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

Last week, we held a very successful swimming carnival for Year 1 to 12 students. I was extremely impressed with the participation of all of our students, especially our seniors who showed wonderful house spirit. I would like to congratulate Claire Anderson and her Polding House students on another great win. I would also like to congratulate our Age Champions who were recognised with certificates at a special assembly today. They will receive their medallions at our Awards Night. I would like to thank Mr Allen Medlen, our Sports Coordinator and all of the staff and parents who assisted to make our swimming carnival such a great event.

We have also had a significant number of students make the South Burnett teams in the trials over the past fortnight. Congratulations to all of these students and our age champions who are listed later in this newsletter.

Earlier this week, our Leadership team had the great pleasure of seeing Shannon Nitschke (2012 Senior) receive a Vice Chancellor’s Merit Scholarship to study Occupational Therapy at the University of the Sunshine Coast. This scholarship, which is worth around $2000 a year, was presented to Shannon based on her outstanding academic results and her leadership and involvement in social justice programs and the Faith and Life Committee whilst at Saint Mary’s. We congratulate Shannon on this well-deserved accolade.

Tomorrow, our census figures will be sent off to the state government. We will be looking to employ an extra Year 4/5 teacher and another person in the office based on these figures. Our increased numbers from last year had already allowed us to employ two additional staff more than last year.

We are currently looking at the best and fairest way to set up three classes in Years 4 & 5. Initially we are looking at having a Year 4 class and a Year 5 class (both with approx. 25 students in each) and a Year 4/5 class (with approx. only 15 students to allow extra time to teach both Year 4 & Year 5 curriculum). Students would still come together with their normal Year Levels for camps and many other activities throughout the year. This is an interim measure which hopefully will allow us to move toward having two separate classes in each of these year levels over the coming years. Regardless of what happens, we will make sure that all students across Years 4 & 5 have access to the same high quality education.

I will be out from Friday this week until Thursday next week at a couple of events. During this time, Mr Erwin will be our Acting Principal. This will be my longest time away from our community, but I need to attend these important events. Tomorrow, most of our district’s Principals and I will meet with the Education Minister to discuss regional education issues. From Monday to Thursday next week, I will join many Catholic Education Principals to receive an intensive training into leading the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

I would also like to officially announce that we have received a grant for just over $250,000 to refurbish our Art and Home Economics rooms. I would like to thank, Mrs Deb Frecklington MP for her support for this vital application. We will also self-fund a refurbishment of our Music rooms. This should mean that in the near future we will have a good standard of facilities across our entire College.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
From the Deputy

Spirituality

Spirituality is the human response to the restlessness that God has placed in the heart of each of us at creation. It describes the depth of the relationship a person has with God. Said another way, spirituality constitutes one’s life of faith. Individual spirituality is the result of one’s efforts to channel this restlessness through the disciplines and habits we choose to live by. It is deepened when we strive to bring ourselves closer to God through conversation with God, and through a realization that God desires for us to be close to Him. Good things flow out from this to others in the form of community and a greater desire for peace and social justice. There are many demands on our time as we experience daily life. Let us realise that in the business of that daily life we are doing God’s work. We must always pursue social justice and peace in our local communities. We are very fortunate to live in Australia and it is recommended that we take time to pause and reflect on the abundance in our lives.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Swimming carnival last week. I would like to thank the House Spirit Captains-Jordan, Claire and Rachael and all the Seniors who helped to organise the competitors for many events. I would also like to thank Mr Medlen and all the staff who made the carnival run so well.

Bus Behaviour

Students are reminded that the College expects that behaviour on the buses is excellent at all times. The College follows Qld Transport guidelines (see link below) and students who misbehave will be dealt with by myself and the bus company.


Maths Tutorial

Maths tutorials are on this Thursday in Room 2 with myself and Miss Tucker. Tutorials will conclude at 4pm.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

From the Office

Fees

Term 1 fees were charged and statements mailed out. These are due for payment 25th February unless you have a payment plan set up already.

If you don’t receive your statement or have any questions or concerns regarding the fees, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Lost Property

There are lots of towels, some thongs, wet shirts, drink bottles and other lost property from the swimming carnival in lost property. If it is not collected by Friday morning all will be disposed of.

Kind regards,

Mrs Shirley Hallett
Business Manager

Pastoral Care News

School Uniform

All students are required to wear black leather or vinyl closed in shoes. This is a health and safety requirement and precaution. If your son/daughter is unable to wear these shoes for any reason please send a note to school with your child. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Kind regards,

Mr Wade Toms
Pastoral Care Coordinator Years 7-10

Futsal Titles

Saint Mary’s have entered three teams this year to compete in the Futsal Competition. The first round will be held at a venue in Brisbane (to be announced) on 13th March. There will be more information and a note sent home shortly. Stay tuned for more information.

Kind regards,

Mr Wade Toms
Coach

Library Corner

Library Overdue/Lost Process

Now that our students have received textbooks and have begun borrowing from the library, it is important to provide information to you about our overdues/lost process. These processes are in place to help maintain our library resources and make them accessible to all.

