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From the Principal

This is an important week for our Year 12 students. With the Formal Dinner on Tuesday night and the Valedictory Mass on Friday, it marks the end of their time at Saint Mary's and the beginning of a new and exciting chapter of their lives. No matter what pathway they take when they leave our community, there are a few important lessons I hope they take with them.

I hope they remember to dream big. How many of us spend months planning a holiday, a trip away or a formal outfit, but very little time planning a life. It's a bit like setting out on a journey without deciding where you are going. No matter how fast you travel, you will never reach your destination because you never decided where you really wanted to go.

I hope they get the chance to follow their passion. People who follow their passion tend to lead blessed lives. Happy in what they do, they are able to spread happiness to those whose lives they touch. That is a life worth living.

I hope they continue to serve others. A big part of developing a deep sense of meaning and purpose in life comes from being part of something bigger than ourselves. Those people who have the greatest impact on us are the ones who watch out for themselves the least. They notice the needs of others and selflessly reach out to help. When we are at school many opportunities are presented to us to be of service in our communities, but it's much harder when you have to go looking for those opportunities yourself... Look anyway.

I hope that they can make space in their lives for the things that really matter; family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without these things, we can very quickly reach a point where we wonder where our life is going.

Finally, I hope they continue to work hard, the way an athlete or concert pianist or cutting-edge scientist works hard. Some writers refer to this as the principle of 'flow' or finding your element. By this they mean the peak experience you have when you are working so hard at a task that you are unaware of the passing of time. Remember that no one who achieved great things, even those who made it seem easy, ever succeeded without hard work.

I wish the Year 12 class of 2017 all the best for the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

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



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Head of Primary News

This is the second last newsletter for 2017. Still so much to fit in before the end of the year. We finish on Friday 1st December at 12.30pm. Teachers will be on a roster to supervise any students who won't be leaving at 12.30pm.

However, before we get to the end of the school year, there are a couple of things..

The second Prep Orientation Day is next week. Group A Thursday 23rd November and Group B Friday 24th November. Both days start at 9.00am and go for about 1 hour.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper appeal. There will be notices in the newsletter about how we can support this yearly event. Classes will be given a family e.g. mum, dad and four children of various ages. The class then works out what a family like that might need/want for Christmas and then bring in the items. More information to follow.

Daniel Morcombe. Students in year 3 to year 6 have been invited by the Kingaroy police, to travel to the **town hall 12.30 on the 28th November** for a 1.00pm start to listen to Mr and Mrs Bruce and Denise Morcombe. They will be speaking about being aware of their own safety, especially over the holiday period.

Rite of Passage Tuesday 28th November at 6.00pm. The students of year 6 will be attending their Rite of Passage as they leave their primary years of school behind and embark on their high school journey. There will be invitations going home and parents are asked to bring a plate to share for the supper. Students are to be in full and correct formal uniform for the evening. There will be a liturgy followed by 'the year that was'. Students receive a certificate and a Mary Help of Christians medallion. They will be welcomed to secondary by our Head of Secondary Mrs. Mandy Sullivan.

End of Year Carols night. Thursday evening 30.11.2017 starting at 5.00pm with a sausage sizzle and the sale of raffle tickets. The carols start at 6.00pm. The students will sing the Christmas story. This is followed by the drawing of the raffles. We should finish by 7.00pm with the presentation of the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers to the Saint Vincent de Paul representative. Everyone then joins in with a wonderful rendition of We Wish you a Merry Christmas.

Camps. Year 6 had a great camp at Emu Gully where they were extended and experienced working as a team and working through some leadership skills. We will welcome back Year 5 from their camp when they return to school on Thursday this week after a few days at Higher Ground near Gympie. A big thank you to Mrs. Kerrie Gandara who went on both the year 6 and year 5 camps.

There will be a **P-6 Assembly** on Friday at 2.30pm in the lower courtyard. All are welcome.

The **whole school Mass will be at 9.00am this Friday 17.11.2017.** It will be in the Maryknoll Centre. We farewell our Year 12's and wish them well for their future. The whole school P-11 forms a guard of honour as the year 12s pass through into their new life.

Kind regards

Ms Pamela Radcliffe

Head of Primary

APRE News

On Saturday Bridget McDonald and Harrison Lucas, our 2018 College Captains, were guest speakers at the South Burnett Remembrance ceremony. This day universally recognises all those who have died in war. More specifically it acknowledges a significant moment of peace not fighting.

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender. (Origins of Remembrance Day, <https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day/traditions>, accessed 14,11, 2017).

Bridget and Harrison addressed the assembly about the importance of the future and the relationship between adults and youth of our country and our region. It was an honour for our College to be invited to address the assembly and these two students represented our School community with great dignity and grace. If this is a taste of their leadership and authenticity, then 2018 will be a fantastic year. The two students had a great support crew of family and friends who were all invited back to the ANZAC Room at the RSL for lunch. I would like to thank Mr Barry Crosch and the organising committee for inviting us and organising this event. Their hospitality was much appreciated.

