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NEWSLETTER *Term 04 Week 06*

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From the Principal

This week marks the beginning of final exams for our Year 12 students, and our Year 11 students commence their exam block next week. Other students will also be finalising assessment items as we approach the end of Term 4. In his most recent newsletter, Archbishop Mark Coleridge pointed out that students right across the Archdiocese are undertaking important exams during these final weeks of the term. His article included a link to a video produced by Carmel College Assistant Principal, Aime Culpeper where she talks about some simple ways that parents can help their children prepare for exams. I have included a link to the video here for your information. It is only short, and well worth having a look at.

[Exam Tips Video](#)

Electronic Sign-in System

Our school is in the process of implementing **ALLE Attendance Receipting** in the front office. We are trialling the system this term from 28 November, but plan to be fully operational from the start of 2018. **ALLE Attendance Receipting** is a software application which allows students to be electronically signed in to school as a Late Arrival or signed out of school as an Early Departure on a **Student Kiosk**. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to bring their child to the office if they arrive after the commencement of school and electronically sign them in using the barcode scanner. Our office staff will be on hand initially to assist. Students will then be given a receipt to hand to their teacher advising them that they have been marked present. Similarly, should you be collecting your child early from school, you may now use the system to record their departure. Parents who proceed directly to classrooms will be re-directed by teachers to contact staff in the main office for a receipt to be issued.

Good record keeping is paramount in ensuring the safety of our children, in particular in the event of emergency evacuations or lockdowns. The adoption of ALLE Attendance Receipting is a tool by which both teachers and staff can be confident that students' attendance records are accurate and up to date. Your support of this routine is greatly appreciated and helps us to ensure everyone is safe at our school.

Consent 2 Go

From the start of 2018, we will also be implementing a new paperless system to manage processes associated with school excursions. The system is called **Consent 2 Go**. We may be trialling the system on a couple of excursions between now and the end of the year and plan to be fully operational by the commencement of Term 1 2018.

For parents and guardians, Consent 2 Go puts an end to permission slips and tiresome paperwork related to excursions, while giving you greater confidence and peace of mind for the welfare of your children attending those school excursions. With no training required, the system makes consenting to school excursions and updating the personal information timely and simple. Consent2Go makes life a little easier with time-saving features, including:

- being able to update children's medical, dietary or contact details at any time, not just in time for an excursion
- not having to complete the same student information each time (forms are automatically pre-filled with the latest information held by the school)
- being able to access the system from any device, i.e. phone, tablet, laptop or desktop
- not requiring you to remember or change logins or passwords
- facility to print excursion details for attaching to your fridge/noticeboard

The office will be closed from 9am to 10.30am on Friday, 17th November for end of year Mass.



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The system:

- allows teachers to contact parents/guardians quickly in an emergency
- sends you an SMS alert if you change your email address but forget to advise the school
- messages you about last-minute excursion changes, e.g. an earlier finishing time
- enhances confidentiality of student records as teachers aren't carrying paper records or unsecured USB sticks on excursions
- automatically displays location maps for events and excursions in case you need them

Consent 2 Go also caters for parents or guardians who are unable to communicate via email or text messaging with the school as the system can generate paper permission slips and other forms for children to bring home if required.

God bless



Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Secondary News

Celebration of the Arts

Congratulations to all staff and students for the performances that were staged during last Thursday's very successful Celebration of the Arts. We have such talent at the College, not just in the students but also in the staff. The presentations included students from Primary as well as musical, dance and drama performances from secondary school students. There was also an exhibition of spectacular Artwork contributed from students across the College. Of course none of this would have been possible without assistance and direction from their teachers and what talented teachers the students have: Mrs Martoo, Mrs Iszlaub, Ms Tatterson, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Lord, Ms Woodruff, the instrumental teachers as well as Miss Kiely Walker who assists Mrs Lord in Year 9 and 10 Dance. The performers were sensational in the areas of Music (playing or singing), dancing and acting. The artwork was superb.

There are obviously hours and hours of rehearsal that have occurred over many years in order for the students to be at the standard that they are and I know that parents have also transported their students to lessons, rehearsals, performances, Eisteddfods, church and listened, watched them practice or waited for them as they participate in order for them to reach the standard that they are currently at.

