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

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that all in our community have had a restful and enjoyable break.

Saint Mary’s may be a small school, but we achieve amazing things with six Saint Mary’s students who have made the Qld Country Futsal team. I would like to congratulate Chris McCarthy, Pacey Clegg, Robert Veivers, Bao Truong, Clare Adcock and Steph Mumford. They will travel to Sydney to compete in the Australian titles during the second week of September holidays. Our U13 team make up the majority of the U13 Queensland side. Clare Adcock (Yr 8) made the Girls Open team competing against 18 year old students from other schools across the state. I would like to publically thank and congratulate Mr Wade Toms for his great work in promoting Futsal at Saint Mary’s.

At Tuesday’s assembly, we celebrated our Term One Benedictine Awards. I would like to congratulate all of the students below who were recognised for living up to our Benedictine Values of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Just, Being Safe and Being our Best.


During our Benedictine Award ceremony, I spoke of some of St Benedict’s powerful messages which are still very relevant today. Some of the parents and grandparents at the ceremony asked that I share these with our whole community, so here is just a small amount of the incredible wisdom of St Benedict:

- Listen with the ear of your heart.
- Show others in deeds, rather than words, all that is good and holy.
- You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge.
- If people curse you, do not curse them back, but bless them instead.
- Delight God with work and prayer.
- Rid your heart of all deceit.
- Never give a hollow greeting of peace or turn away when someone needs your love.
- Help those who are in trouble.
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of Grace.

- Make peace, before

Next Monday and Tuesday, I along with,
Mr Radcliffe and Mr Curran will take nine
Year 12 students on the first of this
year’s Street Retreats. During this voluntary
overnight retreat, our students will work with street people (homeless) and listen to the stories from recovering drug, alcohol and gambling addicts. For many students the street retreat is a life-changing experience.

Saint Mary’s is organising the inaugural South Burnett Cow Horse Competition next Wednesday at Nanango Show Grounds in which 86 students from across South Burnett schools will show off their equestrian skills. Congratulations to Mr John Dalton and the staff and parents involved for getting this and our South Burnett Equestrian event off the ground.

Next Wednesday, we will celebrate ANZAC Day with a 8.45am ceremony at school. Families are most welcome to join us for this ceremony. On ANZAC Day, I would like our families and students to once again join us in marching at ceremonies across the South Burnett. I will put details of these ceremonies in our next newsletter. Last year, nearly a third of our students turned out to march.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

From the Deputy
Brother Damien Price:
“I think it was Baz Luhrmann, the director of Strictly Ballroom who once said, “Do not live for your opening nights but rather for the richness of the journey.” Faith is indeed a journey. Enjoy what is left of your Year of Grace – in fact – make every year and every day in it – a journey of grace.”

I was lucky enough to hear Brother Damien speak at the ACSSQ conference last year. His words are very real and truly touching. Brother Damien lives in the real world and deals with difficult situations daily. He is a truly Catholic man who lives out gospel values. Let us listen to his words of advice and live each day to the fullest.

Maths Tutorials
Tutorials will start in week 3 due to the Anzac day holiday. They will occur each Thursday from 3-15pm to 4-00pm.

Year 11 Camp
I had the pleasure of attending Year 11 camp in the last week of school. The leadership and co-operation shown by the students was exemplary. I look forward with great enthusiasm as these young people become the Seniors of 2014. We are in good hands indeed!!

God bless,

Mr Sean Eriksen
Deputy Principal

APA News

Reports
The Term 1 reports were issued to students on Tuesday, so hopefully all parents and carers have been able to discuss them with students.

Remember that these Mid-Semester reports are deliberately a brief overview based on just 8 weeks of student work. More comprehensive reports are issued at the end of each semester.

Parent Teacher Interviews
These will be held on Tuesday 23rd April commencing at 3-00pm. Appointments can be made using the Parent Teacher On-line function as explained in the report package sent home.

"Should I book a Parent Teacher interview?"

When considering this question, you could consider the following points:
- It is impossible to describe the complex intellectual, social and behavioural characteristics of a young person in 8 different subjects with just a couple of letters or numbers on a page. The interviews allow teachers to more fully describe a student’s progress and nuances.
- These interviews are not just about teachers informing parents. They are also about parents telling teachers useful information about the student.
- Taking time to have the interview sends a message to the student that you are interested in his/her progress.
- Interviews allow parents and teachers to form useful partnerships for learning. Once personal contact is made, parents feel more at ease to later contact a teacher about student progress or concerns.
- The above is also true for teachers, who feel at ease to contact parents once a personal relationship is established with a parent at interviews.

