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

As we move through the Lenten season toward Easter, we have increasing numbers of liturgical activities.

On Friday, we had a whole school Easter PowerPoint and prayer to remind us all why we celebrate Easter. We also handed out this term’s Benedictine awards, for students who have consistently lived out our Benedictine Values of: Being Respectful, Being Safe, Being Just, Being Responsible and Being our Best. Two students were chosen from each home class as outstanding ambassadors of our College’s values:

- **Prep**
  - Mason Bradford
  - Loren Searle

- **Year 1**
  - Angus McDonald
  - Adrienne Howard

- **Year 2**
  - Dana Gronbach
  - Cooper Moller

- **Year 3**
  - Abby Wolski
  - Beau Kanay

- **Year 4**
  - Joshua Gronbach
  - Anh Truong

- **Year 5**
  - Baxter Armstrong
  - Ebony Stampa

- **Year 6**
  - Bridget McDonald
  - Thomas Dolzan

- **Year 7A**
  - Leigh Yance
  - Louis Sayer

- **Year 7B**
  - Campbell Depper
  - Madison Wintour

- **Year 8A**
  - Alexander Firman
  - Jerusha Schofield

- **Year 8B**
  - Monice Hurbutt
  - Brayden Merton

- **Year 9**
  - Richelle Bethke
  - Samuel Vinci

- **Year 10**
  - Stephanie Ross
  - Matthew Harch

- **Year 11A**
  - Rixon Crane
  - Matthew Güteridge

- **Year 11B**
  - Samantha Watson

- **Year 12**
  - Sarah Undery
  - Daniel Kelly

On Sunday, we celebrated our school-led parish Mass. I was very proud of the staff and students who led our Mass so beautifully. They even received a spontaneous round of applause at the end of the Mass for their efforts.

Our P-5 classes are telling the Easter story each morning this week through presentations in the chapel. On Monday morning, I witnessed the Year 1s sharing the story of Palm Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many parents there to witness their child’s performance. I am looking forward to seeing the rest of the performances across the week.

Enrolments are now open for Prep and Year 8 for 2013. Please let your friends and family know. This week, our numbers have just reached 345 and are likely to pass 350 in term 2.

This week is also Camp / Work Experience Week for Yrs 6 – 12. Mr Erwin and I have made our expectations of representing the College with pride known to all students. We have also warned students that major behaviour issues will mean that their parents will be called to pick them up from camp / work experience.

Please be advised that Term 2 commences on Monday, April 16 for all students. Unlike other years, there is no Student Free Day on the first Monday back.

This year we are keen to have as many students as possible join our ANZAC Day march in Kingaroy on April 25th. We are also keen to have some members of our Equestrian Team members ride for this important event. The parade will begin to form at the Kingaroy RSL from 10.30 am on ANZAC Day, with the march beginning at 11.00am.

Finally, I would like to wish all in our Saint Mary’s community a happy and holy Easter. Please take the time to explain to your family that Jesus is the reason that we celebrate Easter. I spoke with all of our students about the symbolism of the egg and its connection with Christ’s resurrection. Just as a chicken’s egg seems almost still and lifeless before the baby chick breaks its way out, so Jesus’ tomb was quiet and lifeless until Christ rolled back the stone on Easter morning. Christ’s resurrection and the Easter Egg itself are a celebration of new life and our own resurrection.

Yours in Christ

Michael Nayler

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**REMINDER**

Parent/Teacher interviews

Wednesday 18th April

Please return your time choices to the office as soon as possible
**P-5 News**

What a wonderful term we’ve had! It was so terrific to see so many of our families take part in our Celebration of Learning morning last week. This was such a great opportunity for your children to share their work and classroom environment with their family. Thanks to Mr Nayler who cooked up such a beaut breakfast for our primary families as well.

This week while our years 6-12 students are away on their camps, our primary students take part in special liturgies depicting the events of Holy Week. On Wednesday Prep to Year 3 students will take part in a visit from Bravehearts, as detailed in previous newsletters. On Thursday, parents are most welcome to attend our Dance Fever lessons to see the funky dance moves we’ve practised all term.

Celia O’Connor
Curriculum Support Teacher (Primary)

**Prep**

This term in Prep has been very busy! We started the term off with getting to know everyone and so many new faces, but before long our Prep class all became great friends. We have been learning a lot of new and fun things this term. In our Staying Alive unit for Science, we learnt about what our bodies need for us to stay healthy and alive as well as what our class pet needs. We have been learning the names and sounds of letters and making a lot of art to match the letter. In Math’s this term we were very busy, we worked a lot on number recognition from 1 to 10, counting and sorting. Some of our favorite things from Term One have been, Gross Motor with Mrs Cross, Library with Mrs Burr, playing on the Prep playground, learning Sight Words, painting, playing with play dough, marbles, blocks and letting our imaginations go wild in home corner.