Year 11 students – Exams

Year 11 students will begin their exams next Monday 13 November and they will continue until Friday 17 November. Exam timetables will be distributed to students this week and emailed home as well as put on the parent portal. Students (and parents) are reminded that in fairness to all students, students who are absent from a test/exam on a day must have a medical certificate in order to sit the exam at a later date. Once the majority of the cohort has sat a test, the integrity of that test/exam is compromised for other students who have yet to sit the test.

If your child is unable to attend a test, please contact the office on the day of the exam. This is a very busy time for teachers as QCAA expects information about exam results and final rank orders and SAIs in a timely fashion and with non-negotiable timelines. Consequently, it is imperative that assessment is completed on time – with the exception of those students with a medical certificate.

Exam Stress

Students should use their Study Vac as well as exam week for their final preparation for exams. They will have known all term what their exam requirements are. However, it is a stressful time and this link details some tips on how to cope with Exam stress. There are videos to watch, articles to read, tips from a variety of people as well as apps for stress relief.

<https://au.reachout.com/everyday-issues/exam-stress>

Please note students can also access our Guidance Officer, Mr Graham Turnbull, if they have concerns about stress coming into the exam period. Teachers are generally available in order for students to seek help with overcoming subject difficulties.

Work Experience

Following exam block, Year 11 students will attend one week of Work Experience. This will be from Monday 20 November through to Friday 24 November. Work Experience folders containing all information pertaining to Work Experience were sent home two weeks ago with the students.

Mr Richard spoke to the Year 11 students this morning about the importance of 1. Undertaking work experience and 2. Getting the forms returned to him ASAP.

If you have questions please ring Mr Richard at the College.

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Vaccinations

Your Year 6 child's vaccinations are due next year. Reminder cards are being sent home with the Year 6 students on Monday of next week (Due to camp being this week). These vaccines are free and will be offered to Year 7 students in 2018. Students will be immunised against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Consent packs will be sent home early next year.

Camp

At the end of this year, Year 7 students will undertake an overnight camp to Mapleton on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 November. This camp replaces 2 days of activities that were rained out at the end of Term 1. It should be a wonderful opportunity for the Year 7 students. Letters will be sent home later this week.

Our Year 8 students undertook an overnight experience earlier in the year and the campsite they visited charged us for the full three days even though the students returned early on our advice. This is their prerogative. Our Year 8 students will have a full day History excursion during the final week of term.

The College was charged for most of the Year 9 camp also, because we called our students home at the request of many parents, in the interest of safety and getting the students home. We are currently in the process of determining if we are able to organise activities similar to those missed out on camp.

Kind regards

Mrs Mandy Sullivan
Head of Secondary

College Chaplain News

FIREPIT YOUTH CONSECRATED TO JP II

Over the last year Firepit youth have been gently journeying with a great Saint, Saint John Paul II. A Saint who loves the youth, the Eucharist, hiking, canoeing, skiing, food, Mother Mary, human love and much much more.

Last Tuesday our youth wrote a consecration to JP II. This consecration will be something we look to in the future years to remind ourselves where we have come from and where we are going. To read the consecration please visit <https://firepityouth.weebly.com> and visit the blog page.

CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND AUSTRALIA - These Christmas holidays

ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival)

A huge event happening in the Archdiocese of Sydney from the 7th – 9th of December for 15 to 30 years. Over 18,000 people attend ACYF...for more info visit <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/event-details/when-where-who>

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL

From the 1st- 10th January 2018 in Tasmania, this mission school equips young people from the age of 15 to 35 years in prayer and mission. <http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>

IGNITE SUMMER CAMP

For students aged 7-12 in 2018 this is a great way for them to kick off 2018 from 11-14 January on the Sunshine Coast. Huge outdoor games, loads of time making friends, awesome live music and 200 young people. Sounds fun. Visit <https://igniteyouth.com/summer-camp/>

If your child is interested in knowing more about any of these events they can see Miss Schick or head to the websites.

