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

Enrolments are beginning to flood in for 2014, so I would like to remind any of our current parents and carers who are looking to enrol new children for next year to please organise an interview before the end of July.

All parents and carers are invited to join us on Thursday and Friday for our annual Athletics Carnival. I would like to thank Mr Medlen, Mr Perrett, Mrs Johnston, Mr Schmidhauser and all of the staff and parents who have worked to make this a successful carnival. I am sure that most parents would be aware that no other school in the South Burnett has carnivals with such a range of events, as we are the only Prep to Year 12 school. I really appreciate the kindness of our parents and carers who have offered to assist at our carnivals.

I would like to also invite parents and carers to join us for our Benedictine Awards and Athletics Age Champion presentations at 2pm this Friday, June 21. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be our special guest for this event.

I visited our Year 7 Reflection Day this week and had the opportunity to talk with the students about two of my favourite Bible stories: The Woman Caught in Adultery and The Good Samaritan. Both of these stories talk about having the courage to stand up for and look after other people.

Next term, Mrs Shirley Hallett will go on 6 months leave. I would like to wish her all the best for this time and thank her for her incredible work for our community. When I think of Shirley’s work, I imagine the mother of a large family trying to make sure that each of her 6 children get some of the single roast chicken she has prepared for dinner, still trying to make sure that there is some left over for lunch the next day. It is a tough task, but one that helps our community to stay strong even in tough times.

Next semester, we will welcome Ms Kym Schultz as our Acting Business Manager. Kym is an extremely experienced Business Manager and comes to us after working at a school in Hervey Bay.

Unfortunately after 6 months of hard work, we have been unable to find a solution for a bus service for our Proston and Hivesville families. The cheapest offer to provide a service for these communities is around $40,000 a year, which is unviable. I am very grateful to Mrs Hallett and the bus providers who have put weeks of work into looking for solutions.

Some important term 3 dates:
- Mon July 8 – Term 3 starts
- Fri, July 19 – 6pm Rock on Stage performance (Whole school)
- Tues, July 23 – Parent Teacher interviews
- Mon, Aug 12 – Show Holiday
- Tues, Sept 3 – 7 – 8pm Digital Citizenship Parent Night

The Digital Citizenship Parent night is run by Michael Cini from Brisbane Catholic Education and will help parents and carers to understand the rights and responsibilities their children face as they negotiate the digital world. I would encourage all parents to consider joining us for this evening.

We will also book a Cybersafety evening in 2014 with the Australian Communications and Media Authority. I had tried to get a date for 2013, but they could only squeeze us in for the last week of school. We are hoping for a priority booking for 2014.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
**From the Deputy**

**Saint Benedict (story continued)**

So Benedict was on his own again — but not for long.

The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve. He left these monasteries abruptly when the envious attacks of another hermit made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church’s monastic system.

Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community.

His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life. After almost 1500 years of monastic tradition his direction seems obvious to us.

But Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict — still directing religious life after 15 centuries. In this tiny but powerful Rule, Benedict put what he had learned about the power of speaking and oratorical rhythms at the service of the Gospel.

He did not drop out of school because he didn’t understand the subject! Scholars have told us that his Rule reflects an understanding of and skill with the rhetorical rules of the time. Despite his experience at school, he understood rhetoric was as much a tool as a hammer was. A hammer could be used to build a house or hit someone over the head.

Rhetoric could be used to promote vice ... or promote God. Benedict did not shun rhetoric because it had been used to seduce people to vice; he reformed it.

Benedict did not want to lose the power of voice to reach up to God simply because others had use it to sink down to the gutter.

He reminded us: "Let us consider our place in sight of God and of his angels. Let us rise in chanting that our hearts and voices harmonize." There was always a voice reading aloud in his communities at meals, to receive guests, to educate novices.

Hearing words one time was not enough — "We wish this Rule to be read frequently to the community."

Source: [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

**Year 7 Reflection day**

Thank you to Mr Perrett and Mr Hutton for organising the Year 7 reflection day. I was present Monday morning and the spirit among the students was very encouraging.

