From the Principal

Taking Responsibility

At the commencement of the year, I had the opportunity to emphasise one of our Benedictine values with our students – Be Responsible. The students were challenged to focus this year on taking responsibility in a number of important ways. They were reminded that the following factors are crucial to their ability to have a successful year:

Be responsible for your own learning
There are 5 important questions that students should be able to answer in relation to their learning:

- What are you learning?
- How are you going with your learning?
- How do you know how you are going?
- How can you improve?
- Where do you go for help?

If students can answer these questions clearly, they are much better placed to take responsibility for their progress and know what they need to do to improve their outcomes.

Be responsible for how you present yourself
As parents, I’m sure that many of you would be aware by now of the renewed emphasis we are placing on the importance of uniform and presentation with the students. How students present themselves reflects not only the College, but also on how they value and respect themselves. Having high expectations of students in regard to uniform is one small way we can help them to realise their dignity.

Be responsible for your mindset
Through our Pastoral Care program, we are working with students to help them develop a Growth Mindset. It is important for young people to understand that they are the ones who choose their attitude. Attitude has a HUGE impact on stress levels and on our effectiveness each day. It is vital to realise that our attitude is NOT imposed on us. We have a choice each and every day. We can choose to be positive and enthusiastic, or negative and at the mercy of others. The choice is ours! The attitude that we have is probably the most important decision that we make each day.

Be responsible for your relationships
In the same way that we can choose our own attitude each day, we are also able to choose how we relate to others. It is very easy to blame someone else when things don’t go well. It is always important to remember the simple rule of treating others how we wish to be treated.

By keeping these 4 simple things in mind, we can all set ourselves up for a successful 2017.

God bless

Mrs Angéla Myles
College Principal
Thank you to all the parents (and grandparents) who are ensuring that the children wear hats to school. The children just need to remember to get them from the car when they get to school. We are now asking children P-12 to go to Room 41 for morning tea and lunch if they don’t have a hat. Can you remind your child/ren to wear their hat at all times when not in the classroom – anytime they are outside – shade or no shade. There is movement around the college all through the day and inevitably the children are in the sun at some point, so please wear a hat. Last week was full of reminders to the children, this week they are in a room for morning tea and lunch, if they do not have a hat.

**Morning tea and lunchtime activities**

Thank you to all the teachers and school officers who are helping out with lunchtime activities. There are many activities that are available for your child to participate in at both breaks. There is a list of activities in each classroom and on various walls around the school. There are rosters for the Maryknoll Centre and the outside sport facility. There are activities in the library, Room 18/19, room 23 and other areas around the school. We have tried to cater for interest groups e.g. knitting, YuGiOh, colouring in, iPads, storytelling, skipping, rosters for the junior and senior playgym etc.

**Buses**

I have spoken with the bus company and with relevant staff at school, to determine the best way of seating students on the bus – particularly primary students. Unfortunately, it is not as simple as designating seats to specific children – with the odd exception. For various reasons, such as not every child on the bus catches the bus every day or both ways etc. However, the general rule which will be reiterated to all students and bus drivers’ is that the younger students start at the front of the bus and the older students start from the back of the bus and fill up to the front. At no stage should the younger students be seated with the older students. There are always exceptions but parents would contact the bus company or school, to work through the acceptable exceptions. Children are also reminded of the ‘G’ rated language rule and acceptable behaviour while travelling on the buses. The bus company and the school work together to ensure the safety of all students who travel on the buses.

**Hot weather**

The unseasonal heat wave continues to break mercury records, and the staff at school are doing everything possible to alleviate heat stress. Children are encouraged to take off their shoes and socks after recess times to cool down more quickly. Teachers ensure that socks are placed in shoes. Please help us to reduce anxiety and argument and **ensure that your child’s shoes and socks are clearly marked with their name.** At the start of the year, most shoes and all socks look the same! This could prove a bit tricky when the shoes and socks have to go back on the feet.

As we are halfway through week 4, we continue on the educational and social journey together. Please contact your child’s teacher as the first port of call, if you have any queries about your child.

Thank you and God Bless.

**Ms Pam Radcliffe**

Head of Primary

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**Laptop information**

Last Wednesday evening, it was lovely to meet a significant number of Year 9 parents as they attended the laptop information evening. If you were unable to attend this meeting please contact me at the College so that I can talk you through the laptop program and guidelines, briefly. A further letter was sent home yesterday detailing websites that were recommended for both students and their parents. Students must return the Computer Registration Form and the ICLT Resources Access Consent Form signed by student and parent before the laptop will be issued to the student. I have spare forms for parents/students who were unable to attend last Wednesday evening. Laptops will be ready for distribution to students on Wednesday of this week.

