From the Principal

Welcome Back to Term 4
This is traditionally a very busy term that slips by quickly as we engage in many important events and rites of passage. This commenced last week as we celebrated the official Opening and Blessing of three of the newest buildings at Saint Marys:

- **The Good Samaritan Building** - A Secondary Classroom block including 6 General Learning Areas and 3 smaller rooms utilised for Learning Support and meeting spaces
- **The Sister Mary Hedwige Music Block**, incorporating a general music room, storage for instruments and 3 music tutor rooms
- **And... Biy’angga** - A new Primary Classroom block including 3 General Learning Areas

These facilities support our increased enrolments at the College and provide contemporary spaces for learning and co-curricular activities. This occasion was enhanced by the involvement of the Most Reverend Bishop Brian Finnigan – who, along with Fr Stephen, celebrated a beautiful Blessing ceremony for us, Mrs Deb Frecklington, Mr Peter Stower, Councillor Keith Campbell as well as representatives from Insite Constructions and Gibson Architects. We also particularly acknowledged an apology from Mr Mike Nayler, the previous Principal of Saint Mary’s, who was responsible for the planning for 2 out of the 3 buildings. As many of you know, Mr Nayler has been unwell lately and was therefore unable to join us for the Opening and Blessing ceremony. We continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

**Indigenous Graduation**
This Friday, along with Mrs Sullivan, Miss Niketa Law and four Year 12 students from Saint Mary’s, I will attend the Brisbane Catholic Education A&TSI Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at St Stephen’s Cathedral. We extend our congratulations to Vinnie McGregor, Trent Hill, Miranda Blackman and Tahlia Tapau whose efforts will be celebrated this week.

The latest edition of SchoolTV is now available! This month’s edition discusses Exam Jitters

Every year, more and more emphasis is placed on achieving good results in exams causing many students to feel extraordinary pressure and having unrealistic expectations. This month on SchoolTV, parents will find advice on how to help students cope with the pressure and how students can work smarter to achieve the results they desire.

Exams are like a game. Once you know how to play the game, your chances of achieving great results rapidly increase. Parents can learn how to assist their kids to maintain perspective and keep their sanity intact during exam time.

Diet, exercise and sleep all play an important part in helping a student balance a busy schedule and study smarter. Keeping stress levels to a minimum and reducing anxiety can be easily achieved through careful planning and having a supportive environment.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact our school counsellor for further help.

**Pupil Free Day**
Monday, 16th October.
Here is the link to this month's edition http://saintmarys.qld.schooltv.me/newsletter/exam-jitters

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Primary News

It’s great to be back. My daughter and her new husband had a wonderful wedding in South Australia and it was a privilege to be a witness and spend time with family. I would like to thank Celia King and Bec O’Connor for supporting the teachers and students in my absence.

Materials

It’s Term 4 with 8 weeks of school left. However, some supplies are running low. Your children may need to replenish their colour felts, colour pencils, glue sticks, lead pencils, etc. It is difficult, especially in the younger grades to complete tasks successfully with limited supplies in their pencil case. Teachers don’t usually allow students to borrow colours, glue etc, especially felt pens. Please check with your child about what they need to complete the school year.

Next Monday is CTJ day

Consistency of Teacher Judgement. Schools from around the district meet annually in the third week of Term 4. The teachers meet within their year levels to check through a process of moderation, the consistency of marking against the Australian Curriculum. Saint Mary’s is hosting this professional development day this year. Students won’t be attending school Monday 16th October.

Money

Just a reminder about money. It is hoped that all students who attend Saint Mary’s Catholic College respect the property and rights of others. However, some money went missing from a student’s bag yesterday. If children have a sizeable amount of money for tuckshop or to purchase items from the uniform shop, please remind your child to give the money to the teacher who can lock the money in their lockable filing cabinet. The students can also hand the money into the office for safe keeping. Every effort is made to try to track or locate the lost money and the persons responsible but it is not always possible to achieve a positive outcome. I have spoken with the class concerned and will address this issue again on assembly. Money should be in a wallet or purse and in the bottom of the school bag. Bags should then be stored in the port racks with the closed zip to the back of the port rack. This reduces the risk of ‘opportunity’ for some students. Also, it is not advisable for students to tell their friends about the money they have in their possession.

Camps and Excursions

A number of excursions and camps are scheduled for this term. Information and consent forms will be sent home for these events in coming weeks.

Year 5 students will be heading to Mary Valley in Week 7, Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th November 2017. Information about the camp program, gear to pack and consent forms will be sent home with students in due course. However, parents are asked to use the link below to go online and register your child prior to Friday 20th October please, directly with the venue.
The link is:


Thank you and God Bless

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

APRE News

A big year and a big finish

I was reflecting recently as I wrote my magazine article on the many and varied new initiatives we have implemented this year to enhance the faith life of the college and I thought it a good time to share some of them with you. In 2017 we have begun, completed or are about to begin;

- Class liturgies - Every class celebrated Mass or Liturgy of the Word at least three times, led by Father Stephen Camiolo, Saint
Mary’s Parish Priest, who joined our community in January.

