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From the Principal

Synod on Young People

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced the 2018 Synod of Bishops on the topic "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment". A Synod is a gathering of church hierarchy for the discussion and decision of matters relating to faith, morals, or discipline. This Synod is a remarkable opportunity for the voices of young people to be heard by the Church. Pope Francis doesn't want to hear just from young people who are already actively involved in the Catholic Church. The Synod is for all young people! It is for those who feel themselves agnostics, for those who have a lukewarm faith, and for those who have estranged themselves from the Church. Pope Francis wants to hear from all young people. As such, an online survey has been compiled by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. **This survey is for all young people aged 16-29 to provide feedback to the Vatican in preparation for the 2018 Synod.**

The survey is now open and will be accessible until **Sunday 2 July**. To read the media press release on the survey, head to <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>.

To complete the survey, head to <http://catholiccollective.org.au/events/synod-survey/>.

By completing this survey, you could go in the draw to win one of three Dr Dre Solo 2.0 On-Ear Headphones!

Sorry Day Assembly

The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998 – one year after the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report in May 1997. This report was the result of an inquiry by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

On the 13th of February 2008, more than ten years after the Bringing Them Home Report was tabled, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, tabled a motion in parliament apologising to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for laws and policies which had 'inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians'. The apology included a proposal for a policy commission to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in 'life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity'

At our College Assembly on Tuesday, we took time to reflect on the mistreatment of those who were part of the stolen generations. We were also reminded that time has come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and moving forward with confidence to a future marked by a spirit of reconciliation.

Don't forget this week:

- Celebration of Learning on Wednesday
- College Open Day on Saturday

God bless

Angela Myles
Mrs Angela Myles
 College Principal

Saint Mary's Catholic College, South Burnett

Respect
OPEN DAY
 Saturday, 3rd June 2017
 10am to 1pm

Come and experience what our caring and supportive community can provide for your child.

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Head of Primary News

Confirmation

Confirmation is the 11th June. This Saturday the 3rd June is the activity afternoon and practice in the church. The start time is now 3.00pm. It is in the Saint Mary's Hall and then we move to the church. Please bring your books to this session.

Open Day is this **Saturday 3rd June** starting at **10.00am**. Please tell your friends or come along yourself if you haven't been up here for a few years. There will be lunch provided and tours of the college. It will be a great few hours!

Prep to Year 6 Assembly will be this Friday at **2.35pm** in the lower courtyard – weather permitting.

Celebration of Learning

This Wednesday 31st May. It begins at 4.30pm with a walk around your child's classroom. Your child can show you their work and their classroom, where they spend their days. From 5.00 to 6.00pm there will be a light dinner of sausages and drinks available. From 6.00 to 6.45pm the students from Prep to Year 6 will be performing their Eisteddfod items for your entertainment. Then home for State of Origin!

Take Home Reader Helpers

We still need some adults to help out with the Take Home Reader Program for students in Prep to Year 2. Anyone who could help **please contact the office**.

Perhaps you've heard the story about the three blind men who encountered an elephant. As the story goes, one reached out and caught the tail, one grabbed hold of a leg, and the third grasped the elephant's trunk. The first blind man thought he was touching a vine, the second a tree trunk, and the third a large snake. The problem, of course, was that each had a limited perspective, and none could see how the parts were related to the whole.

Some people only see one part of the elephant. Similarly, at times this can be seen in the school context. Students and parents only see one part of the situation. This is often out of context or lacking all the facts. This then leads to misconceptions about fair and just outcomes. Please be assured that teachers, middle leadership and leadership address situations as they arise using the framework of our **Positive Behaviour for Learning** and our **Pastoral Care** – we see the elephant because from our vantage point we can see all the perspectives. Outcomes are reached between parents, teachers and students that are confidential and appropriate for the student and the situation.

BOUNCE BACK! Bounce Back is the Wellbeing and Resilience Program which is in place from Prep to Year 6 (similar program in year 7 to 12). This program consists of resources and strategies to teach young people the **social-emotional learning skills** that underpin wellbeing and resilience. The key concepts are taught in class as part of HPE and Pastoral Care lessons. Each week I will be exploring some strategies from the program. You can discuss these with your child/ren to help them develop their wellbeing and resilience.