**Assessment calendars**

Assessment Calendars have been drafted for students in Years 7 – 12 and will be made available to students and parents this week.

**Opening School Mass**

This morning Fr Stephen led Mass to celebrate the opening of the school year. It was a great way to mark the start of the 2017 school year. After Mass the School Captains, the Year 12 House Spirit Leaders, the Student Representative Council and all the Year 12 students were presented to the College as they received their badges. Congratulations to the senior students who accepted leadership roles and best wishes to the students for a very successful year. Many thanks to Fr Stephen, Uncle Eric, Mr Perrett, Mrs Iszlub, Miss Schick, Mr Hutton and their impressive and talented band of musicians and choir for the wonderful music. It is the best singing that I have heard from a school choir for many years.
Runners
Yesterday morning, Robbie Vievers, Todd Binding and Ben Nicholson ran with Mr Collier from Wooroolin wetlands through to Tingoora and back starting at 6 am. Mr Collier won a Valentine’s Day competition with Garmin Australia to run with the Drew, the Running Man, the ambassador for Garmin Australia. Mr Collier then invited our students to run with him and Drew this morning. They all ran 15 km along the completed section of the rail trail (between Wooroolin and Tingoora) and still managed to be at school on time!! They made good time along the entire run, finishing in less than 1 ½ hours. Members of the local Nutters Running Club joined our runners to complete the fun run with support from Ros Heit the local councillor from Wooroolin. Congratulations to Mr Collier and the boys for a great run!

Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday the secondary students plus some keen swimmers from the primary years, spent a fantastic day at the Kingaroy Pool competing in our Swimming Carnival.

There was a tremendous spirit and amazing energy shown by all students – the Year 12 students and House Captains led House War Cries throughout the day and so many students swam to support their House with the rest supporting and cheering from the stands. We were blessed to have a slightly cooler day- with the early morning being overcast!!

Congratulations to all the swimmers, all the age champions and to Polding House for winning the carnival.

Many Thanks to Mrs Faulkner and Mr Collier for their superb organisation. It takes many hours to ensure that a carnival runs smoothly and the time they spent ensured everyone had a wonderful day.

Hats and Uniform
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, students are expected to wear a College hat at any time they are outdoors. Many thanks to parents and the students for the support of this College regulation. There has been a marked increase in the wearing of hats which has been heartening. The sun has been vicious over the past few weeks, but students are reminded that even when it is cloudy there is significant UV radiation which damages the skin. Hats are available from the uniform shop for $15.

Students are also reminded that canvas shoes are not suitable for school. It is important that shoes meet the uniform guidelines: completely black, lace-up, below the ankle, school-style shoes. School style refers to sturdy (leather) shoes.

Camps
This year students in Years 11 and 12 will attend camp in the second to last week of term (Week 9). Both camps will leave on Wednesday, 22 March and return on Friday, 24 March. The Year 11 students will go to Emu Gully near Helidon and the Year 12 Retreat is at the Bunyas. More details to follow.

Years 7 – 10 students will attend camp in the last week of term from 29 – 31 March. More details to follow. Year 8 parents received a preliminary letter last week asking them to complete medical information for their camp at Tuchekoi. Many Thanks to parents for completing this information. If you haven’t done so yet, could you please make this a priority.

Kind regards
Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth – no longer
Yesterday the College marked the commencement of the year with our Opening School Mass for 2017. Father Stephen Camiolo our Parish Priest celebrated the Eucharist with us and reflected on an often misunderstood and misquoted Gospel passage from Matthew, ‘Love your enemies’. The message of ‘eye for eye’ seems all to prevalent in contemporary society with governments at all levels across the world ensuring they are on the front foot. Our students are exposed to media that perpetuates the sentiment of retaliation. Father Stephen reiterates and reminds us Jesus became the ‘new law’, ‘a line in the sand’, where retaliation was not acceptable and the ‘tooth law’ was rejected. It’s a challenging message especially for youth and young kids but it supports and guides our behaviour management protocols and this College. I heard it quoted once, ‘it’s hard to hate someone you truly know’ and this is a level of understanding and empathy that we encourage and challenge all students at Saint Mary’s to grapple with.