I would publicly like to wish the graduating seniors all the very best and congratulate them on their involvement in the social justice

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and service programs which they have run this year. The amount of enthusiasm around service to the community and awareness of various social issues has been exceptional. As a college we can't support every cause and we typically support five or six in a year. These Yr 12's ably led us in our chosen few. I know the Year 11 cohort have their eyes and hearts on doing a better job and they have already made some very good suggestions that will serve to realise the dignity of all.

Kind regards

Mr Martin Perrett

APRE



Uniform Shop News

We have a new style Jacket available for Winter next year. The Soft Shell Jacket is very warm & is on display in the Uniform shop. Jackets can only be purchased by ordering from the Uniform Shop before the cut off date. They will not be available to purchase next year. The display jacket is not in our correct colour as yet, but all ordered jackets will be in correct colour & embroidery once made. If you are interested in purchasing one of the Soft Shell Jackets we are taking orders from the uniform shop. The jacket is \$80.00 and we are asking for 50% deposit when ordering the jacket. Remember as the Uniform Shop will not be selling these next winter, they are only available by ordering one from the Uniform shop before the cut off date. All orders will have to be in before the 29/11/17 as I have to place the order no later than the 30/11/17. Remember the Uniform Shop opening hours are Wednesday 8.00am - 11.00am & Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm. Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 16th November.

Kind regards

Mrs Joanne Bellert

Uniform Shop Convenor

College Chaplain News

Christmas Hampers

In the last few weeks of school each year level will put together a Christmas hamper, which will be distributed to families who are struggling in the Christmas period. Prep to year 10 will receive their basket on Monday 20th November and have it until Thursday 30th November when it will be presented to St Vincent De Paul and Centacare.

We have a list of items that both Centacare and Vinnies have said would help the families a lot this Christmas, we are asking for donations to go toward these hampers.

- Food (non perishable) - Cakes
 - Long life custard
 - Jelly
 - Tinned fruit
 - Chips
 - Softdrink
 - Gift vouchers from Woolies, The Pantry, IGA, Aldi, Big W etc.
 - Lollies
 - Biscuits
- Clothing (new or good second hand)
- Toys
- Toiletries
 - Toothpaste
 - Soap
 - Toilet Paper
- Christmas Decorations

Thank you very much for your donations toward this appeal.

God bless

Miss Megan Schick

College Chaplain



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.

End of Year Procedures

Just a reminder that the **library will be closed this week and for the rest of the term** so that we can begin stocktaking and end of year procedures. This will mean that all borrowing and Primary class visits will be suspended. (Laptops and iPads are still available for class support)

The Library **will continue to be opened** during the lunchbreaks for students.

All Primary borrowings are to be returned. Year 10 and 11 Text Books are to be returned by Friday 17/11.

2017 SMCC Chess Tournaments

During 2017 the Resource Centre hosted two intra-school tournaments. Two College chess shields (one primary, one secondary – last used in 2008) have been re-instated and the champions from our Winter and Summer Tournaments will be engraved on the shields. The shields will be on display in the Resource Centre.

The champions from the Winter Tournament (Term 2) were Jared Gossow (Secondary) and Miranda Zelinski (Primary). The Summer Tournament (Term 4) champions were Olivia Davis (Secondary) and Hamish Mungall (Primary). Congratulations to the 2017 Chess Champions.

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

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Yours in reading

Mr Bill Mulcahy

Teacher Librarian

Music Notes

- Tuesday 21 November – SB Care Concert (selected performers)

Reminder – String Immersion every Thursday

Consent Forms: SB Care Concert

What "Remarkable" Performances

Last Thursday, a small group of students entertained the crowd at a special morning tea to celebrate the "Remarkable Moments" experienced by students and staff at the College during the year. Congratulations to performers, Tayla Conway (Yr 2), Trinity Miller (Yr 9), Guinavere Vanston (Yr 9), Harmony Baxter (Yr 9), Jesse Mould (Yr 10), Naomi Baldacchino (Yr 10), Danni Mulcahy (Yr 10), Isabella Maddock (Yr 11), Ernie Corbet (Yr 11) and Constance Wilson (Yr 11). Thanks to Chase Baxter (Yr 10) for assisting with Sound Production.

Monthly Singing Masterclasses

Due to overwhelming demand for singing lessons, our monthly visiting specialist, Mrs Julee-Anne Bell, held a masterclass on Saturday 11 November in the Hedwige Music Centre. Ernie Corbet volunteered to perform at this event, and it was truly insightful to see Mrs Bell work with Ernie to produce a stronger vocal tone and expressive performance style. There is so much to be gained by attending masterclasses, and being, in essence, a "fly on the wall" during another person's lesson. Mrs Bell's next masterclass will be held in January, and will focus on the developing (teenage) female voice. I will share the exact date and time in next week's newsletter.

SB Care Concert

Mr Neil Hutton and I will take a small group of primary and lower secondary musicians to present a short concert at SB Care on Tuesday 21 November. Selected students will be given a consent form this week.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator



Indonesian News

Last week Ibu Dayu visited our school for three days. She is a teacher from Indonesian Australian Language Foundation in Bali. Ibu Dayu met with many of our students sharing Indonesian language and cultural experiences. The highlights of her visit included the amazing dances from throughout Indonesia which she taught to the students. Ibu Dayu returns to Indonesia on Wednesday and wanted to express her many thanks for inviting her to our school and for being so engaged in the workshops. Selamat Jalan Ibu Dayu.