It was great to see all the students giving it a go and trying out the activities.

Well done Year 7!

**Deodorant**

Spray deodorant is banned at our College.

Only roll on deodorant is permitted.

I will ask teachers to report any students who are using spray cans.

The deodorant can will be confiscated and parents will be contacted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Thursday Afternoon Tutorial**

There will be no tutoring this week due to Athletics Carnival.

**Happy Holidays**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff and students all the best for the holidays.

Stay safe, stay warm and we will see you back on Monday July 8th.

God bless,

*Mr Sean Erwin*

*Deputy Principal*

**Prep to Year 6 News**

Welcome to our final newsletter of Term 2. It has been a very productive term for our primary students.

Thank you to Year 5 who represented our College so beautifully whilst away on camp last week. Not only was it a fun adventure for all, but it was also a wonderful culmination of the areas of study experienced by our students this term. Thank you to our teachers who put together this great camp.

Year 6 Reflection Day yesterday in Bell, included an opportunity to view their special Biblical paintings that cover the walls of their little Catholic Church. The artist, Meg Cullen, gave us wonderful insight into her project, and walked us through her incredible Biblical garden in the Church grounds. Connections were made to the Icon painting and visual representations of Bible references studied in class this term. We are very proud of the Year 6 students for the reverent and mature way they conducted themselves on this day. Thank you to Mr Perrett and Mr Hutton for this wonderful experience.

We are looking forward to completing this term with our Benedictine Awards assembly, and athletics activities on Friday. Primary students have been practising their skills and enjoying team sport in the lead-up to the carnival day. The weather is forecast to be very cold, and the top oval gets very windy, so don’t forget to rug up for the day.

Wishing all families a relaxing and safe holiday.

*May God smile on you, Ms Celia O’Connor*

*P-6 Coordinator*

**Library Corner**

**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

*Blue Award (3 books)*

William Rutherford

*Bronze Award (10 books)*

Nicholas Elliott

*2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge*

Please keep encouraging your child to read and record their books over the holidays! If their sheet is kept at school, they can record names of books and authors on a piece of paper and attach it to the form when they get back to school.

Prep - Year 4 need to read 20 books, Year 5—7 need to read 15 books.

Please return all overdue library books immediately!

**SMCC Chess Competition**

It has been very pleasing to see so many students having a go at our SMCC Chess Competition. This has been open to students in P-12 and they...
Britney Bethke, who won the prestigious ‘Digital Art gone Wild’ competition had a few incorrect details regarding the creation of this amazing piece of art. Britney did not participate in the Photoshop workshop last year, her older sister, Richelle, did. Britney's piece of digital art that she submitted was her own piece and it is just through her passion of editing pictures that she entered this competition and that the College handed out entry forms.

Congratulations Britney!
God’s Blessings
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Teacher - Visual Art, English, Religion

Athletics Carnival
All parents are welcome to attend the Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 20th and Friday 21st June.

Attached is a list of events for the two day carnival.

Discus and Javelin have been completed in classes or lunch times prior to the Athletics carnival for safety purposes. 1500m and Triple Jump will be completed after the school holidays for South Burnett representative purposes.

Students can wear their sports uniform or house colours. Shoes must be worn. Students stay with their class teacher and move as a group to each event. They must stay at each event until it is completed.

We ask that all students bring their own food and water. On Friday the tuckshop will be open if you wish to purchase your morning tea and lunch. Please make sure that your child has a hat for both days. There will be house tents for students to sit under and sunscreen available. On both days there will be complimentary tea and coffee available for all parents at the Mary Knoll Centre canteen. Our P&F will be selling baked goods on Friday at the Mary Knoll Centre canteen.

Primary Athletics (Friday)
9.20am to 9.45am - Under 5 - 9
Sprints
9.45am - Prep to 4 Sports rotation on the top oval
10.35am - Morning Tea
11.05am - Normal Classes
12noon - Prep to 12 Relays Yours in Sport,
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

P &F News
Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and turned up to the P&F meeting last night.

