From the Principal

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

Wow, it’s the end of my first semester at Saint Mary’s. The past 6 months have just raced past but it feels as though we have achieved such a lot.

With the holidays fast approaching, I would like to offer my prayer that all of our staff, families and students are kept safe.

I would especially pray for our QISSN Netball girls, parents and staff who are heading off to Caloundra to compete against other independent schools from across the state. For any families who are on the sunshine coast for the holidays or who would just like to support our girls, you can go to the QISSN website (below) to find out game times.

www.qissn.com.au

Next term, we will continue our 8am Masses in the College’s chapel every second Wednesday. These Masses have been well supported and we would invite parents, carers and students to join us. Marty Perrett, our APRE will advertise the dates, but it looks as though they will probably fall on the even weeks for Semester 2, i.e., Week 2, 4 etc.

If parents and carers see the name Mr Scott Collier starting to appear on school correspondence, it is not a new teacher. Our Year 6 teacher, Mr Wilson has recently changed his surname back to his family name.

Our new college SMS system is being trialled this week and will be fully operational by the beginning of Semester 2. Hopefully if you are the main parent / carer contact for your children, then you should have received two SMSs already this week. If you haven’t received these, and you are the main children's contact in event of absences, messages etc., then please contact the office to recheck that we have the correct number.

Our College P&F have financially supported our community to develop a college SMS system. From next semester, if you are the main parent / carer contact, then you may receive SMSs for:

- Student absences / late arrivals: After homeroom, we will SMS to let parents or carers know if their child has not arrived at school. Hopefully, we never have a student abducted, but this will allow our community to respond quickly if this was the case. If you receive an SMS and believe that your student is at child, please don’t panic, but instead ring the office first so that we can check. There may just be a technical glitch in the electronic marking system.

- Events: We hope to be able to remind parents about important upcoming events. E.g., Parent teacher nights, P&F meetings, sports days etc.

- Late returns: We may be able to SMS parents if Year Level activities like camps etc. are returning late. This is not as easily done for small events like team sports etc.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my dedicated Leadership team (Mr Erwin, Mrs Hallett, Mr Perrett & Mr Dalton) and our wonderful staff, parents, students, College P&F and Board and the wider community for supporting me across my first semester. I am very proud to be part of both the Saint Mary’s and the wider Kingaroy community.

Yours in Christ

Michael Nayler
Principal

20th June 2012

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.

Earn & Learn
Don’t forget to collect your Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers and drop them into the Office.
Library News

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

Red Awards (5 books) - Tessa Buzzo, Caleb Eadie, Oliver Hams
Bronze Awards (10 books) - William Rutherford, Tia Kanay, Katie Robertson

Graduation from Reading Programs
Well done, to the following students who have graduated from the Take Home Reader Program and now have begun Lexile:
- Kassie Ryan-Cross
- Kaitlin Ritchie

Overdue Books
Please encourage your child to return all library books before the holidays. They have been receiving a printed slip with details or reminders from library staff/teachers. This does not refer to textbooks which are in your child’s care until the end of the year.

Have a safe and happy holiday, everyone.

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Tuckshop News

Friday End of Term and Sports Carnival Menu
- Pies
- Sausage Rolls
- Party Pies
- Hot Dogs
- Mixed Sandwiches
- Dino snacks
- Chicken Wedges
- Garlic Bread
Prices as per the tuckshop menu.

Volunteer Roster
The Volunteer Roster has been emailed and posted out to our parent volunteers. If there is anyone else that can help on our tuckshop days please contact the College office on 4162 2011. We have also published the volunteer list on the College website.

School Holiday Cupcake Decorating
Cupcake decorating workshops for primary and secondary students at Cake and Whimsy
194 Kingaroy Street
For more information please phone 4177 3554
email info@cakeandwhimsy.com.au or visit www.facebook.com/cakeandwhimsy

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
St Mary's Catholic Parish is beginning a Sacramental program for Baptised Catholic children, aged seven or older.
For further information contact Fr John on 4162 1958,
Peter Undery on 0401 289 922 or contact
Saint Mary’s Catholic College on 4162 2011.

Tingoora P & C Holiday Fundraiser
Monday, 25th June. Bus trip to DFO, Movie World, Wet n Wild or Sea World. Bus will be leaving Murgon at 5:30am and travelling through Wondai, Tingoora, Kingaroy and picking up in these towns.

Prices:
DFO - Adult $40, Child $30
Wet n Wild - Adult $65, Child $45 (under 13yrs)
Movie World and Sea World - Adult - $75, Teenage child at school $65, Child $55
For more information please phone Anette Goodchild P & C Treasurer on 4168 5784 or 0418 265 595, email sagood-child@bigpond.com
All school age children and younger must have an adult companion.

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