resource Centre

25. New lockers to replace old and damaged sets

26. Air-conditioned primary computer longroom

Ongoing projects:

27. Additional educational and play based resources for Prep to Year 1 to replace aging items

28. Purchase of additional resources, both electronic and hard-copy, to support the access to learning for all students

29. Improving digital infrastructure to ensure increased access to digital resources rather than print media.

30. Implementing the Australian Curriculum

31. School-wide Positive Behaviour program (now PB4L program)

32. Embedding ICT in the curriculum (LIFE)

33. Seating for the Benedictine square to encourage contemplation and discourage students walking through gardens

To be completed in 2015:

34. Outdoor gym (changed to outdoor multipurpose courts)

35. Volleyball court

36. Shutters for the roof of the Mayknoll centre to keep light out for events

37. Poorly designed Home Economics, Music and Art Room upgraded to meet the curriculum needs

38. Bitumen ing carparks and entrance roads for easier access

For future consideration:

39. Wet weather walkways from bus to Prep to Year 1 to Resource Centre

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

Thank you
Thank you to the P&F for their efforts over the weekend with regards to fundraising for the Chess and Equestrian Teams. Thank you to all the parents who assisted over the 2 days and also to the students who helped sell sausages and raffle tickets at IGA.

This Week

Thursday and Friday this week is the College Athletics Carnival. Friday afternoon at 2pm Age Champions and results for the carnival will be announced. Benedictine Awards for Term 2 will also be awarded at this assembly.

First Day Back

First day back is Tuesday, 14th July. Formal uniform is to be worn by all students in Years 6 to Year 12.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

CPA News

Parent Teacher Interviews and Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports should be in the post to parents and carers during the first week of the holidays.

These reports reflect the whole of semester 1 this year.

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Year 11 and 12 students will also receive a projection or estimate of their eligibility for the Qld Certificate of Education, (QCE) and also an estimate of their OP score.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years from Prep to Year 12 on Tuesday, 28th July from 3:20pm.

Interviews will be of 10 minute duration. The interviews can be booked using the Parent Teacher Online facility.

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Full and easy to follow directions for using PTO will be included with the reports, and you will be able to access the system by going to a section of the college website (www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au)

- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 9.00am on Monday, 27th July (the day before interviews).
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.

Regards
Mr. John Dalton
APA

Office News

Lost Property
We have a very large collection of lost jumpers and jackets, most are 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

“Having an honest friend—one before whom you can dump all your heart’s pockets and still feel that you are worth something—is a form of wealth that will buy you nothing but will give you everything. And mysteriously and rightly, to find such a friend, we must be such a friend.”
— 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 News

All library books were due back to the library on Wednesday, 24th June. There are quite a few overdues at present. Can you please remind your child to return any overdue books that they might have.

Congratulations to Samuel Erwin, Josee Currin and Martin Penny for being AR Millionaires. These students have read over a million words on the Accelerated Reader Program since April. An amazing achievement in such a short time!

Yours in reading
Mrs. Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday, 14th July
Lunch Time at the Maryknoll Canteen
Order form for Prep to Year 6 located at the back of the newsletter
Year 7 to 12 purchase at lunch time

Sausage on bread with sauce $1.50
Popper $1.50

All money raised goes towards Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.
There appears to be a young lad (not Prep or year 1 or year 2) who is continually flushing his lunch down the toilet on his way home. We have been trying to identify the student but are fairly certain it is a boy as it is the boys’ toilet that continually has the lunch (and probably morning tea) stuffed down the toilet. Twice we have had to get plumbers in to unclog the toilet. On Friday the food was a red apple, cupcake, 2 choc chip biscuits with white choc bits, jam and peanut butter on white bread. The biscuits and cup cake looked home made. There have also been screw top yoghurt pouches, green apples, LCM bars etc.

The teachers have been working with the students to resolve this issue but if you, as a parent have a son and recognise this combination of food can you please speak to him about not flushing the food down the toilet - let alone wasting the food.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

Last week the Year 1 and 2s went to the Dairy Museum in Murgon. The children really enjoyed learning how to make butter and seeing what life was like without today’s technologies.

