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

Alice Hauritz (College Secretary) and I have just returned from two days in Brisbane working on Saint Mary’s College reporting system.

Our Term One report (like most Catholic schools) will be entirely in the Affective Domain i.e. How your child is going, rather than giving a level of achievement. I have asked all staff with concerns about students’ work and effort to contact home over the next week or two, so that parents and carers are kept informed.

For this term, we will continue reporting under the Benedictine Values / Work Practices:

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<th>Benedictine Value / Work Practice</th>
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<td>Being respectful</td>
<td>Manages and accepts responsibility for own behaviour. Shows respect towards staff and other students.</td>
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<td>Engages safely in class activities. Follows class rules. Exercises self-control.</td>
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<td>Treats other students fairly. Works well in groups.</td>
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<td>Being responsible</td>
<td>Well-organised and punctual. Completes homework and tasks on time.</td>
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<td>Being your best</td>
<td>Positive attitude to learning. Actively participates in discussions and activities. Works conscientiously on set tasks.</td>
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Students will be rated against these Values / Work Practices under: Consistently (ie. most of the time); Generally (more often than not); Sometimes (less often than not) and Rarely (occasionally). Teachers will also indicate if an interview is requested. Students will also receive a general comment from their Homeroom / Classroom teacher.

This week, we welcome Mr Mark Richard to our staff. Mark is the final piece of the staffing jigsaw. He will bring a wealth of experience to the Manual Arts area.

Finally, I would like to remind all in our community about the value of making mistakes. I firmly believe that it is our mistakes and not our successes which help form most of us as people. The children and young people we care for will make mistakes from time to time, as we all will. This is a fundamental part of growing up.

Most of the world’s greatest inventions and innovations have come after a series of failed attempts. Imagine a world if these people had stopped inventing and moving forward after their first bungle.

When our child / young person does something wrong, we help them to understand what they have done, face up to any consequences for their actions and after it is all over, we make sure that they understand that they are forgiven. Children, young people and adults have a fundamental right to learn from their mistakes.

One of the greatest parenting mistakes I have seen across more than a quarter of a century in schools is parents and carers looking to blame everyone other than their child / young person for their mistakes.

Dates to Remember…

Friday, 2nd March
School Photos

Tuesday, 6th March
Year 11 Biology Excursion

Thursday, 8th March
Whole School Free Dress Day
P-5 Disco

Friday, 16th March
Green Hat Day Assembly 8.50am
(Don’t forget your hats)
The parents and carers who follow this strategy, end up with a young person who cannot accept responsibility for their own actions; never learns to change their behaviour and most sadly, never experiences forgiveness as they never understand that they have made a mistake in the first place.

I don’t ask parents and carers to give us your unconditional trust, but I do ask that we work together as partners so that we get the best outcome for your child / young person.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

**From the Deputy**

**Before School**
No student is to be around port racks or class rooms before 8.20am. All students who arrive at the College before 8.20am must sit in the bottom Courtyard until the 8.20am bell rings.

**Camps**
Camps for Years 6 to 12 will be held in week 10. Students who do not comply with College regulations over the next month will have their camp place discussed by staff. In some instances this may mean that the student cannot attend camp and will be expected to attend school whilst their year level is on camp.

**Exams and Assignments**
As it is week 6 of a 10 week term, exams and assignments are looming. Students need to be organised and do regular revision so they are fully prepared for exams and are aware when assignments are due.

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

**Sport News**
Dear SMCC Community,

This year has started with a bang with many students trying out for various representative teams in the school sport calendar. We are lucky to have many talented sportspeople here at the college and the following students have this year already made teams in their respective sports:

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Congratulations to these students. We are proud of you no matter how far you go. Please remind your students to listen to morning notices, as that is the easiest avenue of communication for me to let students know what trials are coming up etc. For the high schoolers, Winter Trials are mid March which feature trials for the football codes, netball etc. For primary schoolers, their trials come in dribs and drabs so ask them to be sure to listen to notices so they do not miss out!

I will keep all updated with news of our students being selected for representative teams in coming newsletters.

Yours in Sport,

Mr Mark Holmes
Sports Coordinator
SRC Reps

Last week the names were printed incorrectly. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as SRC Reps for their classes:

Year 11A  Claire Anderson and Eline Beijnsen
Year 11B  Megan Baldacchino and Samantha Watson
Year 10  Gabe Crane and Cassandra Firman
Year 9  Monique Mott and Richelle Bethke
Year 8A  Seraiya Gordon and Alexander Firman
Year 8B  Jayde Novak and Kiara Wright
Year 7A  Louis Sayer and Kate Cutler
Year 7B  Campbell Depper and Madison Wintour
Year 6  Grace McFarlane and Bridget McDonald

Free Dress Day
Thursday, 8th March
Gold Coin Donation
All proceeds are donated to Caritas

SAINT MARY’S Parents & Friends
SUPPORTERS POLO or SPRAY JACKET ORDER

Parent Name……………………………………………………
Child’s Class…………………………………………………….

POLO – Cost $47

Size (Please circle)

Ladies  10  12  14  16
Mens    S    M    L    XL

SPRAY JACKET – Cost $42

Size (Please circle)

S    M    L    XL    XXL

Payment Amount:
Please return order with payment to the College Office.

Tuckshop’s Friday Lent Menu

Fish fingers x 2  $1.25
Fish fingers x 4  $2.50

Piece of fish $3.50
Potato scallop $1.20

No Pies and Sausage Rolls are available on Fridays.

New Menu Item

No added sugar flavoured milk
500ml Chocolate and Iced Coffee
$3.00

Footy Tipping Round 2
March 9 - 12

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| Broncos |        | Cowboys
| Roosters|        | Panthers
| Sharks  |        | Knights
| Titans  |        | Raiders
| Eels    |        | Warriors

Movie Night!

Friday, 16th March 2012
Located in the Mary Knoll Centre

Under 15 at 3.30pm

15+ at 6.00pm

Gold coin donation

Popcorn and other food available

All funds raised is going towards Caritas

Thank you Year 10
Parents are invited to come along to see their children's wonderful work and activities in Term 1.

**P - 5 Lunchtime Disco**

**Thursday, 8th March 2012**

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