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From the Principal

At St Mary's Catholic Parish last Sunday, we were blessed to hear from a spokesperson from **Catholic Mission**. Founded in 1822, today Catholic Mission is the Pope's own mission organisation which acts both locally and globally to building communities of disciples who proclaim the gospel, serve people in need, act for justice, and adopt child-focused development programs. Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries, including remote parts of Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life, both physically and spiritually, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. This year for World Mission Day 2017 Pope Francis said:

"Young people are the hope of mission.... They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity."

Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission. Next week, students at Saint Mary's will be encouraged to participate in Socktober to raise awareness about issues of justice and poverty around the world. The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to strike out at. We want to invite our young people to help us strike out at social issues, such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking, homelessness and lack of education and to also find ways to provide practical support.

To find out more information about Catholic Mission and the Socktober event, please visit <http://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/socktober>



God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



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Head of Secondary News

Indigenous Graduation

On Friday I had the pleasure of accompany our four Year 12 Indigenous students, Mrs Myles, Nikki Law and Mr Turnbull to the annual Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduation Liturgy and presentation held at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane. The theme of the liturgy was 'Success is a Journey not a Destination' and the speakers - a Year 12 student, a parent of a graduating student and Ms Betts (Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education) all expounded on this theme.

The message was consistent from all speakers in the advice given to these young people as they leave school and move onto the next chapter- whether it be further education or work or a gap year. The messages when summarised were 'Dare and Do', 'Be the Best You Can Be' and 'Don't Be a Slack Lot' – these last were the words of a father of one of the boys graduating who encouraged the students to go out and have courage and aspire to greater things.

Saint Mary's was represented well in the staff area too as both Mrs Myles and Nikki Law were invited to read and it was a very proud moment for the staff present as Miranda Blackman, Trent Hill, Vincent McGregor and Tahlea Tapau were presented with their graduation certificates by Ms Pam Betts, Uncle Eric Law and Mr Paul Thornton (Director BCE – School Services – North). Congratulations to Miranda, Tahlia, Trent and Vincent on their wonderful achievement.



Awards Night

A reminder to all students and parents that Awards Night will be held on Thursday 26 October at 6 pm in the Maryknoll Centre. The ceremony will begin at 6 pm and should be completed by 8 pm. Students should be in full formal uniform.

Uniform

As we near the end of the year, many students will need new shoes for next year. A reminder that if you are purchasing shoes, they must be leather lace up, school style shoes. VANS are not appropriate and canvas shoes are not acceptable for PE lessons (as they do not support the student's feet), and certainly not acceptable for Science labs, Home Ec areas or the Trade Training Centre.

We thank you for your support in this area.

Stress

At this time of the year, students particularly in Years 11 and 12 feel stressed and sometimes overwhelmed by the amount of assignments and exams that may be approaching.

I read the following in the newspaper (Courier Mail) on Saturday and thought that the advice was well worth printing in our newsletter

If your child is stressed, giving them a sense of perspective helps. Yes the exams are important and they should do their best, but you can ease the pressure on your teen, by reassuring them that they must do their best and you'll always support them no matter what happens and even if things don't go to plan, they have a lifetime ahead of them to work it out.

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It may help to look at programs aimed at coping with stress, providing study skills and building resilience (and we do do this at school and students will have had lessons in these areas across their secondary years of schooling). There are various relaxation apps that can help and exercise is important at times of high stress as well. Going to be at a reasonable time, eating healthy meals and taking systematic breaks can be of benefit too. It's important to ensure that your child does the things they love as well, whether it be going for a walk, being part of a sporting team, listening to music, playing a musical instrument, or watching their favourite show. Organisations such as Beyond Blue and Kids Helpline have information and tips on their respective websites for surviving Year 12.

QCAA - New Senior Schooling

This week, Mrs Myles and I are attending the QCAA conference in Brisbane. We are expecting to hear more about the implementation of the new senior schooling system, which will begin in 2019.

Our current Year 9 students will be the first students to graduate under the new system in 2020. Last week Wayne Chapman (Senior Education Officer) from BCE presented to the secondary staff about the new system. The College has, over the past few months, sent numerous staff to professional development, so that all staff are upskilled on the new system. We will continue to do this over the next 12 months as well, which will mean we are well-positioned to make the transition for our students as seamless as possible.

The new system is quite different from the current system. There will be exams at the end of Year 12 for all general subjects. In Maths and Science, these exams will count for 50% of the students final Year 12 result but in all other subjects the exam will count for 25%. These exams will be set and marked by the QCAA. During the course of the students' final 2 units of work, they will complete 3 internal assessments that will make up 50% of their final grade (Maths and Sciences) and 75% for the other subjects. There will be no longer be a QCS Test. Students completing their schooling in 2019 (our current Year 10 students) will sit the final QCS Test.