In the newsletter from the **16th May** the **full explanation** of the **BOUNCE BACK!** acronym was outlined.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

- Our thoughts strongly influence our feelings and actions. Changing how we think helps us to manage how we feel.
- Unhelpful thinking involves thinking things such as:
 - 'Everybody must like me' (there is no one who is liked by everybody).
 - 'I must never make a mistake' (everyone needs to make mistakes to learn things).
 - 'I must never lose' (everyone has to lose sometimes).
 - 'Bad things always happen to me' (they don't, but you are probably only noticing the bad things that happen to you and not noticing the good things that also happen to you).
- Don't mistake your feelings for facts. Just because you feel self-conscious doesn't mean people are looking at you. Sometimes you need to do a 'reality check'.
- Use low-key words for your feelings and they will stay more easily under control. For example, say to yourself: 'I am annoyed' rather than 'I am furious' or 'It is unpleasant and I don't like it' rather than 'It is a disaster and I can't stand it'.

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Celebration of Learning

Wednesday, 31st May 2017

4.30pm to 5.30pm - Primary Classroom Learning Displays
5.00pm to 6.00pm - Sausage Sizzle
6.00pm to 7.00pm - Eisteddfod Performances

Free BBQ and Drinks.

Please BYO picnic blanket for the concert.

Nobody is perfect – not you and not others.

- There is no such thing as a perfect person. We all have flaws. Perfection is not an option but improvement and striving for high standards **are** options.
- You're not perfect so don't be too hard on yourself when something doesn't turn out as well as you had hoped. Judge yourself by effort and be kind to yourself.
- Others (including parents, teachers, brothers, sisters and friends) are not perfect so don't have unreasonable expectations of them.
- Mistakes are part of learning. We all have to make mistakes to get better at things.

Next week **BOUNCE BACK!**

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

ADHD conference

This may be of interest to some parents. This has been sent through to all schools by Mr. Doug Ashleigh the Deputy Director of Brisbane Catholic Education.

On Saturday the 10th of June at 8 am at North Lakes, the ADHD conference will bring a wide range of speaker's and leading panel of experts in their field to talk about ADHD and help parents and teachers learn how to discover what range of treatment options are available at the conference. The conference will help discover effective programs that can be implemented in the classrooms and homes, Have a better understanding of how children living with ADHD function, Connect with other teachers and parents to build a great network of contacts, Take home behaviour strategies that will make it easier in the classroom and homes.

If you would like more information about this ADHD conference you can visit <http://www.beyondthemaze.com.au/brisbaneconference/>

Thank you and God Bless

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998, which was one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The report, known as Bringing Them Home, acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

In 2008, Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd tabled a motion in parliament on apologizing to Australia's Indigenous people, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for the laws and policies that inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss. This event is seen by many as a step forward in reconciliation.

This year we also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Referendum. The Australian referendum of 27 May 1967, approved an amendment to the Australian constitution relating to Indigenous Australians. On 10 August 1967 following the results of the referendum, it became law. The amendments were overwhelmingly endorsed by the Australian public and altered sections having the immediate effect of including Aboriginal Australians in determinations of population.

This year we also celebrate 25 years of the handing down of the ruling in the MABO case. On 3 June 1992, six of the seven High Court judges upheld the claim and ruled that the lands of this continent were not terra nullius or 'land belonging to no-one' when European settlement occurred, and that the Meriam people were 'entitled as against the whole world to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of (most of) the lands of the Murray Islands'.

On Tuesday, at Saint Mary's we commemorated Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day with an Assembly, acknowledging our Indigenous staff and students. We welcomed Uncle Eric Law who spoke about the Stolen Generation, the Referendum and also the upcoming anniversary of the historic Mabo Decision. We listened to a powerful song by Archie Roche called 'Took the Children Away'. The Assembly was very powerful and involved many of our students – indigenous and non-indigenous. We heard part of the apology that was read to parliament in 2008 as well. At the end of the Assembly students took part in a Smoking Ceremony. Many Thanks to Miss Nikki Law, Miss Schick, Ms O'Connor, Mr Perrett and Mr Hutton for the preparation of such a beautiful and moving service and to Uncle Eric for his wise words.