Library Books:
- First reminder (1-15 days overdue) – Class teachers are emailed a list of students for daily reminder
- Second notice (16 – 23 days overdue) – Library staff give the student a printed record to take home
- Final notice (24-31 days) – Library staff talk to students individually and give them a final record slip
- Letters home to parents/caregivers (31 days + overdue) – Letters with the name of the book and replacement cost are posted home to parents/caregivers
- Failing a response/payment (after a week) – Account will be forwarded to the Business Manager

Textbooks:

Textbooks are very expensive resources which are loaned out to students for the year. It is understood that students use and carry these books frequently, but there is an expectation that students are responsible for these books and maintain them in good condition. Lost/damaged books must be reported to the library immediately so that they can be replaced and made available to students.

- Library staff notify students in classes (with written print outs) three-four weeks before school ends
- Several verbal reminders (through homerooms) and daily notices are in place daily thereafter. (A significant amount of time is spent following up on the return of these resources)
- During the first term of the new school year, students are spoken to
- Letters are sent home to parents/caregivers with the name of the textbook and replacement cost
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King regards,

Mrs Melanie Barr
Teacher Librarian

Curriculum Corner

Assessment Calendar Amendment - Yr8

The Year 8 Science assignment is due this Friday and not Week 6 as reflected in the calendar. Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Barr
Year 7-10 Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday’s extra choice menu

Morning Tea and Lunch

Mexican Spuds
$3.50

Spaghetti Jaffles
$3.50

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Lunch Bag System Only

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$3.50

Orders only – no orders will be accepted after morning tea on Friday.

A reminder that the tuckshop will not be serving red meat on Fridays throughout Lent. There will be alternatives including fish, salads etc. Piece of Fish $3.50

Kind Regards

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Sport News

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Touch Open Boys - Matthew Harch
Cricket 14 Boys - Callum Cook, Matthew Patroni, Caylan Brown, Alex Firman, Chris McCarthy and Thomas Carney
Cricket 15 Girls - Kiara Wright
Softball Open Girls - Rahab Murray

Best of luck at Regionals.

South Burnett Secondary Trials

Mr Medlen will take nominations for the following South Burnett Secondary Trials. Please make sure you get your names to him a.s.a.p. These trials will be on 13th March.

15 & 18yrs Boys Rugby League - Kingaroy

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League Fields
15 & 19yrs Girls Netball - Kingaroy State High School
15 & 18yrs Boys and Girls Soccer - Kingaroy Town Fields
15 & 18yrs Boys and Girls Basketball - Kingaroy State High School

The following have no trials and are by direct nomination. Please get your names to Mr Medlen so he can forward them on.

16 Years Boys Rugby Union
15yrs Boys AFL
19yrs Boys and Girls Hockey
Boys and Girls Golf

Swimming Carnival
On February 14th, yes Valentine’s Day, Saint Mary’s held their annual swimming carnival at the Kingaroy Swim Centre. Many thanks to Joe and Donna for the way the Centre was presented and how our students were catered for.

I would like to especially thank the staff who were wonderful as well. Support staff who were wonderful as well. Also, Bron Langford, Jenny Cross, Sonia Robertson, Sean Erwin helped make it a successful carnival.

Marty Perrett, Leesa Martoo and Romka Rush were fantastic job and they should be proud of the ingredients that make a good day. The carnival had all the main topics covered last night were:

- Fundraising ideas for 2013 which we will lock in next month.
- Polo shirts. The original company we were to purchase our supporters polos from closed down so we have to now place a new order directly to Canterbury, so we will take some extra orders for the next two weeks. Order forms can be found on the College Website or from the College Office. They are $48.60 each.
- Class sizes were discussed. Mr Nayler reassured parents that new staff would be employed depending on the upcoming State Census.
- Term 1 working bee is Sunday 17th March from 8am until 12noon to finish up with a BBQ lunch. Please wear long sleeves and trousers, hats, gloves, closed shoes and also bring wheel barrows and shovels etc.

To see a full wrap up of events, the minutes will be posted on the College Website under P&F as soon as possible.


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Results
1st Polding 479 Points
2nd Quinn 367 Points
3rd Rush 261 Points

Boys Age Champions
8 Years Ryan Maudsley - Rush
10 Years Matthew Trebin - Rush
11 Years Joshua Gronbach - Rush
12 Years Nicholas Elliott - Polding
13 Years Alex Dunemann - Quinn
14 Years Jackson Kelly - Quinn
15 Years Hayden Yensberg - Quinn
16 Years Matthew Harch - Polding
Open Jordan Gossw and Jack McKenzie - both Quinn

Girls Age Champions
8 Years Dana Gronbach - Rush
9 Years Addison Hawks - Quinn
10 Years Josee Currin - Quinn
11 Years Mackenzie Moller - Polding

12 Years Tessa Buzzo - Polding
13 Years Clare Adcock - Polding
14 Years Sarah Haack - Polding
15 Years Rachel Davis - Polding
16 Years Nellie Blee - Quinn
Open Brooke Davis - Polding

Congratulations to all of these students. They will be recognized at a full school assembly and at our Annual Awards Night later in the year.

Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

P&F News
Wow what a night we had at the P&F Meeting last night. First of all a huge thank you to all who came and wanted to come. I think it was the largest crowd we have had for a very long time.

Some of the main topics covered last night were:

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Until next week.

God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
President P&F

Personalise Label Drive
After being supported by many families, the P&F is earning great money from Bright Star Kids label fundraising site. After only $400 we have earnt $65. Keep up the ordering. If you subscribe to their email newsletter there are regular specials.

Just remember
www.FDR80brightstarkids.com.au or simply choose St Mary's Catholic College P&F Assoc. at the checkout.

See Bron Langford-Martoo for any more information.

Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Sticker Drive Coordinator

Counsellor News
Anxiety or Depressive Reactions common after natural disasters.
Children have a range of potential reactions which can be summarized as whether anxiety or depressive reactions. The most predictive factor of anxiety is a feeling that you may die, or thinking you were about to die during the natural disaster crisis. The greater the child’s exposure to the crisis the greater the risk of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Phobias after the natural disasters
The post-natural disaster phobia is a direct fear about something immediately relating to the frightening event, e.g. the sound of the heavy rain; the feel of being wet; a particular smell; the sound of glass breaking or trees falling; or indeed the sight of rushing or turbulent water.

A phobia involves an intense immediate fear reaction - your body tells you you’re anxious and makes you want to avoid and run.

Depression after natural disasters
Children are more likely to develop depression if they have experienced bereavement, or a significant loss of valued objects, possessions or pets.

Bereavement and depression present as lowered mood, loss of pleasure and interest in life, sleep problems, loss of appetite and weight, and negative or pessimistic thoughts.

Two Phases After a Disaster
1. The acute phase - where the focus is on food, water, shelter and safety. In this phase people are encouraged to talk and are directed to the services they can access for immediate help.
2. In several months’ time, when others not directly involved tend to move on, people can feel abandoned as their suffering continues.

At this time 5-10% of children can still have emotional problems. They may still have sadness and depression or an anxiety reaction, like PTSD. This is an appropriate time to talk to a school guidance officer, GP or Child and Youth Mental Health Service.

Kind regards,
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor
Pauls Milk  Collect-a-cap
Families that use Pauls milk, please keep the specially marked lid. A box is located in the school office.

Personalise Label Drive
Support this P&F Fundraiser by ordering your named stickers, iron-on and other personalised gear for your children.

All you need to do is go to the website www.FDR804.brightstarkids.com.au and start ordering.

Kumbia St Patrick’s Day Concert
Sunday, 17th March
1.30pm for 2.00pm start
Kumbia Memorial Hall
Admission: Adults $10 High School $5

More Information: Josie 4164 4384 or Moria 4164 4262

Come along and enjoy some merry entertainment by local artists for St Patrick’s Day, followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Raffles. Novelties. Irish hat competition. Wear your best!

If you can Sing, Dance or plan an Instrument we want to hear from YOU!
The 2013 Kingaroy Eisteddfod is fast approaching and it is time to start collecting entries for the eisteddfod. The main categories include: Dance, Instrumental, Speech and Drama, Keyboard and Literary. The Kingaroy Eisteddfod is being held from 30th April to 10th May with the concert on Saturday 11th May starting at 7pm. The dates for the sections are as follows:

- Speech and Drama: 30th April
- Dance: 1st - 6th May
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Schedules are available from Musicians Oasis, The Kingaroy Community Centre and Dimities Cottage (Wondai), or you can download a schedule from our website www.eisteddfod.southburnett.com.au. Entries close 8th March, which can be posted or handed into the Kingaroy Community Centre.

We would love to see as many people as we can enter this year!
Further enquiries contact: Ann Canniford 4162 4440

Instrumental Workshop
9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 16th March
South Burnett Community Orchestra in conjunction with South Burnett Regional Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund are hosting an Instrumental Workshop with visiting Tutors in Strings, Brass, Woodwind and Percussion. All Musicians regardless of age or playing experience are invited to attend.
Cost $ 20 includes morning tea.
Registration at the Uniting Church Hall, Alford Street, Kingaroy at 8.30am.
Further details and registration of interest to Wendy Kelly
Phone 0409 270 496 or email sbcorchestra@hotmail.com

St. Joseph’s Mass and Family Picnic
St Joseph’s Tip Oval
Sunday 10th March at 10am
Mass Presider: Archbishop Mark Coleridge
BYO Chair and Picnic Lunch. Cold drinks and coffee van available.
Classrooms will be open from 11.30am to 1.30pm.
Phone the School Office for further details 3201 6188

Date Claimer……..

22nd February Immunisation Forms due back
26th February Whole School Assembly Board Meeting 7.30pm
27th February SEAT - Spinal Presentation
28th February South Burnett Secondary Swimming Carnival
15th March Kingaroy Blue Light Disco
17th March P&F Working Bee 8am
19th March P&F AGM 7pm
20th March SATS Interview Day
21st March School Photo Day Year 12 USC Visit
22nd March Immunisation Clinic
25th March P-6 Celebrating of Learning Breakfast
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

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