At the celebration we commissioned our senior student leaders and they along with the entire senior class pledged a level of commitment to the rest of us. They used the analogy of a

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**Spots News**

**Swimming Carnival News**

On the 9th of February we had our annual College swimming carnival. It was a perfect day and everything went smoothly.

**Age Champions**
- **10 years boys**: Joe Whitfield
- **10 years girls**: Jorja Rolfe
- **11 years boys**: Brandon Lohse
- **11 years girls**: Adelene Smith
- **12 years boys**: Luca Lazzaroni, Liam Zammataro
- **12 years girls**: Sienna Norris
- **13 years boys**: Luke Beutel
- **13 years girls**: Danielle McConnell
- **14 years boys**: Leonard Potgeiter
- **14 years girls**: Josee Currin
- **15 years boys**: Hayden Binnie
- **15 years girls**: Jordyn Soley, Jorja Thorne
- **16 years boys**: Tristan Sanders
- **16 years girls**: Deidre Murray
- **17 years boys**: Vincent McGregor
- **17 years girls**: Millie Garlick, Courtney Burrows
- **Open years boys**: Todd Binding, Ben Nicholson

The winning house was **POLDING** with **669 points**! **Quinn** was runner up with **566 points** and **Rush** came third with **547 points**. Student participation was extremely impressive this year, everyone participated and behaved well. What a great start to an exciting sporting year to come!

**South Burnett Summer Trials News**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing South Burnett at Wide Bay trials this Thursday 16th February:

- **Georgia Graham** - Touch Football
- **Jeremy Hobbs** - Squash
- **Francis Hobbs** - Squash
- **Ryan Heness** - 14 Boys Cricket
- **Taylor Armstrong** - 15 Girls Cricket
- **Patrick Hoult** - Open Boys Tennis

We wish them all good luck for Thursday!

**South Burnett Winter Trials News**

On Wednesday 8th March, the **winter trials** for 13-19 year olds will be held at various venues around town. The sports are:

- **Rugby League** 15 and Open Boys -TJ O’Neil Oval
- **Soccer (Football)** 15 and Open Boys and Girls – Kingaroy Soccer Grounds
- **Basketball** 15 and Open Boys and Girls – Kingaroy State High School
- **Netball** 15 and Open Girls – Kingaroy State High School
- **Rugby Union** 15 and Open (nomination only)
- **Hockey** (nomination only)
- **AFL** 15 Boys (nomination only)
- **Golf** (nominations only)

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Rugby League players need to be turning 15 this year or a high quality 14 year old player. Students will need to bring hats, sunscreen, water, and appropriate footwear. Please note that there are no canteen facilities at the venues so it is essential that students bring their own water.

Where there are sports with “nominations only”, students will need to give information about their achievements and previous playing experience in that sport.

Please see Mrs Faulkner for consent forms next week. The due date for consent forms will be 9am Tuesday 28th of February. No student is to trial without a consent form, and students who turn up to trials without going through the right avenue will be turned away and the College will be called.

Yours in sport
Mrs Ellen Faulkner
Year 7-10 Sports Coordinator

College Chaplain News

Youth Group – Starts up on the 21st February.
Girls Group – is on every Monday at lunchtime.

Orana aged care visits start – this week on Thursday at 3pm, meet Mr Hutton and Miss Schick in the courtyard, please get permission forms back to attend. Pick up is at 4.15pm from the College.

There are many things coming up in Campus Ministry, keep your eye out! One of the events coming up is Project Compassion fundraising and awareness building.

God bless,
Miss Megan Schick
College Chaplain

Music Notes

Welcome, Mrs Nadine Smith...
We are excited to welcome Mrs Smith to our Music Tuition Program as our Woodwind/Brass/Percussion/Piano tutor. Mrs Smith has twenty years of experience as an Senior Instrumental Music Teacher, and has worked in a variety of schools around the state. Mrs Smith will contact parents in the next week to arrange lesson times. As Music Coordinator, I would like to thank families for their patience as we arrange new music tuition options, and look forward to seeing our students improving their skills on their instruments.

Home Practice
As students in the Music Tuition Program commence lessons, families are asked to encourage the daily practice of their little maestros. All Tutors have tips for encouraging student practice, however prioritising it up there with teeth cleaning and other daily tasks is a good start. Families might also consider rewarding regular practice with a trip to the park or a movie.