Early next year, we will invite parents to an Information evening to explain the new system. I will continue to inform parents regarding this new system over the next few weeks.

Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

APRE News

Emmanuel Worship – Road Trip and Rally

This Friday we are fortunate to have Australia's leading Christian Music Band, Emmanuel Worship, working with music classes at the College for free.

After school they are going to Murgon to put on a rally, involving live music, testimony and activities. All students from the college are invited to attend and consent forms are still available at the student office.

I will drive the bus for students so I can drop them home to any place from Murgon to Kingaroy. I estimate we will be home in Kingaroy about 8.15 pm.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Primary Learning Leader News

Calling all helpers! Have you got a little spare time on Tuesday mornings, and would like to lend a hand to our two wonderful volunteer Take Home Reader mums? Each week these ladies come in and change over the Take Home Reading books for our Prep to Year 3 students, and their time is very much appreciated.

This job requires two people each week, and so we are looking for someone who might be willing to help out on an on-call basis, if needed.

If you think you could offer a little time to this much needed role, can you please contact me through the College office, or Pam Radcliffe from Week 2 of this term.

Many thanks
Ms Celia King
Primary Learning Leader

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Office News

Term 4 Fee Statements have been sent to families and are due for payment in full by this Friday 20th October, unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place with the College. Please contact the office immediately if you have not yet received your fees statement. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it's preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPay. If you are currently paying by instalment, please remember that your account with the College must be paid in full by the end of the school year.

Kind regards

Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Resource Centre News

Reading is Important

You will hear this statement often, but have you ever asked yourself why that is so? Through reading, you expose yourself to new things, new information, new ways to solve a problem and new ways to achieve one thing. Who knows – you might find your new hobbies within it. Who knows – you might actually explore one thing you really like and it may end up becoming your success in the future. Exploration begins from reading and understanding.

When reading, you're in full silence because reading connects directly to your brain. In silence, you seek for more; in silence, your brain is clear and focused. Thus, you learn and grow, and therefore you feel and see from the point of view of the author. Reading exposes you to a world of imagination, showing you nothing is impossible in this world. By reading, you are exploring a different angle to see a thing you've known, on how different action leads to different results. Books are beyond imagination. It's like a huge spider web, where you keep linking to more and more things you knew and things you just learn.

Library Lesson

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox is the text that I will be sharing and exploring with the Preps to Year 2s during their library lessons over the next few weeks. The story is about a boy named Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge who lives next door to a nursing home. He finds out that his best friend, Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, is losing her memory so he sets out to find out what a memory is.

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
Mem Fox & Julie Vivas



I have included a video link that you may like to watch with your child/ren that displays the text in a video form.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usnOEnTXabw>

Yours in Reading

Mr Bill Mulcahy
Teacher Librarian

Music Notes

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 24th October – Music Tuition Program “Spring Concert” (afternoon and evening sessions)
- Thursday, 2nd November – Celebration of the Arts

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

Yours in Music,

Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Lunch Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Due to Hosting Kanga Cricket this Friday, the specials are as follows:

- Party Pies, Mini Sausage Rolls - \$1.20 each
- Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 each
- Large Pie - \$4.00 each
- Hot Dog with Sauce & Cheese - \$4.00 each

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

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, 19th October

Deadly Australians Visit
Year 10 PoTENTIAL Conference
Chemistry Titration

Friday, 20th October

T20 Girls Cricket
Emmanuel Worship
Year 4-6 Summer Carnival

Tuesday, 24th October

Music Performance - Private Teacher Students

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

Wednesday, 1st November

Year 6 into Year 7 Information Night 6:30pm

Thursday, 2nd November

Celebration of the Arts Evening

Monday, 6th November

Healthy Living Touch Carnival
Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday, 7th November

Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday, 8th November

Yewar 6 Camp

Thursday, 9th November

Prep Orientation Day Group A
Year 6 Camp

Friday, 10th November

Prep Orientation Day Group B
Year 6 Camp

Monday, 13th November

Healthy Living Touch Carnival
Prep to Year 6 Musical Performance
Year 5 Camp

Tuesday, 14th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner at Kingaroy Town Hall from 5pm
Year 5 Camp

Wednesday, 15th November

Yewar 5 Camp

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 for all NEW students

Wednesday, 24th January 2018

Term 1 Commences for all CURRENT students

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