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

We have had a number of exciting events at Saint Mary’s over the past week:

A number of our Indigenous students travelled with Aunty Daisy and Mrs Arrell to Toowoomba for a USQ day. Our students had an awesome day, but it was even better to hear that they were being shown around by USQ ambassadors who themselves were past Saint Mary’s students.

Last Thursday, a number of our students attended International Women’s Day events both at school and in town. As a staff, we also celebrated International Women’s Day with prayer and a morning tea. I would like to thank Mrs Bron Langford-Martoo for organising these events, and also the staff and students who supported them.

I was privileged to hear Mrs Helen Anderson, one of our parents, speak about the great work of the Operation Princess Rescue organisation. As a father of two young women, I was particularly interested to hear Helen talk about taking back the word “Princess”. She talked about being a “Princess” as being more about confidence, strength and making a difference rather than being about tantrums and tiaras. I immediately thought of some of the new Princesses like Mary and Kate, who seem to bring these positive dimensions to their roles.

Also last Thursday, amongst a number of Caritas fundraising events, our P-5 students had a disco to raise money for Caritas. It was fantastic to see the great joy on these students’ faces as they danced away their lunch hour.

This week, a number of our staff and parent community have been in Brisbane to look at developing Saint Mary’s Whole School Positive Behaviour program. You can expect to hear more about this over the coming weeks.

Today, Aunty Daisy, Mrs Arrell and I are at the QCEC Indigenous Forum which is looking at post school and VET options for Indigenous students.

Finally, we have a couple of P&F events over the next week:

P&F Working Bee: 7.30 – 10.30am Saturday, March 17. Please bring equipment such as whipper snippers, blowers, trimmers, wheel barrow, rakes etc. All welcome. Morning Tea afterwards.
P&F AGM: 7.30pm Tuesday, March 20.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

14th March 2012

Dates to Remember…

Friday, 16th March
- Green Hat Day Assembly 8.50am
  (Don’t forget your hats)
- Movie Night Under 15s 3.30pm
  15+ 6pm

Tuesday, 20th March
- P & F Meeting 7.30pm

Year 11 Caritas Fundraiser

MOVIE NIGHT Friday March 16
Under 15s  3.30pm
“How to Train Your Dragon”
15+  6.00pm
“Tomorrow When the War Began”
Supervision from 3pm Parents Welcome
GOLD COIN ENTRY
Popcorn & food for sale
Bring Warm Clothes/Blankets
From the APRE

Dance on Injustice
Last Thursday the P-5 classes held a disco in the Mary Knoll Centre to raise money for Caritas. Caritas is the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development. This year we have set a target of $2000 and we are well on the way to achieving that goal. The students were led by our Dance Fever leaders who have certainly added some new moves to our students’ repertoire. Thanks to Mrs Celia O’Connor for organising the event, the P-5 staff who kindly supervised and Ms McNamara for showing how adults too can still light up the floor.

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations – St Mary’s Parish
You are invited to join with millions of Catholics and Christians around the world to take part in the celebration of the Easter Mysteries. Fr John reiterated last Sunday that the Ten Commandments of the Hebrew Scriptures were simplified by Jesus to just two, love your neighbour and love your God. Lent is a time we can look closely at our relationships and readjust where we could be in the light of the Gospel values.

Times are:
Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at St Mary’s
Good Friday - 11:00am Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm Passion of Christ
Holy Saturday - 7:00pm
Easter Sunday - 10:00am (and Kumbia 8:00am)

Parish / College Mass
The next College led parish mass is Sunday the 25th of this month. Year 10 and Year 5 students are invited to play a role in this mass. Last month, year 11 and year 6 students played a major part in what turned out to be a great gathering of community. Ms Romka Sudull and Mr Michael Scanlan led the music and the parish appreciated the new sound and enthusiasm our college contributed to the Mass.

From the Support Teacher

Information Afternoon presented by University of Queensland Occupational Therapy unit.
Occupational Therapy final year students and their lecturer from University of Queensland will be at Saint Mary’s Catholic College on Tuesday 27th March. They will run an information afternoon for any interested parents, carers and teachers with a student in Prep to Year 3. They will be talking about developmental milestones and transitions from squiggling to writing etc. You are most welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at 3.00pm, followed by a 3.20pm start in the Resource Centre. The presentation runs for about 1 hour. Teachers will be monitoring the play area next to the Saint Mary’s Resource Centre. There is no need to call or book just come along if you are interested.

Tuckshop’s FRIDAY Lent Menu

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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 16-19

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Remind! Please note that all camp fees are due next Monday 19th March unless alternative arrangements have already been made

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO BE PART OF FOOTY TIPPING FOR 2012
$20 to enter for the whole season Great prize money
Bring money and details to the College office

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