Music at Commencement Mass
Thank you to the thirty students musicians who shared their talents with the College at the Commencement Mass this week. Hearing “live” music adds another dimension to worship, and has the dual benefit of encouraging skill development. With support from Mr Hutton, our Campus Minister, and Ms Schick, our College Chaplain, the students from Years 7-12 lead the congregation with confidence. Well done, everyone.

Eisteddfod Preparation
All Students in Years 1-6, the College Orchestra and the Secondary Vocal Ensemble will be competing in the 2017 Kingaroy Eisteddfod in May as part of the College Music curriculum. Due to the condensing of Eisteddfod sections, competition this year will be fierce, and I am looking forward to seeing the efforts of our students and the school students from our neighbouring regional schools. Families will be notified of competition times and are very welcome to observe the students’ performances.

In closing, thanks to all parents and students who offered me their prayers and kind thoughts during my recent illness. It is lovely to be part of such a warm and caring community, and I greatly appreciate your support.

Have a wonderful week.
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

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Friday Specials
Available both Morning Tea and Lunch
Cheese and Bacon Pizza Rolls - $3.00
Chicken Teriyaki Meatballs and Rice - $4.00

Volunteers
If you would like to volunteer at the Tuckshop, you can do so by calling on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to discuss how to volunteer.

2017 Tuckshop Menu
Please ensure that you have the current 2017 Menu. There are a few price changes. If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the College Website, Parent Portal and College office.

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

- Self Raising Flour
- Desiccated Coconut
- Plain Flour
- Brown Sugar
- Caster Sugar
- Small Tinned Pineapple Slices
- Small Tinned Corn

These can be dropped into the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or to the College office.

Ordering and Payment
We now have two options for ordering: online and the paper bag system. For Prep to Year 5 students, it is recommended that you use one of these systems.

Year 6 to Year 12 students are more than welcome to use either system. If using the paper bag system, students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

Online Ordering System QKR (Quicker): Your child’s online order will be sent to the tuckshop, where it will be printed out. The orders are filled and placed in the class baskets. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. You are not required to send in a paper bag once you have ordered online.

Paper Bag System: Your child’s order will be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings. The baskets are delivered to the tuckshop and orders are filled. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. 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.

Ordering Slush Puppies or Iceblocks
When you order a Slush Puppie or Iceblock through the online or bag system your child needs to come back to the tuckshop to collect same. They can collect Slush Puppies at any time. Iceblocks can only be collected after the 10 minute bell. Your child must have their tuckshop bag with them to collect these items.

Do you know.....
That we sell Mixed Sandwiches at both breaks. You can order these or purchase them over the counter at $3.00 a pack. The pack consists of Egg & Lettuce, Chicken, Ham & Cheese and Tomato & Cheese.a small ($3.50) or a large ($5.00). Made fresh, just how you like it, everyday.

Have a great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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Whip Cracking News

Whip Cracking Upcoming Dates

- Proston Show - Whip Cracking Competition
  Saturday, 11th March 2017 at 4pm at Proston Showgrounds
  Age Groups - Pee Wees (8yrs and under), Juniors (9yrs to 12yrs), Juveniles (13yrs to 16yrs), Open (17yrs and over).
- Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Whip Cracking Competition
  Sunday, 28th May at 8.30am.

Clifton Show

The Queensland State Whip Cracking titles were held at Clifton on Sunday, 12th February. It was a very hot day however our SMCC students excelled themselves once again with Isla Airs bringing home the ribbons and trophies.

Congratulations to the following students who won places in the following categories:

- Meg Wernecke - 3rd in Juniors
- Isla Airs - 1st in Juniors and 1st in Novice

Yours in whip cracking

Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

P&F News

At the recent Family Fun Day we raffled an iTunes gift card. The winner was Craig Cook. If you know this person could you please ask him to contact the College Office on 4160 0900 to claim his prize. If Craig has not claimed this within the next two weeks it will be redrawn.

Our next P & F meeting is on the 21st of February at 7.00pm in the staff room, please join us for the evening.

If you would like to contact me my number is 0419 766 141 or email sbrobbo@gmail.com.

God Bless

Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Snippets from St Mary’s Parish

World Day of Prayer - Friday, 3rd March 2017

Yarraman - Yarraman Catholic Community is hosting the 2017 World Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Dolours Church on Friday, 3rd March at 10am. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Kingaroy - St Mary’s Parish is hosting this year’s World Day of Prayer Service at St Mary’s Church on Friday, 3rd March at 10am. The theme of this year’s service is “The Philippines”. Please join us. Morning tea will be in the Parish Hall afterwards.

