Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary’s,

Yesterday, our parish priest, Fr. John Hong helped us to celebrate the beginning of a new school year with our Opening Mass and Induction of Student Leaders. I would like to thank Mr Perrett, Mr Hutton, Mr Curran, Mr Scanlan, our musicians and choir and all of the staff and students who assisted with our Mass.

At our Opening Mass, our Senior class presented their Statement of Commitment to the College community. The Seniors chose a galaxy as their class's symbol. Part of their commitment was help each other and our whole community to “Endeavour to Shine”.

This week we welcomed three final year student teachers:

- Ellen Inwood (Biology & HPE) - QUT
- Shawn Byrns (History) & Madeline Griep (Year 4) from the State University of New York.

Last year, our College’s Leadership team created our 2013 Annual Action plan which outlines the major directions for the College throughout 2013. Some of the actions (listed below) are mandated as priorities by Brisbane Catholic Education #.

2013 Saint Mary’s Annual Action Plan:

- Ensure that all staff have a working knowledge of the Disability Standards.#
- Embed ICLT (Information Communication Learning Technologies) contemporary pedagogies and digital learning across the P-12 curriculum. Begin the implementation the LIFE Learning Management System (LMS). #
- Australian Curriculum – Maths focus to embed contemporary Maths pedagogy, planning, teaching and assessment.
- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning with a view to embed improved practices and outcomes across the College.
- Introduce and resource the new Religion Curriculum. #
- Improve co-curricular sporting facilities and events and looking to increase student participation in sporting teams.
- Further improve Staff Spiritual formation and especially Benedictine spirituality.
- Embed the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program into the College’s DNA.
- Continue to progress the outcomes of the 2011 staff Curriculum review.
- Develop greater connections with St Patrick’s and St Joseph’s schools.
- Undertake a new review process using the following Review Components:
  - 1.5 Learning and Teaching of Religion
  - 2.3 Pedagogical Practice
  - 3.4 Partnerships and Relationships
  - 4.1 Stewardship of Resources
- Continue the ongoing formation of our College’s Leadership Team.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
From the Deputy

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Year 12 students and College Leaders who were commissioned yesterday at the wonderful Opening Mass. I look forward to a prosperous year with all our College Leaders as we strive to make 2013 a great success.

Hats

Please wear hats when out in the open particularly on the oval when playing soccer and other games. Students in PE lessons should also be wearing a hat when doing outdoor activities.

Swimming Carnival

Next Thursday is the Annual College Swimming Carnival that will be held for students in Years 1 - 12. I encourage parents to come along and enjoy what promises to be a fun and competitive day.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APRE News

Welcome back to all, and I would like to especially welcome new families to our growing College family.

Yesterday we had our opening school mass that included a commissioning of the seniors and the elected senior leaders of our college. I would like to reflect on a piece of gold that Fr John shared with us as part of his homily. Father reminded all of us that being holy is not reserved for people who regularly attend church, clergy or others in religious positions, being holy is being a good person. Being honest, genuine and compassionate are all ‘holy’ traits and can be practiced more easily in the playground and in our everyday lives than perhaps in our traditional concept of prayer. Simply put, they are the traits of a good person.

I once heard a quote from a person I know well, it was ‘I don’t go to mass because I am good, I go to mass to help me become good’. It is a very inclusive concept that has challenged my thinking for a long time about our invitation to be ‘good people’. We do have the opportunity to go to mass or to pray in formal and informal settings, but as importantly we have an invitation to be ‘good’ or ‘holy’ every day in very common circumstances.

Our staff spent a day reflecting on our Benedictine spirituality and the influence of Mary, our other Patron Saint. Mrs Narelle Mullins our guest presenter challenged the same perception Father John did, that being ‘holy’ is not just for some, it is for all of us. The ordinariness of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is another invitation to all of us to become the best person we can be. Being a mother and not being married in that time and in that culture, was as far from holy as one could imagine. But in her humanness, her ordinariness, her fear, her youth and her willingness to say yes, we see a real hero and a very good person full of grace, patience, compassion and most importantly love.