- **Take 2** – The entire college observed daily, 2 minutes of silence and stillness. This took place directly after lunch and allowed staff and students another ‘thin place’.
- **Firepit Youth Group** – Led by Ms Megan Schick, Campus Minister and assisted by Mr Bill Mulcahy, this youth group met fortnightly to pray, discuss and share their faith.
- **Firepit Youth Mass** – Once a month at the new time of 5.30 on Sunday afternoon, a mass was led by the Firepit Youth Group.
- **Blind Eye Ministry** – Mr Roby Curtis, founder of Blind Eye, a Brisbane Christian Drop in centre, came and shared testimony with our year 10 students.
- **Emmanuel Worship** – Roby is also a musician who plays in Emmanuel Worship, Australia’s biggest Christian Band and he organised the members to run music workshops for a day at the college and then lead a Christian music rally in Murgon for all students of the region.
- **PoTENtial** – the College was a live streaming venue for an initiative that allowed students in Yr 10 interact with others from many other schools in Brisbane and on the coast. The event had input from the Archbishop, music performances, discussion groups and even a liturgy that students could engage in in real time but remotely from our campus.

All of these are on top of existing practices and traditions that are regular religious observances and opportunities.

I would like to make special mention of the Seniors of 2017 and the way they organised themselves for Community BBQ this year. The students, many of whom travelled considerable distances every month, served the patrons of Dany’s Diner with great respect, enthusiasm and joy. I know the patrons and the Uniting Church are very grateful for the seniors’ companionship and service and I know the students will be missed as they completed their last service last night.

Kind regards

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

**Term 4 Fees**
Term 4 Fee Statements were issued last week and will be due for payment in full by Friday 20th October unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place with the College. If you are having any difficulty in paying your account, we encourage you to contact us sooner rather than later to discuss a payment arrangement and how the College may be able to assist you. The College’s preference is always to handle debt matters internally and directly with our families to avoid further unnecessary fee follow up procedures. If you have any concerns, please contact Briony Hoare, Finance Secretary in the College office.

Kind regards

Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Chaplain News

**Adore 24**
Is happening this Wednesday and Thursday where all students will participate in half hour shifts of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adore 24 builds the Catholic identity of Saint Mary’s and also gives students a time of stillness and reflection. Adoration will continue through the afternoon and night where the Parish and staff will fill these hours. You are most welcome to join us at St Mary’s Church on Albert St.

**Saint Mary’s Firepit Youth Camp**
This Saturday and Sunday at the Bunya mountains. We are very excited to run a two day camp based on faith and inspired by John Paul II who would spend time with the youth in creation; hiking, sharing stories and living life to the full with great charity and hope. We are looking forward to spending these two days on the mountain.

**Sisters of the Immaculata Mission Team Visit**
2 sisters and 5 lay missionaries are visiting Saint Mary’s on Tuesday the 17th October. They will spend the day present in classes and giving talks that support our RE curriculum. On Monday the 16th they will be at St Mary’s Church and you are invited to attend a session that the mission team will be facilitating at 6pm. They will be running two sessions; one for the youth and one for adults. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Emmanuel Worship**
Will be here on the 20th October facilitating a music workshop for students. We are very excited to have them join us for the day
as they are one of the biggest Catholic youth ministry and bands in Australia. That night they will be at St Josephs primary school in Murgon. This is a free event. You are very welcome to attend.

**Firepit Youth group**
Is on Monday the 16th at 5.30pm and will be run by the visiting mission team.

God Bless,

*Miss Megan Schick*
College Chaplain

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**Sport News**

Congratulations to Luke Beutel on attending the Soccer National Youth Championships held in Coffs Harbour recently. Luke was also very grateful to have received the Local Heroes Grant from Ms Deb Frecklington MP to assist with his journey.

Last week the Year 11 and 12 students from the College’s Certificate II in Sport & Recreation program completed their first aid and CPR certificate training here at the College. This was a requirement of their course and no doubt will have further benefits within our community and in their own personal endeavors after school.

On Friday 20th October we have the Primary Summer Sport carnival for all Year 4-6 students. The sports this year are: kanga cricket, ultimate disc, t-ball and volleyball. All notes were distributed to classes by Mr Collier at the end of last week and should be returned to the College by Wednesday 11th October.

On the same date we also have two T20 Year 7 & 8 all-girls cricket sides to head off to Maryborough to compete in the Wide Bay Milo T20 cricket tournament hosted by QLD Cricket. Notes and further information will be distributed this week for those girls interested in taking part.