Kind regards
Ms Rachel McNamara
Indonesian Teacher

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Ham Pasta Salad - \$4.00 each

Meatlovers Pizza Muffin (2) - \$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. *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

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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.

Good News Story

In December, four Saint Mary's students will embark on a once in a lifetime journey. Sienna Andrewartha, Poppy Jeffs, Bayli Cridge and Tully Andersson are all dancers, part of Kingaroy Dance Academy's USA Tour Team. Owner of Kingaroy Dance Academy, Kirsten Canniford, will be leading the dancers on a tour to the United States of America, where they will perform a 20 minute dance performance at Disneyland, Universal Studios and on the Hollywood Boulevard. The dancers will also participate and dance in Disneyland's 30 minute Merry Holiday parade. While over in the States, KDA dancers will also have the opportunity to take workshop classes with Disneyland Performing Arts and at the Abby Lee Dance Company from the hit TV show, 'Dance Moms'. It is an amazing opportunity and all students have been rehearsing tirelessly for this event. You can see a snippet of their USA group tour dance at Kingaroy Dance Academy's End of Year Concert. 25th Nov, Kingaroy Town Hall. Tickets are for sale online. Visit www.ticketebo.com.au/kda



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

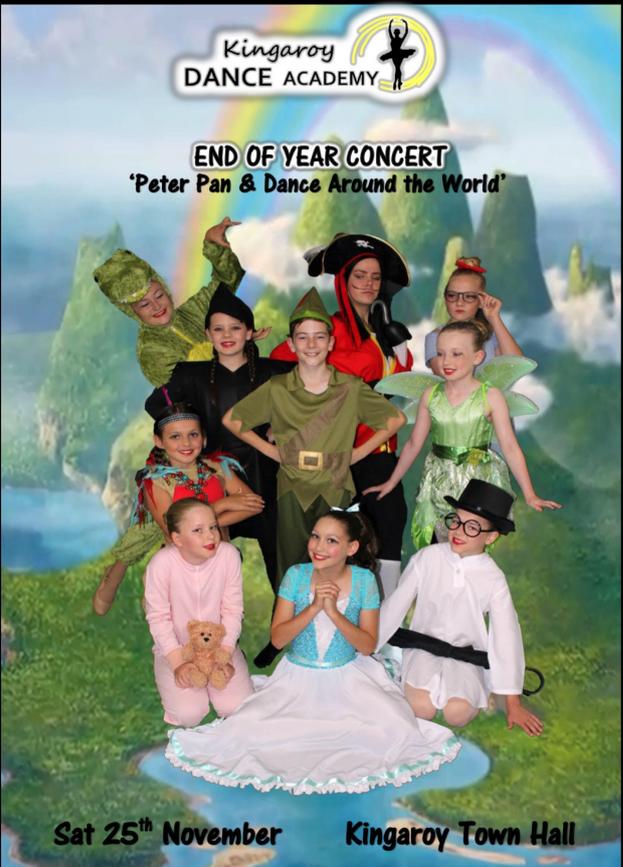
Ask mum or dad to join the facebook group "P & F engagement at Saint Mary's Catholic College (official)" & upload a photo of your favourite book.

Drawn
30 Nov
2017



END OF YEAR CONCERT

'Peter Pan & Dance Around the World'



Sat 25th November Kingaroy Town Hall

Tickets go for sale 4th Nov at
www.ticketebo.com.au/kda

"SUPA IGA"

Kingaroy Christmas Carnival

14th December 2017

5.00pm - 9.00pm

Located in Kingaroy & Haly streets and O'Neil Square

- Kingaroy street Hosted by **Corky & Shaz** from Crow FM
- Free Entertainment O'Neil Square Hosted by **Damian Corkett** from 1071AM
- Rides & Slides for the kids from \$2 each (Excludes Dodgem Cars)
- Giant Swing - Giant Dart Board - Giant Slide and Giant Dart Board
- Free Face Painting available for the Kids
- Free Baby Animal Farm (With Special Guests)
- Loads of Food and Craft Stalls
- Variety of Raffles and prizes to be won throughout the night
- Late night trading by Local Shops



Affordable night out for the family!

Free Entertainment 5.00pm to 9.00pm

See Santa at 6.00pm (Approx)

Want to know how you can help?

Holding such a fantastic event each year requires funding to cover insurances and subsidising rides and entertainment. If you are interested in providing sponsorship for this great community event or you wish to be involved, please contact **President Craig Lucas 0455 993 899** for further information. All donations are greatly appreciated

Check out our Facebook Page for up-to-date information:



Kingaroy Christmas Carnival

Calendar of Events

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 8 Excursion

Year 10 and 11 Finish

Monday, 27th November

Year 7 Ecology Trip

Tuesday, 28th November

Year 7 Camp

Thursday, 29th November

Year 7 Camp

Thursday, 30th November

Year 9 Noosa Trip

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