The next P&F meeting will be held in Yarraman on Tuesday, 16th July. We will be running the College transit van to Yarraman. If you wish to car pool please contact the College office to book a seat. We will be leaving from the College at 6pm to be at Yarraman for a 7pm start.

Cake Stall
Foam trays can be picked up from the office. An ingredients list is needed. Items for the cake stall need to be delivered to the Mary Knoll Centre on Friday 21st June by 8.45am. Helpers are needed for 9am. If you are able to help by baking or helping on the stall on the day please email me at drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au or give me a call or text with availability. All money raised will be donated to the Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines.

Rock on Stage
Even more exciting news is that the P&F is coordinating the parents’ act for Rock On Stage so warm up those vocal cords and get your hips shaking. If you can join us please let me know.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
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Stickers need to be handed into the SMCC office asap.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.
God’s Blessings,
Mr Damien Martoo
P&F President

Lost Property
There are a number of hats and jackets in the lost property box at the school office. Items that have a student name will be returned to the student via the class pigeon hole. Items that are lost and are not named will be retained at the College office until the end of this term. After this date all uncollected and unnamed items will be relocated to the Learning Support room where they will be available to students who are in need of the above items.
Date Claimer

20th June 10 Years to Open Athletics Carnival
21st June P-12 Sprints and Relays, Prep to 4 Sports Rotation, Beneficent Awards 2pm, Term 2 Completed
8th July Term 3 Commences
12th July Reports distributed
16th July PC Assemblies, P&F Meeting 7pm
19th July Rock on Stage 6.00 - 9.30pm
23rd July South Burnett Equestrian Competition - Kingaroy Showgrounds, TLC Assemblies, Parent Teacher Interviews
26th July Blue Light Disco 6.00 - 8.30pm
30th July Whole School Assembly
31st July Barambah Indigenous Camp
1 August Barambah Indigenous Camp
2nd August Movie Afternoon 3.30pm - 5pm

THE RATION SHED MUSEUM IN CHERBOURG
Invites you to
A NAIDOC OPEN DAY CELEBRATION
on 11th July 2013 from 10.30am onwards ...

Free BBQ, Musical Playground, Art Activities, Film Screenings and many more wonderful activities

- Announcement of winners of the art competition
- Council Awards
- Muddy Flats Band
- Corroboree & Island Dancing

For enquiries contact:
The Ration Shed Museum on 41695753
Email: rationshed@bigpond.com
Website: http://rationshed.com.au/
Follow up on Facebook—Ration Shed Museum

Come Play Softball!!
Burnett Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming summer season.

When: Saturdays
Where: Nanango Sports Grounds, Burnett Street
Commences: 19th October 2013
Who: Males and Females of all ages and abilities - 5 years to masters
Contact: Karen 0422 204 661 or secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com
Your child may be eligible for the State Governments Get Started voucher valued up to $150

Women’s Personal Development Program
This nine week program is designed to provide fellowship, encouragement, support and information to strengthen and equip women in all aspects of their lives.

Topic Outline

- Introduction / Self Care
- Discovering Personality Types
- Boundaries
- Stress
- Communication
- Healthy Relationships
- Healthy Conflict
- Money Matters
- Closure and final group session

Morning Tea Provided
This is a free service investing in the growth, development and education of women in the South Burnett.

When: Thursdays: 18th July - 12th September 2013
Time: 9.30am to 12noon
Contact: Uniting Care Community
Phone: 4160 4600

GROUP PHOTOS
Group photos are available for viewing in the office.

If you would like a photo of SRC or Leadership please contact the front office

Nanango Hack and Pony Club Inc.
OPEN JUMP DAY and DRESSAGE PRACTICE DAY.
Saturday 22nd June, at Nanango Pony Club Grounds, 8.30am start.

Enter on the day, it’s open to anyone, no pony club membership required to compete however rules apply including safety gear and tack.

There are 7 jumping events plus practice rounds on the program with ribbons to 6th place. We are also running a dressage practice day in conjunction with SBEG on the same day.

For details search ‘Nanango Hack and Pony Club’ on Facebook.