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QATSIF

Last Friday our QATSIF students, Vincent McGregor, Miranda Blackman, Cyril Bligh, Tahlia Tapau and Shanyce Blackman travelled to USQ Toowoomba to participate in a Sorry Day ceremony. Miss Nikki Law and Mr Graham Turnbull travelled to Toowoomba with our Year 11 and 12 students. They were joined in Toowoomba by QATSIF students from a variety of other schools from the Toowoomba and Darling Downs area. Students heard moving stories from a lady who was part of the Stolen Generation. Students enjoyed a morning tea with the other students and were presented with a certificate to mark the occasion.

Bus Behaviour

Recently I have had some concern expressed to me about student behaviour on buses. I would appreciate it if you would speak to your students about being respectful on the buses, remaining seated, keeping their seatbelt on and not yelling and screaming.

It is important that the driver is not distracted as that could lead to an accident and if students are standing or not wearing a seatbelt, this could lead to tragic consequences.

Similarly, I have had several reports from drivers about swearing on the buses. Would you please mention that also? I understand that you would be requesting no swearing at home; we too have been encouraging students at school not to swear and to use respectful language.

There is a Code of Conduct for Bus travel which I have attached to this newsletter.

<https://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-with-us/school-travel/code-of-conduct-student-factsheet.pdf>

Jerseys

Senior students received their Senior jerseys a few weeks ago.

Students are reminded that their jerseys may be worn with their Sports Uniform but not their formal uniform. Please ensure that your senior students understand that they should be wearing their College jumper with their formal uniform.

TAFE

Last Saturday night, several of our TAFE students studying a Cert II in Hospitality volunteered their time to wait on tables, serving food and drinks at the Mayor's Charity Ball. Whilst this is part of their training, they looked very professional in their blacks and did a wonderful job. No-one would have known they were students just learning their craft. They are a credit to themselves, their families the College and TAFE. Many thanks to Ernie Corbet, Anielle Garlick, Grace McFarlane, Darlene Ryan and Eden Ziebell.

Language

Students are reminded that swearing at school is inappropriate. Please remind your children that inappropriate language either in the classroom or out in the yard will not be tolerated.

Assignments

Students in Years 11 and 12 are reminded that assignments are due at or before 8.45 am on the due date. Any assignments received after this are considered late. Please see previous articles in the newsletter. Students have been informed about this by me on two occasions as well as their subject teacher on numerous occasions. If students have been unwell, they may get a medical certificate and apply for an extension through Mr Dunbrack.

Any student who falls ill on the morning an assignment is due can deliver it to the front desk, have a parent deliver it by 8.45 am, can email it from home either to their subject teacher or pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au by 8.45 am. But they must be in by 8.45 am. Any assignment received after this will be considered late. Students have many opportunities to submit drafts during the assignment writing process and consequently drafts will be marked if an assignment is not handed in on time. Therefore, it is imperative that students ensure they begin assignments when they are handed out, work in class on assignments when given time, use Homework time to do assignments and submit drafts by check in dates to teachers (there are at least 2 for most assignments).

These rules are in keeping with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority policies on assessment due dates.

Exam Block

Exam Block for Years 11 and 12 will begin on Friday 9 June and continue through to Friday 16 June. Parents will be sent a copy of the Exam timetable later this week when it is finalised. Students will be given a copy together with the expectations of the College around Exam Blocks. The Exam timetable will also be placed on the parent portal



Chemistry Titration Competition

On Saturday morning, twelve senior Chemistry students together with Mr Connelly and Mrs Paterson travelled to the USQ chemistry laboratory in Toowoomba to compete in the QSTA state-wide Chemical Titration Competition.

They competed against twelve other schools from across the Darling Downs and South Burnett regions with the overall winner coming from Lockyer State High.

Our students acquitted themselves exceptionally well with some outstanding individual results. A big thanks goes to Mrs Paterson who organised the equipment, Mr Connelly for his upskilling of the students, to the students for their participation and to parents for providing the transport.

National Council of Women of Qld Inc – Bursary 2017

The NCWQ Inc of Qld are offering a bursary to girls – please see the information later in the newsletter for further details. Please note that applications close this Friday 2 June.

Illness

If your child becomes ill at school, they must come to Student Services in the office. Our office staff will call you if they believe that they should come home. We have no desire to keep ill students at College. However, it is important that students who feel unwell come to the office rather than texting their parents first. We have had a spate of parents coming to the office to pick up students where students have contacted the parents first.

Make Up, Hair, Shaving and jewellery

Just a reminder that girls should not be wearing makeup. There are a number of girls who are wearing very thick eyebrow pencil and extraordinarily thick mascara and foundation. Students will be provided with makeup wipes and asked to remove makeup. Girls are reminded that all their hair should be tied up. Jewellery must be in keeping with College rules – a simple chain with a Christian symbol, no bracelets. Boys are reminded that they must be clean shaven everyday.

Kind regards

Mrs Mandy Sullivan

Head of Secondary

Stop Drop And Go Zone

Stop, drop and go zones are a safe place to be dropped off or picked up outside of school. The Stop Drop & Go zone at Saint Mary's is located along Kent Street at the front of the College. **When using this zone either in the mornings or the afternoons, please remember the following helpful tips:**

- Stop, Drop & Go Zones operate like a fast moving taxi rank picking up students from the front of the zone
- There is a two minute limit for stopping in the zone
- Two minutes gives kids time to get in or out of the car without holding up the traffic too much
- Ensure children exit and enter the vehicle from the footpath side

In the afternoons:

- Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, please do not park in the zone!
- Drive slowly to the head of the line
- Move forward as space becomes available
- Collect only at the head of the line
- Drivers are to stay in the car unless assisting with the loading of baggage and passengers
- Do not park for more than 2 minutes during signed hours of operation.
- If others abuse the zone, don't follow their lead
- Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off

Other important points:

- Think about timing your trip to avoid the busiest times
- Always obey the school zone speed limit (40km/h)
- Park only where parking is permitted
- Be patient... schools zones are always busy places at the beginning and end of the day and it is important that we show consideration for others

Chaplain News

Sorry Day liturgy

This morning (Tuesday 30th) the whole school participated in a Sorry Day Liturgy for Reconciliation week. The liturgy was meaningful and clear in its message "We must recognise that we all have a role to play, no matter how small, to recognise the richness and diversity of the First Nation's cultures of this land. We also need to remember the past. We need to remember the true history of our Nation and remember all those who have gone before" We were joined by Uncle Eric who shared his wisdom and the students were invited if they chose, to participate in a smoking ceremony which is rich in tradition and significance for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This reflection from today's liturgy captures the spirit of reconciliation.

On this National Sorry day, may this compassion and reconciliation be strong and true so that justice flows, action flourishes, a difference is made and peace is accomplished. Reconciliation begins in the immense love of God, who has continually reached out to reconcile the whole of creation with divine life. That life and that love arouse responses within all of us towards the strengthening of relationships that are healthy and the healing and renewal of relationships that are broken. We acknowledge the urgency for reconciliation between human creatures and the rest of creation, between humans and each other, and between humans and God.

Today we particularly seek God's way as we pray for the Indigenous and non- Indigenous people of this land, Australia, in all the diversity of cultures and localities. We pray for a building of mutual hope, trust and faith in God and each other – and for a binding together in covenant relationship before God with the first peoples of this country, based in mutual respect and care for the earth.

Pentecost

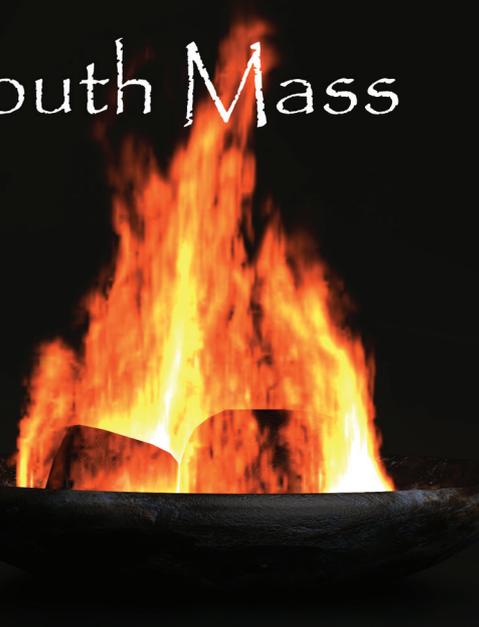
This Sunday the church celebrates the feast of Pentecost. Throughout the school students have been learning about this feast and what it means for the church, for the school and for themselves. Pentecost has traditionally been named the "birth" of the church, where the Apostles awaited the Holy Spirit in the upper room (Acts 2) to "receive power to be witnesses to all nations" Acts 1:8. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit in our lives, He is our comforter who animates the Church and our lives.

FirePit Youth Mass- 11th June 5.30pm St Marys Church

Highschool Students are welcome to join our music ministry team please let myself or Mr Bill Mulcahy know.

FirePit Youth group – every second Tuesday after school - 13th June is our next one.

God Bless,
Miss Megan Schick
College Chaplain



Fire Pit Youth Mass

St Mary's Catholic Church
15 Albert Street, Kingaroy

11th June 2017
from 5.30pm

Pizza and Drink
available after Mass
for a gold coin donation.

Fire Pit Youth Mass will be
held on the second Sunday of
each month.

Poetry Mentoring Group

The students will begin drafting their poem *All Around the World* this week in the mentoring group. They will be provided with various stimuli to help their creative flair to come to the fore and will continue to their final copy that will be submitted to the Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Awards in Week 10. Parents and caregivers of the participating students will soon receive an invitation to a public reading of their poems early in Week 10.

Last week the students were given a stimulus of images of birds and an example of the quality of their poem that was written in 10 minutes is included here.

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are tiny
blue as the sky above
their little specs of orange
make you fall in love.
The eggs they lay are cute and wee
as small as a tic tac
they're the only bird around
that can fly forward and back.
Their little wings always flapping
making them hover around
almost like a helicopter
until they touch the ground.

Book Fair

A reminder that the 2017 Scholastic Book Fair will be held at Saint Mary's from Monday 12th June to Thursday 15th June in Room 23 in the Resource Centre. Students will visit, to make up their wishlists, during class times and parents are invited to visit before school from 8:10am and after school till 3:30pm on these days. All purchases earn books and learning resources for our school.

I Love Reading

On Monday, the Resource Centre began hosting a three-week reading block during the first breaks for twenty minutes each day. The books are being read by staff and senior students to help students to continually develop their love of reading.



Readers Cup 2017

On Wednesday 14th June, the Resource Centre is sponsoring and supporting two teams of five students from Years 5 and 6 to participate for the first time in the regional Children's Book Council of Australia Readers Cup 2017. The event will be held at the Taabinga State School. The participants will have read a set of 5 books in their team and will then at the event be required to answer, as a team, 50 questions based on these books. I wish the two teams the very best.

Yours in Reading
Mr Bill Mulcahy
Teacher Librarian

Sport News

Congratulations to the Year 4-6 students who represented our College admirably at the South Burnett Winter Sports Carnival. Thank you to those secondary students who were able to assist in officiating duties on the day.

Tennis QLD has an expression of interest open for any child up to Year 4 who has a talent in playing tennis. The location is yet to be confirmed but most likely Bundaberg or Hervey bay. The winners of each competition then have the opportunity to play in the State Finals at the Brisbane International 2018. At this stage it is an expression of interest, if you have a child who may be ready for the next level of competition up to Grade 4 then please let me know asap.

The College athletics is coming up on Thursday the 22nd June with relays, 1500m and 400m taking place on Friday morning 23rd June. There will be a timetable out very soon. Unfortunately due to time constraints and safety reasons we cannot operate discus, javelin and triple jump on the day of the carnival. These trials are being run during the students' break times for those interested in trying out for the College South Burnett team. Javelin is now complete and discus will be the next focus followed by triple jump in the coming weeks.

We would love help from parents on the day of the carnival and if you are able to assist could you please let Mr Collier or the College office know asap.

Yours in Sport
Mr Scott Collier
Sports Coordinator

Music Notes

Approaching Events

- Thursday 1 June – “Beauty and the Beast” Musical Rehearsal (3-4pm)
- Wednesday 31 May – Celebration of Learning performances (Yrs 1-6)
- Sunday 11 June – Firepit Youth Mass (St Mary’s Catholic Church, Kingaroy)
- Sunday 18 – Tuesday 20 June – St Peter’s Chorale visit (performance and workshops)

Permission Notes: “Beauty and the Beast” Thursday rehearsal note.

Celebration of Learning

It is very understandable that many parents and family members were unable to see their children performing at the recent Kingaroy Eisteddfod, and so, as in 2016, the primary students will perform a short concert of Eisteddfod songs at our Celebration of Learning on Wednesday 31 May. The program will include:

- Years 1&2 classes - I’ve Got the Joy
- Year 3 class - Dumb Ways to Die
- Years 4, 5, 5/6 classes - When I Grow Up (students may choose to wear crazy Matilda hair and costumes)
- Year 6 - How Far I’ll Go (students may choose to wear Hawaiian costumes)
- Grant’s Guitars (Shayla Cridge, Sam Perrett, Hamish Mungall, Faiza Tabbassum)
- String Immersion (violins will be reissued for this performance on the night).

St Peter’s Lutheran College Chorale Visit (Sunday 18 – Tuesday 20 June)

In the last week of the term, our College will host a touring group of choir and string orchestra students from St Peter’s Lutheran College, Indooroopilly. The visiting young musicians will perform for our primary students and join with our secondary vocal ensemble students for male and female voice workshops. The SPLC Head of Music has asked for the 50 students to be billeted by families from the College for two nights. If you are able to provide accommodation for two or more students, please contact me via the College office.

With grateful thanks for your support,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

“Beauty and the Beast” Musical Update

Students involved in the College Musical should be practicing their singing and dancing for a few minutes each night. It is important that students are fully prepared for Thursday’s afternoon rehearsals so they feel confident to perform without scripts. Rehearsal tracks are available (at no cost) so students can rehearse at home; just bring in a USB and one of the Arts teachers will download the

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backing tracks. Parents and Carers can assist at this stage by encouraging their child to recite their lyrics and lines aloud until these are fully committed to memory.

* NB – Parent/Carer helpers are required for the Afternoon Tea roster. Please contact Mrs Bron Langford Martoo if you can assist.

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Spaghetti & Meatballs \$4.00

Meatball Sub \$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.

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, Friday or to the College Office.

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

Whip Cracking News

Whip Cracking Upcoming Dates

- EKKA Whipcracking Competition- Friday, 11th August

2017 Whip Cracking Team Meeting and Practices

Every Friday Morning Tea (please meet outside Prep A Classroom)

Yours in whip cracking

Mrs Lauren Arrell

Whip Cracking Coordinator

P&F News

Just a couple of quick notes from the P&F for this week. We are currently working really hard to get to know more of our families in the school, so if you see a family you may not have met yet go up and say hello, exchange details and become friends on Facebook. The P&F will be running a parent engagement afternoon on the 9th of June from 3.30pm until dark with free pizzas for dinner. This is a very social and informal afternoon that we will run once a term for parents to come together and relax after a hard week at work. Bring some nibbles and a few relaxing drinks, if you get my drift, to enjoy during the afternoon while we catch up with new and old friends. Parents, we do ask you to be responsible for your own children during this event. It will be held in the area between the music block and primary block. Any question feel free to call or text me on 0408 068 485 or email drbmartoo@gmail.com This is a great way to build a strong community for our children.

Blessings

Mr Damien Martoo

P&F President

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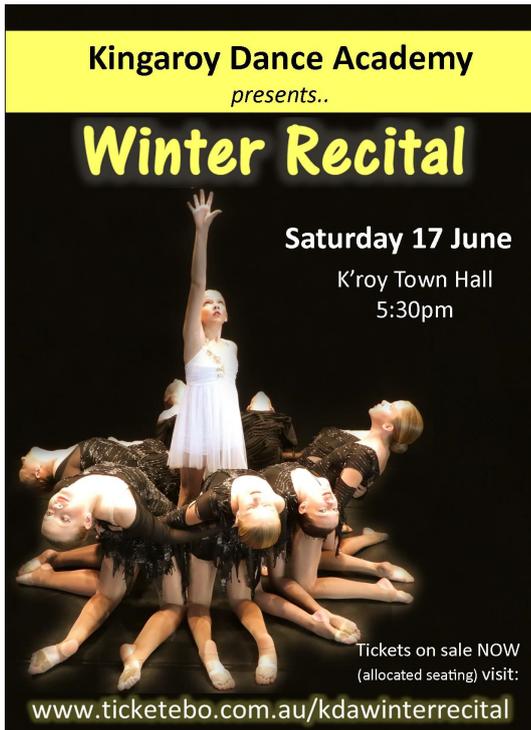
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, consider participating in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions. RCIA is a process through which adults learn more about the beliefs, rituals, and practices of the Catholic Church. Participants who complete the process may go on to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Often times, people will notice that they are spending more time wondering about the Catholic faith. Perhaps a new friend, a family member, a life change, an experience of the Mass, or a vibrant Scripture text has stirred your attentiveness to deeper matters. If you find yourself inquisitive about Catholic faith, those who are interested in learning more can contact the parish office on 4162 5121 and a member of the R.C.I.A. team will contact them.

For more information about Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in the Catholic Church please refer to the Archdiocese of Brisbane website - <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

Community Notices



Kingaroy Dance Academy
presents..
Winter Recital
Saturday 17 June
K'roy Town Hall
5:30pm
Tickets on sale NOW
(allocated seating) Visit:
www.ticketebo.com.au/kdawinterrecital



National Council of Women of Queensland Inc.
2017 Bursary Program

The NCWQ is proud to launch its 2017 program of 31 bursaries for female students.

Can you answer YES to any of these questions?

- Do you live in • Ipswich? • Logan? • Moreton Bay? • South Burnett? • Maranoa? • regional or rural Queensland?
- Do you want to become a teacher? Or are you already studying in the fields of Special education or Early Childhood?
- Does a family member have cancer?
- Are you an Indigenous student?
- Are you keen to work in aged care?
- Are you studying journalism, a physical science, or a STEM course?
- Do you have a disability or mental illness?
- Do you have a passion for volunteering?
- Are you returning to work/study after a break?
- Are you enrolled in a PhD course which will lead to a direct benefit to women?
- Do you identify with the LGBTIQ community
- Are you increasing your skills in leadership and governance preparing you for board membership?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you may be eligible to apply for one of the bursaries from **\$1,000.00**.

These are just some of the bursaries on offer. Check out the specific bursary criteria which range from a Year 12 student, to TAFE, bachelor degree, to PhD levels.

Go to NCWQ website: www.ncwq.org.au and follow the tabs to the bursary information to download your application form. Or email bursaries@ncwq.org.au

**Applications are open from
3 April — 5 June 2017**

Registrations are closing soon for debutantes to attend the
13th Kumbia Debutante Ball
"One Enchanted Evening"
South Burnett's only Deb Ball Saturday 9th September 2017
A combination of tradition and modern,
the evening is an elegant once-in-a-lifetime event
So if you love the idea of getting dressed up, having a fun night of dancing
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- email: bj.carroll@optusnet.com.au
- ph: Gayle on 4164 4175
- message facebook page: Kumbia Debutante Ball
— REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 31ST MAY 2017 —
please note: all Debs & partners must be available for choreography sessions each
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Dear parents and caregivers

I would like to assure you that – despite what you may have seen reported in the media – there will be **no major increase in school fees in our Brisbane Catholic Education schools for 2018.**

Earlier this month, the Federal Government released figures outlining its planned funding allocation for schools in 2018 and beyond. It also produced a calculator on its *Quality Schools* website which purported to show funding figures for each school for 2017 and 2018. These figures are **not** an accurate reflection of the money **actually received** by each school. This is because – as the government’s website itself notes – the amounts listed **do not take into account the impact of the Catholic Education system’s “group funding” arrangements.** (Under this system, all federal funding for Catholic schools is pooled together, and then redistributed according to a needs-based formula which reflects locally-identified areas of need.)