Miss Megan Saxton and Mrs Leesa Johnston

After School Sport Activities will again be offered in Term 3 for Prep to Year 6 students thanks to the support of the Federal Government’s Sporting Schools programme. Limited places will be available in Rugby League and Netball on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Full details and consent forms will be sent home in Term 3. Please note there will be no after school sport in week 1.

The outline for our Athletics Carnival week is as follows:

All students to wear sports uniform or house colours on the day. Shoes must be worn at all times. Please make sure your child has a hat, sunscreen and water bottle for the day.

If you are available to assist at the carnival please contact me on 4162 2011 and leave your details.

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

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Friday, 17th July at 3.15pm
Saint Mary’s Catholic College Maryknoll Centre
Free ice cream and sprinkles for the kids.
Everyone welcome. We would love to see you there!

10.30am  Morning Tea please bring food, no Tuckshop
10.50am  Boys and girls Open shot put
         Boys and girls 13yrs triple jump
11.20am  Boys and girls 11yrs high jump
         Boys and girls 10yrs long jump
11.50am  Boys and girls 12yrs long jump
         Boys and girls 13yrs shot put
12.20pm  Boys and girls 10yrs high jump
         Boys and girls 12yrs long jump
         Boys and girls 11yrs shot put
12.30pm  Lunch please bring food, no Tuckshop
12.50pm  Boys and girls 11yrs long jump
         Boys and girls 12yrs shot put
1.20pm   Boys and girls 10yrs shot put
         Boys and girls 13yrs long jump
1.50pm   Boys and girls 14yrs long jump

Friday, 26th June - Whole School Prep to Year 12
Track Program
9.20am  All boys and girls 6yrs - 12yrs sprint heats and finals followed by their relays
10.35am Morning Tea Tuckshop Open
11.00am All boys and girls 13yrs - Open 100m events
12.15pm All boys and girls 10yrs - Opens 200m events
12.30pm Lunch Time Tuckshop Open
1.15pm   All boys and girls 13yrs - Open Relays

Field Program
9.20am  Boys and girls 14yrs high jump
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10.20am Boys and girls 15yrs high jump
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12.20pm Boys and girls Open high jump
         Boys and girls 14yrs triple jump
12.30pm Lunch Time Tuckshop Open
2.00pm   Carnival finished
2.00pm   Whole school assembly - Benedictine Awards in Maryknoll Centre

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

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**Music News**

**Year 8 Music**
As the Semester ends, it is time for me to farewell Year 8A, and to welcome 8B to the Music Department. 8B will be embarking on the new Australian Curriculum (The Arts: Music), which is now available for use in schools. In preparation for the first unit, parents are asked to ensure that their sons and daughters have the correct equipment, which includes: a music notebook (plain lined paper and music manuscript lines), a ruler, scissors, glue, an eraser, and 3 HB pencils.

**The Big Move**
During the holidays, the Music classroom will be moved to Room 2. This enables the builders to start work on the new multi-story building, which will take the place of the current Music Block. The Instrumental Music teachers will be based in the rooms currently occupied by Mr Turnbull, our College Counsellor, who will, in turn, be relocating to the office inside the Prep building. (Thank you, Mr Turnbull.) These measures are only temporary, as we will soon have a shiny new Music building to call home!

**Welcome, Mrs Sharp**
As the College grows, so too does the Music Program, and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Roslyn Sharp to our Music Staff. Mrs Sharp is a highly experienced Instrumental Music teacher who has been the driving force behind several flourishing Instrumental Music Programs in the Bayside area of Brisbane. Mrs Sharp will be teaching the woodwind, brass, percussion, and piano students currently on the waiting list, as well as future new enrolments. Mrs Jo Hopkins will continue to teach the students presently enrolled in her lessons.

**New Invoicing Procedures**
From Term 3, our Instrumental Music Teachers will be introducing a new invoicing system. Families will be invoiced on a term-by-term basis, with fees payable by Week 5 of each term. Invoices will be posted home at the end of the first week of term. This brings our teachers in line with other tuition programs such as swimming, ballet, etc.