Important Term 2 Dates
- Tue 30th April: 1-15pm
  P-12 College Cross Country
- Wed 19th June: All day
  Yr P-6 Athletics Carnival

Parent Teacher Interviews
Reports were issued to students yesterday. Included in the envelope was your log in details to Parent Teacher Online along with a letter explaining how to use this program.

If you have any difficulties with booking your interviews or don’t have internet access, please call the College office so that we may assist you.

Don’t forget, you need to book early for the best chance at getting times that best work for you. We are unable to move people around once the booking has been made.

Kind regards,
Mrs Shirley Hallett
Business Manager

Uniform Shop News
Winter Uniforms
Winter uniforms have been ordered from our supplier. They have advised us that our order should be in by end of the month.

Any parents who have placed an order for winter uniforms will receive their order as soon as the stock arrives.

Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,
Mrs Amanda Jensen
Uniform Shop Convenor

Library Corner
Normal class borrowing has resumed this week. This includes the Take Home Reader Program.

Please encourage your child to read all the books in their packs to you. Packs are to be returned to their classroom box every Tuesday for a new pack. Students are tested regularly by school officers to ensure that they are reading appropriate packs. This testing includes comprehension as well as decoding of words and is being carried out consistently according to program requirements. Please note that it can be a very time consuming process. The Take Home Reader Program has been set up to
support students to engage with and independently enjoy a variety of readers. Repetition of familiar and sight words in the books they read can be very supportive of their reading development. This program is only one component of the reading your child does on a daily basis. Too-frequent testing goes against the aims of this program and is not beneficial to students.

Chess is on Tuesdays and Thursdays again! All are welcome (even beginners). Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 News

Welcome to Term 2! A warm welcome to the new families who have joined us at Saint Mary’s this term. This term our new shared Year 4/5 class is under way, settled into their beautiful classroom and working very hard already. For parents of children in this new class, you are most welcome to book Parent/Teacher Interview time with Mrs Arrell and/or your child’s previous teacher Ms MacNamara or Mrs Johnston. Simply book your time via Parent Teacher Online. Thank you.

Congratulations to the students from Prep to Year 6 who received Benedictine Awards at our College Assembly yesterday. We are very proud of the way they have demonstrated the Benedictine values of our school. Our weekly P-6 Assembly also consistently awards our students for their positive behaviour choices. We especially award positive behaviours in our 5 Benedictine Rules: Be Safe, Be Just, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Your Best.

Currently our students are practising for the upcoming College Cross Country event. All students from Prep to Year 12 participate in this event and we look forward to the day! We thank Mr Medlen for his preparation of this event for our primary students.

We also welcome Mr Don Schmidhauser who joins our College this Term and will be instructing our lower primary students in their HPE lessons.

Our College Parent/Teacher Interviews are to be held next Tuesday. All parents and carers are very welcome to come and speak with your child’s teacher/children’s teachers. We value our positive relationship with you in the education of your child. To book your interviews, please go to our School Portal and book online using the Parent Teacher Online. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you!

Finally, parents of P-6 children, but especially parents of Year 3 children, please be aware that a student in our College has a severe allergy to cashew nuts. We kindly request that you avoid packing this item in your child’s lunchbox, in the rare event that a reaction may occur for this child. Thank you for you understanding.

Looking forward to a wonderful term with you all. May God smile on you and your families.

Kind regards,

Mrs Celia O’Connor
Prep - 6 Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday’s extra choice menu

Morning Tea and Lunch

Hot Dogs $3.50

Lunch Bag System Only

Ham and Pasta Salad $3.50

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

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Don’t forget to collect your Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. You will get one sticker for every $10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn and Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn and Learn sheet located at student reception. These sheets can be handed into the College Office or placed in the collection box located at Woolworths Kingaroy.

God’s Blessings,

Mr Damien Martoo
P&F President

Personalise Label Drive

Kids’ school labels, wall stickers and school bags.

Support the P&F by going to www.brightstarkids.com.au, shopping and then at the checkout choosing St Mary’s Catholic College P&F Association. See Bron Langford-Martoo for any more information.

Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Sticker Drive Coordinator

Counsellor News

Nursing and health expos

Australian College of Nursing (ACN), Australia’s professional organisation for all nurses, is excited to present the 15th Annual ACN Nursing and Health Expo in 2013. The ACN Nursing and Health Expos were established in 1999 and are the only event specifically dedicated to enhancing the profile of nursing as a profession and hence promote recruitment to and retention of the nursing and midwifery workforce.

OIH Expo

Sunday 28 April 2013 – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Kind regards,

Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

ANZAC Day

Each year at school we have a photographic walk on Anzac Day at school. We would like to make this year’s walk more personal for Saint Mary’s staff and students.

So, if you have any photos of your own family members who have ever served in the Defence Forces we would love to get a copy. I will then get it laminated and add it to the walking trail.

I would also like a brief description – to make an A4 explanation – to sit next to each family image. It could also be a photo of them later in life etc. a photo of their medals - anything.

So if possible could you email a jpg or get a copy A4 size of your photo in to me be about the 23rd of April.

Email: blangford@bne.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards,

Mrs Langford-Martoo

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons start this Thursday. Please check the timetable in the music room window for your lesson time.

Kind regards,

Mr Grant Jeppersen
Guitar Teacher

Active After Schools

Welcome back. Active After Schools is a free program funded by the government and organised by the College. It is for active students that need that little extra exercise after school. I urge all parents and caregivers to consider enrolling your child in this worthwhile (and free) initiative.

If your son or daughter was enrolled last term they must enrol again for these new activities.

This term the activities are as follows:

**Wednesday afternoons:** Basketball run by Wendy Krosch from 3:15pm to 4:15pm from 24/04/2013 - 05/06/2013.

**Thursday afternoons:** Karate run by Geoff French from 3:15pm to 4:15pm from 02/05/2013 - 06/06/2013.

Mr Hutton and I will supervise all sessions. All students are to be picked up by 4:15pm from the front of the College in the pick up zone.

Please be quick to register, as spots are limited. I hope to see some familiar faces from last term. These activities are a fantastic way to increase students’ skills and include more activity in their growth and development.

Kind regards,

Mr Wade Toms
Active After Schools Coordinator
The Mother’s Day Classic is a National Event
Go Getta Girls Running Club is proud to host this fundraiser
For Breast Cancer Research

Memorial Park Kingaroy
Sunday May 12

This is a fun family morning 7am for a 7:30am start
Choose either
4k walk or run
8k- runners only
Or come cheer the participants

Enter online and for all the local details
www.MDCKingeroy.blogspot.com
The emphasis is on fun, community spirit and participation whilst contributing to Breast Cancer Research, a disease that affects so many of our families.

The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society will be presenting the very popular musical

‘OLIVER’
in August 2013

Adult (& teenage) Auditions will be held this Sunday 21st April at 1pm
at the Sth Burnett Musical Comedy Society SHED in the ‘Enterprise Centre’, Cornish St Kingaroy. (The big grey shed at the back)

There is no need to have anything ‘prepared’. The format is very low key. If you think you may be interested please come along and find out more.

(A cast of singers, dancers and actors is required for on stage work as well as a backstage crew of stage manager and assistants, lighting and sound operators, wardrobe manager and front of house helpers.)

So … brush up the cockney accent and you may …...
‘Consider Yourself One Of Us’

If you are unable to get to Auditions this weekend but would like to be involved, please contact:
Publicity – Margie Williams 0424924632

On Becoming Childwise
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A 10 Session Program for Parents.

Session Topics: How to raise a responsible child, Keep first things first, Touch points of love, The trustworthy father, How to raise a moral child, How to raise a virtuous child, The five laws of correction, The place of choice (Red cup/blue cup).

Where: UnitingCare Community, 1 Victoria Street Kingaroy.
When: Thursdays, starting 2nd May 2013, 12.30pm to 2.30pm (excludes school holidays).
Cost: $2 per person per session for morning tea.
Enrol: UnitingCare Community Office Phone: 4160 4600

Date Claimers…….

22nd April Year 12 Street Retreat
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25th April PC Assembly
26th April ANZAC Liturgy
27th April Parent Teacher Interviews
25th April Whole School Assembly
28th April Premiers Reading Challenge Begins
29th April P&F Meeting 7pm
30th April Whole School Assembly
31st May Year 4 Camp
3rd June Year 4 Camp
4th June Immunisation Clinic