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

I would like to thank Mr Perrett, Mrs Langford Martoo and all of the staff, parents and students who contributed to our very moving ANZAC Day service this morning. I would also like to thank our special guests Mike Byrne (Queensland Catholic Education Commission Director), Mr Barry Haydon and Lieutenant AAC Shane Davey (Australian Cadet Corp).

We currently have staff supervising ANZAC Day marches at:
- Kingaroy - assemble 10.30am at Kingaroy RSL for march (see Mr Erwin)
- Wondai - assemble 9.45am at Wondai Post Office for march (see Mrs Davis)
- Murgon - assemble 9.15am at Murgon RSL for march (see Mrs Cran)
- Cherbourg - assemble 7.45am for march (see Mr Nayler)
- Nanango - assemble 9.15am for march (see Mr Perrett)
- Hivesville - Dawn service 5.30am (see Mr Schmidhauser)
- Yarraman - assemble 10.30am for march (see Mr Nayler)

We would encourage all students to come along in full formal uniform to support our College on this important occasion. Families are also very welcome to march. Parents and carers not marching need to collect their child at the end of the march.

Today, 93 students from across the South Burnett competed in our Cow Horse Competition at the Nanango Show Grounds. It was wonderful that students from the flood affected St Mary’s primary school, Laidley and our QCEC Director, Mr Mike Byrne were also able to join us. Results from this event will be published in our next newsletter. I would like to thank Mr Dalton, Mr Linnane and the many parents and community members who made this event possible. It is wonderful that a small school like Saint Mary’s does so much to keep rural culture alive in our district.

On Monday and Tuesday, some of our Year 12 students and staff took part in our first Street Retreat. I was extremely proud of our students who very comfortably served and chatted with the Claver Cares Van’s Street People, listened to the stories from recovering drug and alcohol addicts and visited Brisbane’s largest homeless men’s hostel. This was an extremely powerful experience for all involved. I will share some comments and insights from our students in future newsletters.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
The above photo shows the difference between stopping distances of cars travelling at 40 and 60 km/hr. There were many talks including one from Dennis Greensill, 2006 Senior. I would like to thank Rotary for organising the day and also Kingaroy TAFE for hosting this excellent and vital event. God bless,

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

From the Deputy
Year 11 Road Safety (RYDA)
Last Wednesday Year 11 students and I participated in a day of road safety at Kingaroy TAFE.

I was reminded this Easter, through reflections of the Archbishop, Mark Coleridge that of all the many characters that saw the crucifixion, it was a pagan roman soldier who might have had the first real glimmer of insight into the truth of the crucifixion. 

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’ The Archbishop draws a distinction between those ‘who see’ what is happening and those ‘who really see’. The concept of ‘witness’ is different from ‘sight’ as ‘witness’ denotes an experience of something. As the Year of Grace draws to a close this Pentecost, it is timely to ask ourselves who we are ‘witnesses to’.

Year 12 Retreat
I had the pleasure of witnessing the Year 12 Retreat this year. Heading up to the Bunya Mountains is always a treat and to work with the seniors, Mr Hutton, Mrs Langford Martoo, Mr Turnbull and Mr Nayler was no exception. Like the pagan centurion soldier, I got a glimpse into the everyday spirituality of youth. Spirituality is often confused with something ‘mystical’ and ‘out there’. Well, I was reminded that we are all spiritual and it can be grounded in the most humbling, everyday ways. The stories and insights the seniors shared were real and the time together I’m sure will be remembered by most. Warm regards,
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

APA News
The QCS Test: We are getting ready!!
Ms Sudull has this week started preparing our Year 12 students for the QCS test.

Each year, parents and students tend to ask us questions about the test, such as: Why is it necessary? Can you study for it? Can it affect my individual OP score? Below is a response to these questions, and they will be followed up in weeks to come with other important points about the QCS test.

Purpose of the test
The QCS Test contributes information for the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance.

A student's individual QCS Test result is not used on its own in the calculation of their OP — instead, group results are used as part of the statistical scaling processes. A student’s individual result on the QCS Test (from A to E) is reported on the student’s Senior Statement or Statement of Results.

What is tested — Common Curriculum Elements (CCEs)
The QCS Test does not test particular knowledge of specific Year 12 subjects. It tests the CCEs, a set of generic skills identified in the Queensland senior curriculum. Students develop these skills in their regular class work and lessons.

The test assumes that candidates have basic levels of general knowledge and vocabulary and a Year 10 knowledge of mathematical operations.

Format of the test
The QCS Test consists of 4 papers - a Writing Task (of 600 words), a Short Response paper and two Multiple Choice papers. The results achieved for each of the 4 test papers are combined into one grade, ranging from A (the highest grade) to E (the lowest).

Those sitting the test are asked to respond to a variety of stimulus materials, such as prose passages, poetry, graphs, tables, maps, mathematical and scientific data, cartoons and artistic works.

Kind regards,
Mr John Dalton
APR

From the Office
A friendly reminder that Term 2 fees are due for payment today. Thank you to those families who have paid their fees or contacted me prior to the due date.