God bless

Miss Megan Schick
College Chaplain

Resource Centre News

Scholastic Book Fair

A second book fair for 2017 will take place in the Library beginning **Friday 17 November 2017**. It will be a **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE Book Fair**. This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's collection.

For every book purchased you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE to give as a gift to a friend, teacher, donate back to the library or keep yourself.



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Writer's Workshops

A few weeks ago Mrs Myles informed the College Community about the success of Harry Pace (Year 6) in a National Short Story Competition and his story being published in a hard bound, limited edition compilation book.

It is also pleasing to announce that Kayla Peters (Year 8) was also successful with her short story titled The Legend, a story about unicorns, a stallion and mare, an enchanted forest and an evil spirit named Mumykook. Congratulations Kayla.

Summer Chess Tournament

Over the past week and into this week students have been participating in an intra-school chess tournament. The competition is close with a number of students vying to be the champion and having their name engraved on the College's chess trophy for 2017.

This Week.....

End of Year Procedures that will happen this week include:

- Years 10-12 students will receive a Final Notice of their borrowings.
- Years 7-9 students will receive a 2nd List of their borrowings
- All Year 12 Text Books are to be returned by this Friday 10th November
- This will be the last week Primary classes can borrow.

Quotation

"The gadget that will have the biggest impact on literacy is already out there. It's called a book." Anthony Horowitz (UK author)

Yours in reading

Mr Bill Mulcahy

Teacher Librarian

Sports News

On Monday 13th November (Week 7) there will be a Healthy Living Touch Football carnival for secondary students in Murgon. Unfortunately, this event generated a lot of interest and we have a team limit. Students will be notified this week if they are on the short list to go and represent the College.

The College 2018 swimming carnival is scheduled to take place in Week 3 on Thursday 8th February. We are in need of assistance with our timing of events and would love to have any parents or family members of students volunteer to help out. I will be taking long service leave during that time next year. However I will record a list of interested parents for the College to contact early next year to help out on the day.

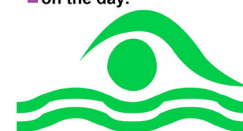
Yours in Sport

Mr Scott Collier

Sports Coordinator

2018 Saint Mary's Catholic College Swimming Carnival (10 years and over) Thursday 8th Feb

Helpers Needed:
Please let the College
know if you can assist
on the day.



Music Notes

- Thursday, 9 November – "Remarkable Moments" morning tea mini-concert (selected students)
- Saturday, 11 - Sunday, 12 November – **Singing lessons** (by appointment) with Mrs Julee-Anne Bell (Hedwige Music Centre).

Masterclass – Saturday, 11 November - 6:30 – 7:30pm. See Mrs Iszlaub for details.

Reminder – String Immersion every Thursday

Celebration of the Arts Success!

The Arts at Saint Mary's is getting stronger every year, and this was evident at Thursday's annual showcase. The Visual Art gallery, curated by Mrs Martoo and Ms Woodruff, was filled with student artwork that ranged from thought-provoking environmental statements to pure whimsy. On stage, the Dance and Drama performances demonstrated confidence and polish, and were a reflection of the depth of talent of the students and staff involved in these curriculum areas. And, as a musician, I could not have been more proud of the performers who took to the Art Gallery Stage and the Main Stage to share their music with us. Our strength at Saint Mary's is a curriculum that is specifically designed to enhance the unique ability of each student, and the proof that this strategy is working was plain for all to see on Thursday evening. It was also pleasing to see the students enrolled in the new Music in Practice subject completing real-world assessment tasks during the evening as members of The Tech Crew, and to see Junior Secondary students eager to assist with sound and lighting production.

Singing Masterclass – Saturday 11 November

Due to overwhelming demand for singing lessons with our monthly visiting specialist, Mrs Julee-Anne Bell, we will be holding a masterclass from 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Saturday 11 November in the Hedwige Music Centre. Cost - \$10pp. Ernie Corbet has volunteered to perform at this event, and we thank him for agreeing to be our "guinea pig". There is so much to be gained for singers

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of all ages and standards by attending this event. Please see me for bookings.