A wise Sister of Mercy nun gave me some good advice as I began my teaching career, she said, ‘you don’t have to like everyone, like denotes attraction or desire to be close to someone, but you are called to love everyone, love denotes a genuine care and concern for our fellow humans’. Last Sunday’s Gospel about love is one commonly used at weddings. It is a good definition of love and certainly a challenge to all of us.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:4–7)

New Religious Education Curriculum

On Friday I will attend a full day professional development looking at the curriculum that BCE launched late last year. I aim to develop our College RE program over the next two terms, ready for full implementation in term 3.

Monthly Family Mass

We have been invited again by the parish to take part in Sunday Mass at Saint Mary’s Church. I will put out a roster of classes for the year. Each class, as in previous years, has the opportunity to take various roles in various parts of the mass, including readings, welcome, music, offertory and more. Over the year in 2012 about 50 students took the opportunity to be involved. The response from other parish has been very favourable.

I look forward to another busy year.

God bless,

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Library Corner

Textbooks and Consumables

Textbooks and consumables are being distributed to classes this week. Invoices for consumables have been sent out through the Office. Detailed information about the textbook hire scheme and library overdues process will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

Library borrowing

Library borrowing will begin next week with an orientation session, including borrowing procedures and responsibilities of borrowers. The take home reader and Lexile Programs (more detailed information provided next week) will begin next week as well. Please ensure that students in Prep to Year 6 have library bags for their library lessons.

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep - Year 6 News

What a beautiful way to begin our school year, with our College Opening Mass yesterday. It was lovely to see some parents of new primary students join us for this special event. Well done to our younger members of our school community for their excellent reverent manners during this occasion. Congratulations also goes to our Year 6 students Naomi and Nick for their willingness to show leadership and responsibility, by participating in our Mass.

All primary students have now received their consumables and have begun to use the Soundwaves, Targeting Handwriting and iMaths resources in class.

Primary staff were inserviced yesterday in our new Australian Curriculum iMaths program and we are excited about implementing this fabulous program for our students. Teachers will send home the log-in codes for iMaths and Soundwaves for students to use the online resources at home should they choose to do so.

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policy is No Hat, No Play. Also a reminder that for middle to upper primary students who may have a USB for schoolwork, that our College ICT Responsible Use Policy states that no games, music, YouTube clips or similar are to be brought in on a USB and downloaded onto their school folder.

Have a wonderful week!
Kind regards,
Miss Celia O’Connor
P-6 Coordinator

Sports News
Reminder that the Swimming Carnival is next Thursday 14th February at the Town pool. Students in Yrs 1-3 will receive an information sheet from Celia O’Connor and I will pass on an information sheet to Yrs 4 through to 12’s. These will be given out via the home room teachers. Please feel welcome to attend.

Transport: Staff will be supervising at the pool from 8:20am. There will be no swimming before the carnival. Our buses and parents can drop students directly to the pool. We will also run a shuttle bus for any students delivered to the College. All students will be returned to the College for a normal 3pm departure unless they are picked up by their parents from the pool. Parents picking up students from the pool must see the class teacher to have them checked off on the roll.

I have fielded a couple of questions from interested parents regarding our younger swimmers. If your child is in yr3 but is capable of doing 50m races they can swim as swimmers. If your child is in yr3 but is interested parents regarding our younger I have fielded a couple of questions from our knowledge finalised all the goals we little.

We now stock Vaalia Yoghurt for $2.50.
Kind Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Stop Drop and Go Zone
Just a reminder and to inform new parents that the parking area outside the front of the school is a designated Stop Drop and Go Zone from 2.45pm to 3.10pm Monday to Friday.

This means that you are not entitled to park and leave your vehicle in this area. You must stay in your vehicle and move up the queue as cars leave. Your child waits under the trees out the front of the school and when their car arrives in this zone and stops the child can get safely in the vehicle.

If you wish to walk in and collect your child from Prep (or any classroom) then you must park in the bottom car park (or elsewhere in the surrounding streets) and walk up.

The area out the front of the school is not a parking area from 2.45pm to 3.10pm Monday to Friday.

Also encourage your child to use both pedestrian crossings. There are children walking across the road in front of the school to get into vehicles parked on the other side of the road. They should walk down to the crossing and then up the footpath on the opposite side.