**Year One**

The first few weeks of Term 1 were all about helping the students learn and settle into the structured routines of Year One. During this time, we have explored many concepts through hands on learning, independent and group work, discussions and information communication technologies. As a whole class Year One wrote a recount of our learning journey this term.

In Year One we have learnt some letter names and sounds. We have really enjoyed the chants, hand actions and movements that go with the letters and sounds. We had a great time exploring minibeasts and have learnt about their habitats and why we have these creatures. We have been doing a great job with counting in ones and we lots of have fun in the morning acting as rockets…… counting backwards from 20-0! We have been exploring God’s wonderful creations and the Easter story. We are now making lots of Easter art and crafts. Year One have been learning a reading strategy called the “popper”. We use this strategy to sound out the beginning sound, the next sounds and then the word will pop out! We have been very busy bees and have had lots of fun!

**Year Two**

In Term 1, Year 2 have been so busy investigating significant and special people in History, living and non-living things and the water cycle in Science, and creating beautiful waterhole paintings in art. We have had fun learning about Indigenous stories and traditional art practices. Year 2 have worked very hard on our reading and have all made so much progress! We are very proud.

Mathematics has involved lots of counting, number work and operations practice as well as working to hundreds in place value. Well done students!

We’ve developed our balance and coordination in Sensory Motor and HPE activities.

We will be finishing this term with our Holy Week liturgy depicting the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gesthemane. This will be on Thursday 29th March, 9:15am in our College Chapel.

**Year Three**

In Year 3 we have been engaged in many different learning activities this Term. Our Religion unit was based on the bible stories about the life of Jesus.

“I like religion because I like learning about Jesus and God.” Lachlan W

“I liked it because Miss V reads stories and we can write about them.” Julian

In Science, we have learnt about Space. As a class we focused on the concept of day and night.

“It was very interesting and I enjoyed making our sun dials.” Charlie

“I like space because it has awesome planets and my favourite is the sun.” Beau

In History and Geography, our topic was the wonderful country of Australia. We created many art works displaying our cities, beaches, deserts and bush land.

“I liked learning about Australia because it was interesting and fun to look at.” Rahni

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**Dates to Remember…**

- **Friday 30th March**
  Last day of Term 1

- **Monday, 16th April**
  First day of Term 2

- **Tuesday, 17th April**
  Riders Program Yr 11 & 12

- **Wednesday, 18th April**
  Parent/Teacher Interviews

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**Prep students present the Last Supper**

**Year 3 students present their Easter story**
In English we began our journey through reading, writing, listening and speaking. “I like handwriting because it helps you do running writing and it is fun.” Patrick “In soundwaves I like learning new words for spelling each week.” Holly “Reading is good because when you grow up you need it for your job.” Addisen Lannah and Jacob have delivered fantastic show and tell this Term.

In Mathematics we began the year looking at odd and even numbers. We continued through the weeks with addition and subtraction, representing money and counting change, measurement and telling the time.

I would like to thank the parents who have assisted the students in Year 3 this Term. Your time and support is very much appreciated! Have a fantastic Easter break and we will see you next Term ready for our new learning adventures.

Year Four

What a busy and productive start to the year! We’ve made great friends with six new class members. This term our class has explored superheroes, life cycles of flowering plants, healthy living poetry, cooking as well as all of our literacy and numeracy activities. It has been a wonderful term and we are all excited about school camp Week Seven Term 2 (30, 31st May & 1st June).

This week: Friday, 30th March. Our class is presenting our part of the Holy Week story in the drama room at 9am. We are celebrating end of term with Year 3. As part of our healthy living program we are bringing a plate of healthy food to share, participating in physical activities and sharing an educational video.

Please ensure you have returned your interview form that came with your child’s report.

Year Five

This term has been a busy one for the Year 5 class. In History and English we have been learning about the settlement of Australia and what life was like back then. We have read a couple of very interesting books about Grace and how she came to be in Australia. These stories are set in 1808. We look forward to finding out how Grace survives in Australia next term.

In Science we have been learning about animals and how their features and the way they adapt help them to survive in their environment. We created a Power Point or booklet to present this information to each other.

Other things we have enjoyed this term are cross country training, computers, times tables, reading groups and silent reading.

Mass & Liturgy Timetable

Kingaroy
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

Nanango
Saturday 8am

The Queensland Cancer Council is holding the Daffodil Debutante Ball 10th August 2012, Kingaroy

Anyone who is interested and may need further information is asked to contact Mrs Lorna Lucas on 4162 2818 as soon as possible.

St. Mary’s Parish Kingaroy
Easter 2012 Celebration

5th April
Holy Thursday - 7.00pm

6th April
Stations of the Cross - 11.00am
Good Friday Passion of Christ - 3.00pm

7th April
Holy Saturday - 7.00pm

8th April
Easter Sunday - 10.00am and Kumbia 8.00am

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Prep & Year 8 in 2013

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Or on our website
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