"Remarkable Moments" Mini-Concert

Selected students will be providing the entertainment for our "Remarkable Moments" morning tea on Thursday. The event will be held outside the Music Centre, and gives our primary and middle school students another opportunity to develop their skills as performers.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Cheerios in a Cup (5) - \$2.50 each

Tacos in a Boat - \$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 a 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. *They must have their bag with them.*

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

P&F News

The P & F are running a raffle for people who nominate their favourite book on the [P & F engagement group](#). (the winner gets \$50 voucher). Books can be nominated by children, staff, adults - and can be suitable for adults children, non fiction and fiction.



What's your story?

Let us know your favourite book!

Enter to WIN a \$50 Big W voucher
Just in time for Christmas!
Competition open to ALL Saint Mary's families & staff

Ask mum or dad to join the facebook group "P & F engagement at Saint Mary's Catholic College (official)" & upload a photo of your favourite book.

Drawn
30 Nov
2017



POSITIONS VACANT - MEANDU MINE

Job ID: 544525

Job type: Full Time - Fixed Term

Location: Kingaroy

Categories: Trades

WHO WE ARE

Downer is a diversified engineering and services business. With over 19,000 employees we build strong relationships of trust with our customers, truly understanding and predicting their needs and bringing them world leading insights and solutions.

Our Mining division is Australia's leading diversified mining contractor. As part of this team you'll join a group of innovative thinkers who work together to provide safe, ethical and environmentally conscious outcomes that exceed customer expectations.

POSITION SUMMARY

Downer Mining has a long term contract with Stanwell Corporation to provide total mining services at Meandu Mine. The mine supplies coal to the adjacent Tarong Power Station and is a residential mine located 25 kilometres south-east of Kingaroy, with the majority of its workforce being employed from the local community.

There are currently opportunities available for the following positions:

Apprentice Boilermaker (544525)

Apprentice Heavy Diesel Fitter (544531)

ABOUT YOU

- Completion of Year 12 Education
- School based / casual work experience in a related field desirable
- Ability to work day and night shift rotations
- Current Driver's licence and reliable transport
- A commitment to personal learning and development
- Highly motivated to succeed and a desire to be challenged
- Effective oral and written communication skills.

Our people are our advantage



We are highly motivated to invest in individual development and to provide recognition, encouragement and direction through values driven leadership.

2018 MINING SCHOLARSHIP

This could be the key to your future!

Downer Mining and Stanwell have established the Meandu Mine Technical Mining Study Support Scholarship. This is a great opportunity to develop professionally, and gain financial assistance and support whilst studying to become a Mining, Geotechnical, Mineral Processing, Mechanical or Civil Engineer at a relevant tertiary institution.

We develop our people into future leaders. We recognise talent which is why we offer this amazing scholarship program.

ABOUT YOU

- A strong academic record
- A strong voluntary community service ethic
- A commitment to study Mining, Geotechnical, Mineral Processing or Mechanical Engineer
- Enrolment in a relevant Degree course at a tertiary institution
- South Burnett Region residency
- Alignment with Downer's values
- Motivation and drive to succeed.

IN RETURN WE OFFER

- Work in a business where there's room to grow and a team that will support your journey
- Access to a range of mentors and technical experts within Downer Mining
- Paid vacation work which will contribute towards field experience course requirements
- Rotation through various specialties to increase exposure to the business
- Scholarship payments of \$5,000 at the end of each semester of successful study, maintaining a GPA of 5 (at the discretion of Stanwell and Downer Mining)
- A diverse and supportive team where individuals are encouraged to grow.

To apply, go to our website www.downercareers.com and quote reference number **544578**.

For further information please contact Chrys McDuffie on 07 4160 7265.

You will be required to submit your full Year 12 academic transcript along with your resume and a covering letter telling us why you should be a 2017 Scholar.

Applications close Friday, 16 February 2018.

Calendar of Events

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

Year 5 Camp

Thursday, 16th November

Uniform Shop Closed

Friday, 17th November

Year 12 Valedictory Mass 9am in Maryknoll Centre

Year 12 last day

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

Monday, 27th November

Year 7 Ecology Trip

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