**St Stephen’s Cathedral Mass Choir**
I am in the process of selecting 10 students from the Secondary school to be part of a combined Catholic Schools choir conducted by Mr Anthony Young, which will perform at the St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane. There is a rehearsal day at St Lawrence’s College early in Term 3. Should parents wish for their son or daughter to be considered for this very special opportunity, please return the note which will be distributed to students this week.

Happy holidays to you all,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

**Homework Club**
There will be no homework club this week. It will recommence on Thursday, 30th July.
Thank you
Miss Sonia Robertson

**Indigenous News**
Congratulations to Shajuana Button and Tahlia Tapau who will start their traineeships in Cert III in Primary Health at Barambah Medical Centre next term.

Good luck to everyone who is participating in the sports carnival this week.

Wishing all our families a lovely and safe holiday. See you all in term 3.
Regards
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**
- Morning Tea and Lunch - Cheerios in a cup (5) - $2.50
- Morning Tea and Lunch - Hot Dogs with Sauce and Cheese - $3.50
- Morning Tea and Lunch - Chicken and Gravy Rolls - $3.50

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

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**Saint Mary’s Catholic College, South Burnett**

Is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated staff for the following positions for Semester 2, 2015:

- **Teacher Aide** Ref: 04455_06/15
- **Indigenous Teacher Aide** Ref: 04388_06/15

Apply via the employment section at:
www.bne.catholic.edu.au

Closes: 3pm Monday July 6 2015

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Volunteers
Friday, 26th June - Amanda Hetherington and Debbie Bunker

Tuckshop Opening Hours
The tuckshop will be open on the first day back in Term 3 on Tuesday, 14th July.

Donation of Goods
Thank you to the families that have donated goods throughout the term, your donations are always greatly appreciated.

If you are able to donate any of the following items in Term 3 it would be greatly appreciated.
- Self-Raising Flour
- Caster 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.

Price Increase
Fandangles ice creams will be $1.60 from Term 3 onwards.

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 or sticky tape 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 Convener

Parents and Friends News
Well another term is coming to an end, and what a busy term it has been. Your P&F and volunteers have been working very hard all term.

Next term will be another busy one! First week back we have the Cow Horse event, 16th July, and we are still calling for volunteers. Even if you have said you will help out at the Cow Horse event can you just confirm with me so I know definite numbers.

On the 17th July we are holding our Just Because get together. Last week I said it would be in the park, but I need to change the venue to the Maryknoll area. The kids will still receive a free ice cream! For those in the parents act we have a practice that afternoon, so we thought we could combine both. For those parents coming for the Just Because afternoon, please don’t think we are trying to rope you in to performing!

During the month of July we are holding a chocolate drive. We will send home a note regarding this first week back next term, so be on the lookout for that one!

If you need to contact me my number is 0419 766 141. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone next term.

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

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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.

Year Three/Four Classroom News
It has been a busy term in Year 3/4 with rocks and soil studies up one end of the room and melting and freezing at the other. The Year 3s conquered NAPLAN and the Year 4s had a great time at Barrambah Camp. Persuasive speeches were given and narratives conjured from rich imaginations. We made and painted clay tiles depicting Old Testament stories (and one dinosaur). Friendship skills turned into drama performances and fractions made us fractious. We are looking forward to our exploration of flight and Rock On Stage next term.
Mrs Laura Bowles
Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

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Tuesday, 14th July 2015

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

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SAINT MARY’S ROCK ON STAGE
Friday, 24th July 2015
at
6pm
in the College Maryknoll Centre

At 5.00pm there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale out the front of the Maryknoll Centre.

Proceeds to Bacolod Kindergarten, Philippines.

It will be a night full of fun and excitement for all parents and students.

See you there!
Cow Horse Competition
Thursday, 16th July at Nanango Show Grounds

If you can help please contact Susan on 0419 766 141

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED