



Saint Mary's Catholic College

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NEWSLETTER **Term 03 Week 07**

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From the Principal

Today I attended the Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Forum. The main focus of the day was the launch of the *National School Improvement Framework* as it will apply to BCE schools from 2018. This is an exciting initiative for schools in our Archdiocese and our use of the framework has the potential to further improve what we do at Saint Mary's. The framework challenges us to reflect on research tells us about what highly effective schools do to make a difference in the quality of teaching and learning and to apply that knowledge to our own school context in order to build a culture of continuous improvement. This has particular relevance for us as a Catholic school as we strive to ensure that each student becomes the person God has created them to be. I am truly looking forward to seeing how this will continue building our wonderful school community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of three student groups who in the last week have really demonstrated what it means to *Be their best...*

Our netball team, who continue to show determination and dedication and competed supremely well at the Vicky Wilson Cup.

Our Secondary Vocal Ensemble and Guitar group, both of whom attained silver medals at the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Our St Vincent de Paul supporter, who survived Winter Sleep Out on a cold Friday night in the Maryknoll Centre.

Well done to all these students! There is such a wide variety of opportunities for Saint Mary's students to be involved in activities they love, and each of them is another step along the way to becoming the person that God intends them to be. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the staff who support these groups (and the many others like them at Saint Mary's) as these opportunities would not exist without their hard work and commitment.

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



realise your dignity

Head of Secondary News

QCS Test

Next week on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August, many of our Year 12 students will sit the annual Queensland Core Skills Test. Students have been working weekly with Mrs Lord and Mr Dunbrack over the past months to prepare for the test. We thank Mrs Lord and Mr Dunbrack for their assistance and wish the Year 12 students all the best for the Test.

Students who are OP-eligible must sit for the test, but students wishing to get a rank may sit the test. OP-eligible students MUST get a medical certificate if they are absent from the test to maintain their OP-eligibility. Students who are absent through ill-health must see Mrs Sullivan. Students not sitting the QCS Test may stay at home on the day of the tests, may attend TAFE on Wednesday if that is what they would usually do or study at school.

Exam Block

Exam Block for students in Years 11 and 12 will begin exams on Friday 1 September and will continue through until Friday 8 September. Students who are absent from a test, must have a medical certificate if they wish to sit an exam they missed due to ill-health. Medical Certificates should be given to Mrs Binding or Mrs Rutley in the office who will circulate them to the relevant teacher and who will place the certificate on file. Students who don't have an exam may study at home where there may be fewer distractions. However, they are welcome to study at school and will be supervised in the library. Students also can request help from teachers for assistance before an exam.

Years 11 and 12

Just a reminder to all students in Years 11 and 12 that in keeping with Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority guidelines, all students must have a Medical Certificate if they are absent from assessment or are unable to hand in assessment on the due date. They will then be granted an extension or permitted to sit the exam later – as soon as they are better. The guidelines written by QCAA ensure that all assessment completed by students is completed under equitable conditions. If there is a bereavement in the family, students are also eligible to apply for an extension. Students should see Mr Dunbrack to apply for an extension.

Assignments not handed in by the due date are considered as non - submits and will not be marked. Students attending school functions or excursions must ensure assignments are submitted before they leave for excursions.

TAFE / VET News

The Advance Queensland - TAFE Queensland Pathways Scholarships initiative focuses on growing the economy and supporting students to obtain qualifications to pursue their chosen careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) industries. TAFE Queensland has partnered with the Queensland Government to offer up to 35 Advance Queensland - TAFE Queensland Pathways Scholarships of \$5,000 each for disadvantaged students across a wide range of industry areas in eligible Certificate IV to Degree level courses.

A list of eligible TAFE Queensland STEM courses can be found at scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au

Bus Behaviour

Recently Mrs Radcliffe and I spoke to students who travel on the bus to and from Murgon each day. We began by thanking those students who represent themselves and the College well each and every day,

However, the bus company has reported significant poor behaviour of some of our students on the bus. This is disappointing as students wearing the Saint Mary's uniform are representing not only themselves and their families but also the College and behaving poorly brings the name of our College into disrepute.

Unfortunately, it is not just the Murgon bus where students are behaving poorly, but also the other buses have had incidents of poor behaviour too.

Would you please discuss this matter with your student and remind your students that the bus driver can refuse to transport your student if their behaviour endangers the safety of themselves, other students or the driver. The Code of Conduct outlines the rights and responsibilities of students on buses. <https://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-with-us/school-travel/code-of-conduct-for-students-travelling-on-buses.pdf>

We would prefer students to 'Realise Their Dignity' and be respectful, be responsible, be safe and be their best each and every day on the bus. We thank parents and their children for their support in ensuring that all students have a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school each day.

Canvas shoes

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their students are in the correct uniform every day. Generally students look wonderful and obviously take pride in belonging to the Saint Mary's Catholic College community. Our main concern is with shoes. Shoes should be black, leather, lace up school style shoes. Many organisations have a uniform which is not open to interpretation and school is no different to these organisations. We expect our students to 'realise their Dignity' and take pride in their appearance. Canvas shoes are **NOT** part of our uniform and **DO NOT** meet workplace health and safety guidelines. Thank you for ensuring students are in the correct shoes.

Kind regards

Mrs Mandy Sullivan

Head of Secondary

Head of Primary News

This Sunday. This Sunday is the children's Mass at Saint Mary's Church. Mass starts at 10.00am and all children are invited and most welcome to participate both musically (percussion instruments) or singing with the other children or participating in some way in the Mass. Father Stephen makes the children feel very welcome. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 10.00am and every Sunday evening at 5.30pm in Saint Mary's Church.

Book Parade – this Friday. Come dressed as a character from the class book. If you get the chance on Friday try to see the classroom doors that are painted with aspects of their class book. The doors look amazing.

Indonesian cultural days are Wednesday and Thursday this week. Mrs. McNamara our Indonesian teacher and Prep Arts teacher, has organised workshops and music experiences and activities for our Preps to Year 10 students. This is a great opportunity for the students of Saint Mary's. I'm sure you'll read all about it next week. Ask your child about the day when they get home!

Beach to the Bush Tour is on this Thursday. It's a chance for most of our students P-6 to learn a little bit about surf safety as we head into summer.

Make the most of the day. Please help your child make the most out of their school day by ensuring that they get plenty of sleep. Lights out anywhere from 7.30pm to 9.00pm – Prep to Year 6 should ensure a more active start to the school day. Remove any electronic devices used for recreational purposes to their charging station (the kitchen bench is a good place) by 8.00pm. Reading a book for 15 to 30 minutes each night may help settle your child before going to sleep. A good sleep followed by a nutritional breakfast with their packed lunch helps them to 'soldier on' throughout the day. Drinking plenty of water throughout the day (bring a water bottle) also helps keep them hydrated and reduces headaches and lethargy after playtime at morning tea and lunch. These last few weeks of Term 3 can be some of the toughest in the school year.

The Year 12 QCS students are joining us at assembly this Friday at 2.35pm as we wish them well in their exams the following week.

Sacramental Program 2018. Father Stephen is awaiting confirmation of the dates presented for Confirmation in 2018. As soon as we have that information we can start to plan the sessions and get the information out to interested parents. In 2018 we will have Confirmation and a little later in the year, First Holy Communion (for children who have been confirmed).

Have a good week everyone and God Bless

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Head of Primary

Office News

The **Parent Portal** is being upgraded on Thursday 24th August. Please be aware this may lead to some disruptions to access. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Kind regards

Miss Kym Schutlz

Business Manager

APRE News

Vinnies School Sleep Out

On Friday night Saint Mary's hosted a Vinnies School Sleep out to raise awareness about the reality of those experiencing homelessness now in Australia. We were visited by the local conference president and members, also our Vinnies Youth Coordinator facilitated a workshop and activities. Students slept rough, ate rough (one piece of toast) and got to experience just a glimpse of how it could feel being in a situation of homelessness. We want to thank all 35 students who raised \$195 to be donated to the local conference and 15 blankets that will go to people who are in need of blankets.

"On Friday the 18th I got to experience a small portion of the life of the homeless. I got to sleep with a roof over my head in the Maryknoll centre, unlike the real homeless people that just have a cardboard box to break the wind and to be protected by the sun and the rain. This experience made me think about if I were a real homeless person where would I get food, water, blankets and new clothes. I learnt a lot about the St Vincent De Paul and how they help not only the homeless but the people that are just lonely and some people just need a little help in life."

Julian Whitaker Yr 5

"I really enjoyed the Vinnies sleep out, not only because I got to experience it with some of my closest friends but also because I learned a lot from it. We did many activities that opened my eyes in a sense to the problems facing my country and how difficult it is when your experiencing homelessness. There was an activity we did where we had the profile of a specific person, we were asked questions and if the answer was yes we could take a step forward. It really hit me when at the end of the activity I turned around and saw all the people who had taken only one or two steps. The day after when I went home I remember thinking I'm so hungry but I didn't want to eat because I felt so guilty. I had only eaten two pieces of toast the time was there and had slept in the cold. I remember laying outside on the grass looking at the stars; there were dogs howling and music playing at pubs in town but I had nothing, I felt so vulnerable. It was such an amazing experience and it humbled me so much. I definitely want to do it next year."

Jorja Curran Yr 9



Year 9 Retreat Day Project Hatch

On the 16th of August, the year 9 class spent the day at the Saint Mary's Church Hall with Project Hatch. The day was full of activities to bring us closer as a class. We learned about the "growth mindset" and played games such as 'pictionary' and 'charades'. During the day, we were encouraged to widen our friendship groups by sitting and participating in the activities with members of the class we didn't know as well as others. The experience overall was positive and brought our class together. We had the chance to learn new things about each other and recognize the students in our class for their qualities. A big thank you to Mr. Perrett, Miss Schick, Miss Woodruff, Mr. Ware (who is great on the bbq), Adam and Max (Project Hatch).

Fiona McNamara Yr 9



Kind regards

Mr Martin Perrett

APRE

Resource Centre News

Book Week

This week (21-25 August) Saint Mary's Catholic College is celebrating Book Week as a school-wide activity. Activities during the week will include:

- A CLASS DOOR Decorating Competition for all P-6 classes and 7-12 home groups are invited to decorate their classroom door with their chosen book related theme. The books belong to the 2017 CBCA shortlisted books. Class and home group doors will be judged on Wednesday afternoon 23rd August. (Guest judge is our P&F President Damien Martoo)
- The Resource Centre will run Book Week activities in the week's library lessons and during break times. We will be reading the shortlisted book titled *My Brother*.
- Dress Up Parades – On Friday 25th August,
- 9am in the Maryknoll Centre a Primary (P-6) Book Week Parade for students and staff from each class will take place.
- At 10:35 an Office Book Week Parade will be held in the lower courtyard. The Office have selected the shortlisted book titled *Cheeky Animals*.
- A Secondary home group Book Week Parade will be held during P3 in the Benedictine Square. All students and staff are encouraged to participate.

A colleague of mine (he has kindly allowed me to share) has created a Sway site which will hopefully give you some ideas for the Book Week Parade on Friday August 25. Students and staff are asked to come dressed as a character from one of the Shortlisted entries for Book of the Year.

This decision was made because of the understanding of the pressures parents/ caregivers have trying to support their children with costumes, so the site was created to be supportive and useful. Costumes can be really simple, it is just a matter of coming up with a good idea. The site can be located at <https://sway.com/bemYuOV67RJgLAZV>

Yours in Reading

Mr Bill Mulcahy

Teacher Librarian

Visual Art News

This week we are celebrating the selection of Rehnuma Tarannum's photo, 'Conversations' in the 'Hear Me, See Me' exhibition.

The Queensland Family and Child Commission held a state wide application process for young artists to submit work to be included in an exhibition at Queensland University of Technology during September.

We are very proud of Rehnuma and her beautiful photo taken for an art assignment in Term Two. Well done!



Kind regards

Bronwyn Langford Martoo

Visual Art Department

Music Notes

Approaching Events

Monday 28 August – “Get Set to Perform” with MISFITZ (Yrs 9-12 elective Music students)

Sunday 10 September – ANATS Musical Theatre workshop at Sunshine Coast Grammar School

Permission Notes – QCMF (SVE and “Grant’s Guitars”), “Get Set to Perform” (Yrs 9-12 elective Music students).

Silver Success at QCMF!

Congratulations to the members of "Grant's Guitars" and the Secondary Vocal Ensemble for great performances at the Qld Catholic Colleges Music Festival at Villanova College on Thursday. These are significant achievements, given the number of very established Brisbane colleges in both sections. Thank you to Mrs Shannon Cridge, our Voice Tutor and College parent, who assisted on this activity, and to Ms Jodi Davis from St Thomas More College who accompanied our singers.

"Get Set to Perform" - Session Two

Thanks to our local professional music duo, Clare and Rob Fitz-Herbert, for presenting the second session of our series of three Music Industry workshops after school on Monday. This session focused on using the equipment purchased recently by the College to set up a PA for student performances. The students also learned about controlling feedback, rehearsal planning and the importance of vocal warm-ups. The final session will be held on Monday, and all interested music students are eligible to attend, provided a permission form (available from the office) has been completed.

Year 3 String Immersion

Congratulations to the Year 3 class for the flying starts on their violins. Parents and carers also did a great job remembering to send violins to school on Thursday. Thank you for your support of this very special program - the only one of its kind in our region.

Musical Theatre Workshop – Sunday 10 September

Parents and carers, please consider taking your young singer to the full-day workshop at Sunshine Coast Grammar School. In this intensive session, the different stylistic expectations of all Musical Theatre styles will be explored and Good Singing principles applied in a Masterclass setting, led by Head of Musical Theatre (Qld Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University), Kate Schirmer. Please go to anats.org.au for more information.

Don't forget! The Wizard of Oz – last shows this weekend: Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night. Tickets available at the Kingaroy Town Hall or online at Trybooking.com

Yours in music

Mrs Jane Iszlaub

Music Coordinator

Prep B News

Prep B went to Barambah Education Centre a couple of weeks ago. It is a wonderful place where children learn in their environment; they learn about living side by side with nature and animals, conservation and protection of the environment. They learn all this by having fun, using their senses and hands-on activities. They made damper, cooked it on a bush fire and got to eat it too! The highlight for all of them was when they saw a goanna! The children were very excited. When they got to school they couldn't wait to paint a picture of their trip. If you come and visit Prep you will see that the goanna features in a lot of their paintings!

Thank you to Sue and all the staff at Barambah for such a meaningful and memorable experience for the preps!



God Bless

Mrs Nuala Black

Prep B Teacher

Uniform Shop News

With the cooler weather here we have available, Tracksuit Jackets , Tracksuit Pants & College Jumpers.

Remember if you are unable to make into the Uniform Shop on Wednesday Mornings 8.00am - 11.00am or Thursday Afternoons 1.00pm - 4.00pm you can place an order online via QKR Masterpass.

Kind regards

Mrs Joanne Bellert

Uniform Shop Convenor

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Spaghetti and Meatballs \$4.00

Mac `n` Cheese \$4.00

Slush Puppies

If your child has ordered a Slush Puppie either through the online system or the bag system, they need to come up to the tuckshop to collect their Slush Puppie.

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 or Caster Sugar☺
Tinned Pineapple Slices Small Tinned Corn Beetroot

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

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 23rd August

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition

Prep - Year 6 Indonesian

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 24th August

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 Indonesian

16-19 years South Burnett Athletics Carnival

Friday, 25th August

Prep A Excursion

13-15 years South Burnett Athletics Carnival

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition

Monday, 28th August

P&F Father's Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Music Industry Worksop from 3pm

Tuesday, 29th August

QCS Test

Year 11 Leadership Camp

P&F Father's Day stall in Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea

Wednesday, 30th August

QCS Test

Year 11 Leadership Camp

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

Monday, 11th September

First Aid Cert II Sport and Rec

Wednesday, 13th September

Senior Dance Excursion

Indonesian Celebration Day

Thursday, 14th September

Indonesian Celebration Fay Years 7, 8 and 10

Friday, 15th September

Benedictine Awards 9am

Term 3 Completed

Thursday 21st - Sunday, 24th September

Ignite Catholic Youth Conference

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 5.30pm

Wednesday, 18th October

Year 9 Arts Students Excursion

Friday, 20th October

Prep to Year 6 Deadly Australians Visit

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, 2nd November

Celebration of the Arts Evening

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

Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th November

Year 11 Work Experience Week

Thursday, 23rd November

Prep Orientation Day Group A

Year 6 Rite of Passage from 6pm

Friday, 24th November

Prep Orientation Day Group B

Year 10 and 11 Finish

Thursday, 30th November

Carols Night - Prep to Year 6 from 5pm

Friday, 1st December

Term 4 Completed at 12.30pm