If you have overlooked this due date, please endeavour to pay your fees immediately or call me on 4162 2011 to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Kind regards,
Mrs Shirley Hallett
Business Manager

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

Blue Award (5 books)
Matt Trebbin

Red Award (5 books)
Hanna Lipssett-Batts, Abby Perrett and Kathleen Janz

Bronze Award (10 books)
Anh Truong, Sam Semidhauser and Elizabeth Watson

Silver Award (25 books)
Lachlan Watson and Patrick Berends

Textbooks
Just a reminder that textbooks are on loan to your children (Yr 7-12) for the year. Please encourage them to take care and responsibility for these books and report any damage or loss immediately to library staff.
We are all looking forward to the Cross Country experience. Good luck to our students of 10 years and over, who may be going onto South Burnett Cross Country! May God smile on you and your family, Kind regards, Miss Celia O'Connor Prep – 6 Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday’s extra choice menu
Morning Tea and Lunch
Chicken and Gravy roll $3.50
Lunch Bag System Only
Macaroni Cheese $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

TRIPLE P SEMINAR SERIES
Kingaroy Child Health is offering a Triple P Seminar Series. The Seminar Series is a series of presentations on positive parenting for parents with children aged up to 12 years. The seminars provide an overview and introduction to positive parenting. The series comprises three 90 minute presentations. Parents are invited to attend all three sessions or can attend a session on a stand alone basis.

Seminar 1  The Power of Positive Parenting introduces parents to the five core principles of positive parenting: ensuring a safe, engaging environment for children; creating a positive learning environment; using assertive discipline; having realistic expectations; & taking care of yourself as a parent.

Seminar 2 Raising Confident Competent Children shows parents how they can use positive parenting to teach children important values and skills, including respect, cooperation, getting on with others, learning to be independent, learning to develop healthy self-esteem and learning to become good problem solvers.

Seminar 3 Raising Resilient Children focuses on helping children recognise and accept feelings; express their feelings appropriately, build positive feelings, deal with negative feelings, develop coping skills, and deal with upsetting or stressful life events.

WHERE: Kingaroy Hospital Long Look Room (below Farrhome Nursing Care Unit) WHEN: Wednesday 22nd May, 29th May and 5th June, 2013. TIME: 6.30-8pm.

Course is FREE. Childcare is not available. To register or for more information contact Kingaroy Community Health at 41629220.

Kind regards, Mr Graham Turnbull Guidance Counsellor

Sport News

Cross Country
Tuesday, 30th April 2013
Parents are welcome to attend our annual cross country. It will commence at the start of per + (11.55am) with all Preps, Year1, Year2 and most Year3s. Any 10 year olds will run after lunch.

After lunch the rest of the school will do their races. The start is at the primary playground area and the finish is outside the Mary Knoll Centre. Hope everyone has a good day. Those placed in the first 4 are automatically qualified to go to Districts on the 8th May at Murgon.

Kind regards, Mr Allan Medlen Sports Coordinator

Futsal News

The Inter-school Futsal Shield is beginning for the first time on the 16th of May from 4–6pm at the State High School. This event is school-organised with Saint Mary’s hoping to enter a number of teams. There will be a sign-on sheet outside the Mary Knoll Centre for interested students. Only students with their names down will receive a note and play. Whichever school holds the most points at the end of the event wins the shield. Please sign on quickly to organise teams and enjoy the fun!

Kind regards, Mr Wade Toms Coach
Date Claimer…….

30th April  
TLC Assembly  
P-12 Cross Country  
NAPLAN Practice

1st May  
NAPLAN Practice

2nd May  
NAPLAN Practice

4th May  
Kingaroy Show

5th May  
Kingaroy Show

7th May  
SB Primary Cross Country  
Whole School Assembly

8th May  
SB Secondary Cross Country

9th May  
WB Winter Carnival at Hervey Bay

10th May  
WB Winter Carnival at Hervey Bay

14th May  
3,5,7,9 Testing  
PC Assembly

15th May  
3,5,7,9 Testing  
Open Night

16th May  
3,5,7,9 Testing

19th May  
P&F Working Bee 8am-12pm

20th May  
TLC Assembly  
Premiers Reading Challenge Begins

21st May  
P&F Meeting 7pm

28th May  
Whole School Assembly

30th May  
Year 4 Camp

31st May  
Year 4 Camp  
Immunisation Clinic

Hannes Vos, Samantha Watson, Matthew Guteridge and Nico Vos

PCYC After School Care

Taabinga School Hall  
3 pm to 6 pm week days  
BUS PICK UPS NOW AVAILABLE!

Program includes

After school snack, homework support, outdoor/indoor games, art etc whilst incorporating the National School Age Care Framework.

Taabinga Prep students picked up from their classrooms by PCYC staff.

Great News…Taabinga PCYC School Age Care do bus runs from St John’s and St Mary’s private schools.

Contact us on the number below for some more information.

For enrolment packages  
Ph 0428227057

Or drop into the Taabinga Hall after 3 pm and our friendly staff can assist you with enquiries.