Thank you for your patience and consideration.
Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Stop Drop and Go Coordinator

P&F News
Welcome parents, friends and carers to another great year at the best school this side of mars. This year the P&F would love to open its arms even more to new members who can help with a lot or just a little.

Last year we achieved many things and to our knowledge finalised all the goals we set out to achieve including assisting various community groups and events, contributing funds for gardens, specialised learning tools, reading programs and sporting groups just to name a few. So to get everyone excited and into the swing of things our first meeting will be this coming Tuesday the 12th of February starting at The super new time of 7.00pm. The AGM has been pencilled in for the 19th of March 2013. If this changes we will be sure to inform you.

P&F Levy
In 2012 there was a change to the P&F Levy where you can now be refunded the full $120 levy each calendar year. Parents/carers who volunteer for at least 12 hours per annum (at working bees &/or sausage sizzles) and sign in when they attend working bees etc. can then apply for a refund from the P&F by completing a P&F Levy Refund Form which can be obtained from the College Website in the next few weeks.

Have a great year everyone.
God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
President P&F

Flood Affected Farmers
If you’ve been affected by the flooding in Queensland, the following provides a step-by-step guide to support services to help you recover.

Step 1: Contact your local council
If you have been impacted by the floods, contact your local council’s Disaster Management Group. These groups are a local point of coordination across government that can assist with urgent needs associated with floods. This includes organising the logistics associated with road access such as freight and stock movements. To see a map and list of affected shires visit http://qldreconstruction.org.au/maps/ndra-map

To find your local council, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit the Department of Local Government website, www.dlg.qld.gov.au

Step 2: Eligibility for assistance
Financial assistance to help you recover from natural disasters is provided by QRAA by calling 1800 or visit www.qraa.qld.gov.au

Category B - Under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), Category B assistance gives access to concessional loans to farmers and small rural businesses of up to $250,000, as well as freight subsidies of up to $5000 for farmers. For shires eligible for Cat B, visit www.daf.qld.gov.au or call 13 25 23

Category C - This assistance includes recovery grants up to $10,000 in severe circumstances and up to $25,000 in exceptional circumstances depending on the level of damage.

Please contact your industry representative who are currently collecting details of damage incurred to allow the Queensland and Federal governments to decide on...
Kingaroy Rugby League Club Sign on Day 10th Feb from 10.30 to 12 midday. All ages from U6 to A grade welcome. U12 up, training starts 12th Feb. Looking forward to many new faces for the upcoming season.

Kingaroy Junior Touch is back for the 2013 summer season. Sign on is on Monday the 4/02/13 at the Kingaroy rugby league fields on Youngman St at 5 p.m. Ages from 5 to 14 years. Touch is played every Monday afternoon. the cost is $35 for under 10’s and $55 for over 10’s to under 14’s. All skill levels are welcome.

Pauls Milk Collect-a-cap Families that use Pauls milk, please keep the specially marked lid. A box is located in the school office.

South Burnett Russell Macarthur Taekwondo & Hapkido

Jidokwan
Do you want to make new friendships? Improve your fitness? Learn how to defend yourself? Get involved in a dynamic and exciting sport?

Taekwondo is the answer.
The benefits of Taekwondo as a sport include:
- Increased flexibility
- Increased fitness and strength
- Better co-ordination and balance
- Faster reflexes
- Development of self restraint, humility and high moral standards

Taekwondo caters for people from a wide variety of situations, from juniors wanting to develop self confidence to teenagers wanting to compete in State and National tournaments to adults wanting to improve their general fitness.

Training is held at the Kingaroy State High School Assembly Hall Monday & Wednesday nights from 6.00 to 7.30pm
Train for the first month free. For enquiries call club instructor Helen Schmidt on 0407 372 764.

Have a go at Taekwondo!

Date Claimer:

6th February WHS Committee Meeting
13th February Ash Wednesday
14th February Swimming Carnival
15th February Kingaroy Blue Light Disco
28th February South Burnett Secondary Swimming Carnival
20th March SATS Interview Day
21st March School Photo Day
22nd March Immunisation Clinic
26th March Years 7-12 Camp Week
28th March Term One Completed
29th March Good Friday
30th March School Holidays
31st March Eater Sunday
15th April Term Two Commences