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From the Principal

Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Saint Mary's

Vocational education and training, otherwise known as VET, refers to education and training that focuses on delivering skills and knowledge required for specific industries. It is one of the learning options available to young people in the senior phase of learning.

At Saint Mary's, students in the senior phase are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of different vocational training experiences, gain credits towards their QCE, and obtain qualifications that are nationally recognised and that develop skills for employment.

There are a number of significant benefits for students participating in VET programs while they are at school. They might be able to demonstrate hands on work skills that improve their confidence and build a foundation to explore the potential career path they would like to pursue after they finish school. VET can also assist in the attainment of a QCE and potentially provide a pathway to Higher Education or University. Through VET opportunities, students may also obtain practical experience through work placements.

Saint Mary's has always had a strong commitment to providing Vocational Education opportunities because it is a crucial component of success for many of our students. It is essential that we work closely with parents and students during the subject selection process, to ensure that students can access the most appropriate pathway and ultimately achieve the best outcomes possible. As we know, each young person we work with is unique, and therefore, they have unique educational needs. It is our goal to help parents and students discern what will work best for them and their circumstances.

If you are interested in finding out more about how Vocational Training might become part of your child's senior pathway in 2018, please don't hesitate to contact our Head of Secondary, Mrs Mandy Sullivan and have a conversation about the possibilities.

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

The office will be closed
 from 3.30pm Friday, 1st
 December 2017.



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Head of Primary News

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

Centre Care and 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 basket to fill with non-perishable items. Think about items that people wouldn't normally buy if they only had a very limited amount of money. E.g. chips, chocolate biscuits – treats etc. as well as soft drinks etc.

Daniel Morcombe. Students in year 3 to year 6 have been invited by the Kingaroy police, to travel to the **Kingaroy school assembly hall at 12.30 on Tuesday 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. The invitations have gone out to parents. If you have not received an invitation please contact your child's teacher. Please bring a plate to share for supper. **Students do not need to wear their formal uniform on Tuesday.** It may be difficult to wash and wear again ready for Thursday evening. 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 district representative. Everyone then joins in with a wonderful rendition of We Wish you a Merry Christmas. Raffle tickets are \$2 for a page off 20 tickets. These tickets go into the box of the prize you want to win. Either spread out the tickets between all the prizes or put them all in the one box for a better chance of winning the prize. There is also a special draw prize of wine for the parents of the winning ticket.

There will be a **P-6 Assembly** on Friday at 2.30pm in the lower courtyard. This will be the last P-6 assembly for this year. All are welcome.

There will be a school Mass on the last day of school Friday 1st December. It will be 9.00am in the church. With just the Prep to Year 9 students still left at school we can fit in the church. It's great to share Eucharist with the parishioners of the parish as well.

Thank you everyone for a great year. May you have a happy and holy Christmas as we celebrate family, friends and the birth of Christ. Stay safe over the holidays and we come back next year refreshed and ready to go.

Kind regards

Ms Pamela Radcliffe

Head of Primary

APA News

Reports: Semester 2 2017

Semester 2 reports will be posted to parent portals on Wednesday, 29th November 2017. Where this facility is not available to parents or carers, printed versions of these reports are also posted on this date. The reports reflect each student's academic work for Semester 2, 2017 (both Term 3 and Term 4).

Thank you

Mr John Dalton

APA

Office News

2018 School Fees - Early Payment Discount

An early payment discount of 5% on Tuition Fees (excludes Levies) will be applied to your account if the full year's Fees and Levies are paid in advance at the commencement of the year. Payments need to be made and received by the College by 31st January 2018. Please contact the Office if you require assistance with calculating your full year's fees. Please note Term 1 Statements may not be issued until after 31st January 2018 so please do not wait for the term invoice if interested in claiming the early payment discount.

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.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Uniform Shop News

REMINDER CUT OFF FOR ORDERING IS VERY SOON

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

Homework Club

Homework club has concluded for 2017. On behalf of students and parents thank you to all SMCC staff who have supervised, driven the bus or otherwise contributed. It is much appreciated! Watch this space for 2018 arrangements.

Kind regards
Ms Sonia Robertson

Music Notes

SB Care Concert

A group of our Music Tuition Program students performed at SB Care on Tuesday. The students were very excited to perform for the crowd, which was very appreciative of their music. Thank you to Mr Hutton for organising the activity, and to Mrs Kylie Brown from SB Care for extending the invitation to us to perform.

