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Easter
May you all have a blessed Easter.

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Catholic Vocations
Last week our senior students were treated to a visit from Fr Morgan Batt and Mr Michael Whitney. These men work for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and they travel to promote Catholic Vocations amongst young students. The call they speak of is not just to priesthood but to a religious life which includes married life. What made this experience rich for our students was the diversity in the life experiences of both men. Fr Morgan, who has recently done some work in the Murgon parish, presented images and stories of his experience as a mountaineer and Army Chaplain. I cannot do justice in this article to his achievements; however he has celebrated the highest Catholic Mass in the World on the summit of Mt Everest and was under direct mortal fire in Iraq. One image was of a chalice he was given by an old army chaplain, it had been used in 7 Wars including Gallipoli, Vietnam, Timor and Iraq. Many of the men who had drunk from it had given their lives for our country. Fr Morgan mentioned it was “his most treasured possession”. I would encourage you to talk with your student if they are in Year 10,11 or 12 to get their impression of the visit.

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 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 re-adjust where we could be in the light of the Gospel values.

Parish / College Mass
The next College led Parish Mass is this Sunday the 25th March. 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 Romika Sudull and Mr Michael Scanlan led the music and the parish appreciated the new sound and enthusiasm our college contributed to the Mass.

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Sports News

Sporting Reps:
Congratulations to the following students who have made representative teams over the last couple of weeks:

Wide Bay:
Tom Pratt (Touch Football)
Alex Dunemann (Touch Football)

South Burnett:
Matthew Harch (Rugby League)
Madi Nitschke (Netball)
Stephanie Mumford (Soccer)
Tin Truong (Soccer)
Leyton Brown (AFL)
Tom Pratt (AFL)
Alex Dunemann (AFL)

We are very proud of these students and hope they continue their sporting success at further carnivals.

Active After School Communities:
This is the last week of AAS this term. Next week is camp week and supervision is limited. Therefore we will conclude the activities on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to those who support the program. This is the largest group we have had for a while and the students have enjoyed the program. Next term’s activities require limited numbers so first in, best dressed! Look out for the permission letter early in Term 2.

Yours in sport,
Mr Mark Holmes
Sports Coordinator

Learning Support News
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 squigglings 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.

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Support Teacher Inclusive Education.

Tuckshop News

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

Kind regards,
Ms Heather Barritt
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News

Parent helpers needed for the P&F Working Bee at the Local Government Elections, 8am – 6pm, Saturday April 28th.
If you are able to help with our cake stall, BBQ etc.

Please email or send your name/s, contact details and times available to Damien Martoo, our P&F President at: drmartoo@yahoo.com.au or 0408068485.

Parents will also be encouraged to supply cakes, slices, fudges, biscuits for sale at the cake stall.
**TTC News**

The Technology department is looking for small engines for the students to learn on and pull apart. In particular we are looking for old lawn mowers, chainsaws, whipper snippers or motorbike engines preferably or a small 4 cylinder car engine. We do not have the space for larger engines so we cannot accept 6 or 8 cylinder engines.

If you are able to help us please contact Mr Byrne at the College on 4162 2011.

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**Love singing?**

**Join the South Burnett Youth Choir!**

**Rehearsal times:**

**Wondai – Mondays.** Lutheran Church Hall (Edward St).  
FREE singing lessons @ 3:45pm. Choir starts @ 4:30pm.

**Kingaroy – Tuesdays.** 1913 Chambers (Edward St).  
FREE singing lessons @ 5:30pm. Choir starts @ 6:15pm.

*** Choirs touring Brisbane in April & Tasmania in July 2012***

Open to children aged 8 – 18 years.  
Phone Jane today for an enrolment package on 0411 118 510  
or email – jane@datawave.net.au

The SBYC is a proud recipient of the $15 000 Queensland Government Building Rural Communities Grant (DEEDI).

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**Bus Fare Assistance and Students with Disabilities**

**Semester 1, 2012**

Online applications for the  
**Bus Fare Assistance Program** and the  
**Students with Disabilities Scheme**  
are being accepted now until  
**31st May 2012**

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to: [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)  
Further enquiries to:  
3336 9192 or [schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au)  
Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed
South Burnett Autism Support Group

TRIVIA NIGHT

A Trivia Night fund raiser is being held to create awareness about Autism and help improve educational opportunities for autistic children, adults and families in the South Burnett.

Date: Saturday, 16th June 2012
Time: 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start
Place: Kingaroy Town Hall - Glendon Street
Cost: $10.00 per person
Theme: Olympics—Come dressed as your favourite sporting or track hero, as a judge, commentator, film crew, mascot etc.

A multi draw raffle will be held on the night with loads of great prizes to be won. Get together with family and friends to make up a table of 8 players or come along and join a table on the night. Although a light supper will be provided at half time, BYO drinks and nibbles to keep you going throughout the night. To register and for further information please call Tracey on 4162 9731 or Tina on 0417 010 292 or email tina.torrens@bigpond.com

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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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Pauls Milk Collect-a-Cap

Families that use Pauls milk, please keep the specially marked lid. The collection box is located in the College front office.

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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

(other sizes available on request)

SPRAY JACKET – Cost $42
Size (Please circle)

S M L XL XXL

Payment Amount:
Please return order with payment to the College Office by Friday 30th March

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Mass & Liturgy Timetable

Kingaroy
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10am

Nanango
Saturday 8am

Kumbia
Sunday 8am