Yours in Sport

*Mr Scott Collier*
Sports Coordinator

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**Music Notes**

**Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th October – Singing lessons (by appointment) with Mrs Julee-Anne Bell
  (Sr Mary Hedwige Music Centre)
- Tuesday, 17th October – Year 9 Arts Trip (QPAC, Southbank)
- Tuesday, 24th October – Music Tuition Program “Spring Concert” (afternoon and evening sessions)
- Thursday, 2nd November – Celebration of the Arts

***Reminder – String Immersion every Thursday***

**Our Spring Recital is Approaching!**
The Music Tutors will be distributing the Consent Forms for the performers in the Spring Recital this week. (The Spring Recital takes the place of the Instrumental Music Evening, which has been held in recent years but outgrew its format.) I have asked the Tutors to assess the readiness of each individual student in regard to participation, as some of our fledgling students are not quite ready to grace the stage. If you have any queries about your child’s participation in this event, please contact the relevant Tutor directly. If any parents or carers would like to assist with this event (setting up tea/coffee, chairs etc.) please contact me at the College.

**Blessing and Opening of our new Buildings**
Congratulationas to all of the students who shared their musical talents with the visiting dignitaries and congregation at this College celebration. A special commendation to Millie Garlick, one of our Senior Music Extension students, who used the event to complete her final assessment performance, and also to Eden Ziebell, who used the opportunity to develop his sound production skills as part of his Music in Practice subject.

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Visit from the Beautiful “Brisbane Bells”
On the holidays, the College hosted the Brisbane Bells handbells ensemble. The sound of the ensemble was magnificent: like a choir of angels! It was so pleasing to see the diverse range of people from our College and local community participating in the workshop, and the subsequent concert was thoroughly enjoyable.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Lunch Specials
Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- Chicken Chipee (5) $4.00
- Chicken Chow Mein $4.00

QKR
QKR (our online ordering system) closes at 9am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child is away the day of your order, you can cancel your order online up until 9am of that day.

Ice Blocks
If your child has ordered an Ice Block either through the online system or the bag system, they need to come up to the tuckshop to collect their Ice Block after the 10 minute bell.

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
- Caster or Brown 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
Flowers for Awards Night

What: FLOWERS, FOLIAGE and POTTED PLANTS
When: THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER AT 9AM
Where: MARYKNOLL CANTEEN

We are only a few short weeks away from the College Annual Awards night and it is time to start checking your gardens for flowers, foliage and potted plants to decorate the Maryknoll Centre. We have a reputation for doing some pretty gorgeous floral displays for the evening and making it so special for the students who are receiving awards.

The Awards evening is on the 26th October and we will prepare the flowers on that morning. If people are able to bring in plants and flowers just deliver them to the outside of the Maryknoll Canteen by 9am on the morning of Thursday the 26th of October. Please make sure that you bring them in a NAMED bucket so that we can return your buckets afterwards.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to call me via the office.

Thanks so much,
Mrs Bronwyn Martoo

P&F News

Welcome back to the final term of 2017. Where has the year gone so far?

The next 9 weeks is going to be full of activities throughout the school so please keep a close eye on the newsletter or visit the school facebook page, or you can now join the official P&F engagement page as well, P&F engagement at Saint Mary’s Catholic College (Official). Here is the link https://m.facebook.com/groups/1801084796886637

Thank you very much to everyone who has placed their Woolies earn and learn stickers in the Saint Mary’s box. Mrs Hauritz has stuck 16,500 stickers on sheets ready to be sent in with our order.

Our next P&F meeting will be October 17th from 5.30 pm in the board room. We only have 2 meetings left for the year so please join the fun.

Finally I would like personally to thank everyone who has made meals and sent in home bake for the meal roster we have set up to help a couple of families who are dealing with severe illness at the moment. These families very much appreciate your offerings. I have been humbled by your willingness to help our community. If you wish to join the roster please send me a text.

God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
P&F President

Community Notices

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS
OCTOBER 21 | KINGAROY MEMORIAL PARK | 6PM
Tickets: Child $7, Adult $12, Family (2 kids & 2 adults) $30 - BOOK ONLINE TO SAVE

Kingsley Grove Estate
Party in a Winery Cellar Door

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2 or 3 course Christmas packages (incl. sides)
HOLD YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN OCTOBER
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Phone 0414 230 128 or Email contact@kingsleygrove.com
TRIVIA NIGHT

NETBALL COURT FUNDRAISER

6:00pm for 6:30pm start
Nanango Cultural Centre
4th November 2017

APPETIZER PLATTERS AVAILABLE
BAR OPEN - Strictly no BYO Alcohol

DON'T MISS OUT ON A GREAT NIGHT OUT!
NEW AND OLD QUESTIONS

MIN TABLE OF EIGHT (8-10) $80.00 (must be paid prior to night)
TABLE PLATES OF APPETIZERS (must be paid prior to night)
$10 Hot Food Platters
$10 Cheese Platters

Booking payments can be made to:
NDNA
BSB: 638070
ACC: 7916361
Put your booking name as a reference

Bookings No Later than 30th October 2017 (for catering purposes)

Night Games include:
COIN CLOSEST TO THE GROG, SHOOT A HOOP, RAFFLES and MORE
1st, 2nd and Wooden Spoon Prizes on Offer

Contact Sally Doyle via text on 0439 215 237 to book your table
Calendar of Events

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, 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

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

Tuesday, 23rd January 2018
Term 1 Commences

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