Children and Youth - St Mary’s 10am Mass

Children’s Mass
26th February (4th Sunday of every month)

Children’s Liturgies
19th February (1st and 3rd Sunday of every month)

Enquiries: Suzanne Mungall 0499 527 830
Community Organisation Sign Ons and Events

Saint Mary’s Catholic College Trivia Night

Saint Mary’s Catholic College Mad Hatters Tea Party Trivia Night

Friday 24 February 2017, 9am – 12noon
Nanango Cultural Centre

Free Admission & Morning Tea
Ladies, bring your friends for a great morning of fun & information. Wear something teal if you like.

Guest Speaker: Dr Madeleine Cooke,
Complete Women’s Healthcare
Dr Cooke runs regular gynaecology clinics servicing North, Central & South Burnett. To book an appointment, telephone 07 4169 5456, email info@completewomenshealthcare.com.au or visit your GP

All Welcome!

Kids on Tour 2017 – Free Workshop
Sunday 19 March, 2017 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at The Studio, Wondai Regional Art Gallery, On the Roundabout, Wondai

Workshop is open to all children aged from 6 to 11 years

*All material & equipment is provided. *Morning Tea will be provided.

To register please call in at the Wondai Regional Art Gallery or phone 4168 5926 with your children’s names, ages and contact number.

The Gabbi Sisters: Gathering by the Sea on Tour
introduces young visitors to the Kaiadilt artists, Elsie, Dorothy and Amanda Gabi, and their homeland of Bentinck Island in Queensland’s Gulf of Carpentaria. Through specially designed, hands-on making and multimedia activities children are invited to consider the unique and important relationship the Kaiadilt people share with the sea and discover the creatures that inhabit the waters around Bentinck Island.

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Saint Mary’s Catholic College Trivia Night

Saturday, 22nd April 2017
6.30 for 7pm start
at SMCC Maryknoll Centre.

$80 per table (8 team members)
Minimum contestant age is 18 years.

Bar and light snacks available.

Tickets available from SMCC College Office and Kingaroy Office Central.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, 17th February
Biology Excursion

Tuesday, 21st February
College P&F Meeting 7pm

Friday, 24th February
College Photo Day - Full Formal Uniform please

Monday, 6th March
NRL “Dream Believe Achieve” Year 9 and 10 girls Period 1-2

Tuesday, 7th March
Year 7 Immunisations

Sunday, 19th March
Kokoda Challenge

Tuesday, 21st March
College P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, 22nd March
College Board Meeting 5.30pm
Year 11 and 12 Camps

Thursday, 23rd March
Year 11 and 12 Camps

Friday, 24th March
Benedictine Awards 9am
Year 11 and 12 Camps

Monday, 27th March - Friday, 31st March
Year 10 Work Experience Week

Wednesday, 29th March - Friday, 31st March
Year 7, 8 and 9 Camps

Friday, 31st March
Term 1 Completed

Easter Monday

Tuesday, 1st April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Wednesday, 2nd April
Term 2 Commences

Thursday, 3rd April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Friday, 4th April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Tuesday, 8th April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Wednesday, 9th April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Thursday, 10th April
P&F Mother’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Friday, 11th April
P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, 16th April
College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Saturday, 3rd June
College Open Day 10am to 1pm

Tuesday, 6th June
Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday, 15th June
Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Lower Primary performance at 11.05am

Friday, 16th June
Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Lower Primary performance at 11.05am

Saturday, 17th June
Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Public performance at 6pm

Tuesday, 20th June
College P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday, 22nd June
Athletics Carnival

Friday, 23rd June
Athletics Carnival

Benedictine Awards 9am
Term 2 Completed

Monday, 10th July
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 11th July
Term 3 Commences

Tuesday, 18th July
College P&F Meeting 7pm

Wed, 10th July
Rock on Stage from 5pm

Wednesday, 26th July
College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 27th July
South Burnett Equestrian Competition at Kingaroy Show Grounds

Monday, 14th August
Show Holiday

Tuesday, 15th August
College P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, 23rd August
College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Monday, 28th August
P&F Father’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Tuesday, 29th August
P&F Father’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Wednesday, 30th August
P&F Father’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Thursday, 31st August
P&F Father’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Friday, 1st September
P&F Father’s Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Friday, 15th September
Benedictine Awards 9am
Term 3 Completed

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