Thus, the raw federal funding figures listed on the website **are not reflective of the actual amounts received by each Catholic school**, now or in the future. Some schools will receive more than the figures listed on the website; others will receive less.

Next year, Brisbane Catholic Education, as a system of schools, will receive a federal funding increase which we currently estimate to be around 3%. We will receive an **increase** in government funding, not a reduction. We thank the Federal Government for its continuing support and for its commitment to providing fair and equitable funding over the next decade.

Catholic schools have not as yet begun the process of budgeting for 2018, so cannot give you a definitive fee schedule for next year at this time. However, I can assure you that **next year’s fees will be similar to this year’s, with a projected increase of somewhere around the 3% mark**, in line with the increase in our operating costs.

If you would like to see accurate funding figures for each school, these are available on the My School website, and show the amounts contributed by federal and state governments, as well as your contribution through school fees.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to work with the federal government to finalise a funding arrangement which is fair and equitable to all sectors, and to all students and families. We believe the government’s current plan does disadvantage Catholic schools in comparison with independent and state schools. We are hopeful of a satisfactory resolution of these issues, so that all students across Australia receive a fair share of government funding.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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Studies Centre, Inala**
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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 31st May

Celebration of Learning from 4pm

Friday, 2nd June

Year 1 excursion

KOKODA Challenge students departing at 2pm

Saturday, 3rd June

College Open Day 10am to 1pm

KOKODA Challenge

Tuesday, 6th June

Year 7 Immunisations

Wednesday, 7th June

Primary Liturgy - Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday, 8th June

Beauty and the Beast Rehearsal 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday, 13th June

ICAS Writing Competition Period 1 and 2

Wednesday, 14th June

ICAS Spelling Competition Period 1 and 2

U13 School Futsal Competition

CBCA Queensland Readers Cup

Thursday, 15th June

Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Lower Primary performance at 11.05am

Friday, 16th June

Primary Mass - Year 5

Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Lower Primary performance at 11.05am

Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Public performance at 6pm

Saturday, 17th June

Beauty and the Beast Jnr Musical - Public performance at 6pm

Monday, 19th June

P&F Chocolate Fundraiser

Secondary Vocal Ensemble and String Students Workshop

St Peter's Lutheran College Incursion Primary Concert

Tuesday, 20th June

Benedictine Awards 9am

College P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday, 22nd June

Athletics Carnival

Friday, 23rd June

Athletics Carnival

Dance Competition Year 9-12

Term 2 Completed

Sunday, 25th June to Friday, 30th June

QISSN Carnival in Brisbane

Friday, 7th July

Year 12 Raffles at Kingaroy RSL

Monday, 10th July

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 11th July

Term 3 Commences

Tuesday, 18th July

College P&F Meeting 7pm

Friday, 21st July

Rock on Stage from 5pm

Monday, 24th July - Friday, 28th July

Catholic Education Week

Wednesday, 26th July

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 27th July

South Burnett Equestrian Competition at Kingaroy Show

Grounds

Tuesday, 1st August

ICAS English Competition Period 1 and 2

Monday, 14th August

Show Holiday

Tuesday, 15th August

ICAS Maths Competition Period 1 and 2

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

Monday, 2nd October

Queens Birthday

Tuesday, 3rd October

Term 4 Commences

Thursday, 5th October

Blessing and Opening of New Buildings 9.30am

Friday, 13th October

Year 12 Indigenous Graduation Mass in Brisbane

Monday, 16th October

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 17th October

College P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, 25th October

RACQ Docudrama - Year 11 and Year 12

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 26th October

Annual Awards Evening 6.00pm

Tuesday, 31st October

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday, 9th November

Prep Orientation Day Group A

Friday, 10th November

Prep Orientation Day Group B

Tuesday, 14th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner at Kingaroy Town Hall from 5pm

Friday, 17th November

Year 12 Valedictory Mass 9am in Maryknoll Centre