String Immersion – Hire Instrument Returns

All Year 3 violins are due to be returned this week for safekeeping during the Christmas holidays. They will be reissued at the commencement of Year 4 in 2018, and the students will have the same instrument hired to them. During Term 1 of 2018, the students will be working on their performing skills in the lead-up to the Kingaroy Eisteddfod in May. They will be competing in the hotly contested Beginner Bands sections, which was won by our 2017 String Immersion Orchestra. (No pressure!) If any families would like to retain their student's hired violin for the duration of the holidays, a holiday loan can be arranged. Please send a note with your child and we will make the appropriate arrangements for you. Thank you to Mrs Jo Kennedy for her outstanding commitment to this very special Program; we could not do it without this very special Teacher.

Music Tuition Program – next week's lessons

- Mrs Nadine Smith (multi-instrumental) – lessons as per timetable
- Mr Grant Jeppesen (guitar) – all students' lessons will be taught on Tuesday

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- Mrs Jo Kennedy (strings) – no lessons
- Mrs Shannon Cridge (voice and piano) – will advise students directly
- Mrs Jo Town (piano) – no lessons

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
 Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Cheese & Bacon Pizza Roundas - \$3.00 each

Nachos with Sour Cream - \$5.00 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
 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

2017 Seniors Seminar Saturday 25th November at 9.30am, you are invited to join us in the Saint Mary's Parish Hall, with Centacare Community Services & Centacare Family & Relationship Services & the Parish, as we bring to you information on what services are available to assist you with staying in your homes and coping with grief as we age. We will also have information from the Public Trustee on Wills & Enduring Power of Attorney. Fr Stephen will introduce the parish Funeral Preparation Kit which you can complete and will be filed in the office. Morning tea and a light lunch will be available. Please RSVP to the Parish office for catering purposes by phoning (07) 4162 5121.

 St Vincent de Paul Society

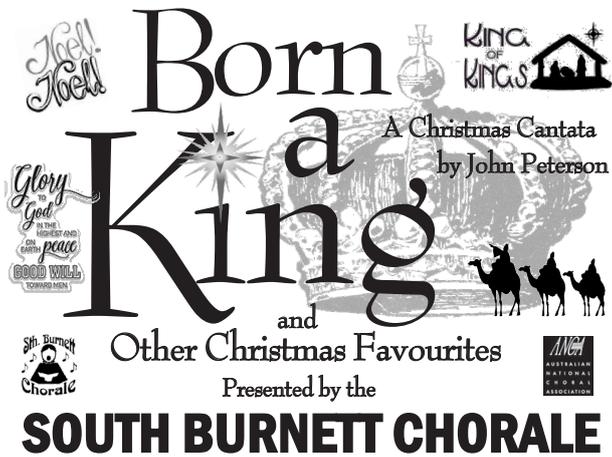
Charity Concert

Nanango - Catholic Church
Sunday 10th December - 6.00pm

Admission:- \$10.00 (including supper)
Children under 12yrs FREE

All proceeds to:-

St Vincent de Paul Family Assistance



Born a King
A Christmas Cantata
by John Peterson

and
Other Christmas Favourites
Presented by the
SOUTH BURNETT CHORALE

Logos: Joel Joel, Glory God, KING OF KINGS, St. Burnett Choral, MCA

CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH BURNETT

Blackbutt - Cooyar - Kingaroy - Kumbia - Nanango - Yarraman
Ph:41625121



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

December 24th Sunday

Sacred Heart - Blackbutt	4:30 pm
St Mary's Church - Kingaroy (Carols begin at 5pm)	5:30 pm
St. Malachy's- Cooyar	6:30 pm
Our Lady Help of Christians - Nanango	7:15 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday December 25th

Our Lady of Peace - Kumbia	7:30 am
Our Lady Help of Christians - Nanango	8:15 am
Our Lady of Dolours - Yarraman	9:30 am
St Mary's Church - Kingaroy	10:00 am

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas live in your heart all year long.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Community Notices



South Burnett
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CELEBRATES
2017

END OF YEAR CONCERT
5.30PM

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

KUMBIA SCHOOL OF ARTS MEMORIAL HALL
29-31 BELL ST, KUMBIA (BUNYA HWY)

Tickets

Family \$30

Adult \$15

Concession \$10

Optional BBQ dinner at interval
Meal vouchers must be pre-booked by 6/12
Includes steak or sausage burger, salads,
dessert, punch, tea & coffee
Adult meal \$15
Child meal \$5 (12 & under)
Other drinks available to purchase

Tickets and Meal Vouchers available from:



163 Haly St,
Kingaroy
4162 1941

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www.ticketebo.com.au/sbco

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, 23rd November

Prep Orientation Day Group A

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

Year 6 Rite of Passage from 6pm

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