

Saint Mary's Catholic College

South Burnett



NEWSLETTER

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realise your dignity

From the Principal



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

At this week's assembly, we officially farewelled Aunty Daisy Carlo, who was our Indigenous Education Support Officer (IESO) from 1999 – 2012. Unfortunately, due to the flooding and Aunty Daisy's health, a number of earlier presentations had to be postponed. Happily, Aunty Daisy's health has improved significantly. I would like to thank all of the members of our community who have kept her in their prayers.

Sam Watson (our College Captain) and I farewelled Aunty Daisy on behalf of our College community. I am extremely grateful for Aunty Daisy's gentle presence in our community. For me, she epitomised Saint Benedict's message to "listen with the ear of your heart". She would always take the time to be truly present to both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous students that she worked with, and always listened to and cared deeply for them as people.

Hopefully, Aunty Daisy will continue to be a special part of our community for many years to come. Last year, she presented our inaugural *Aunty Daisy Deadly Achievement Award* to Sam Watson, our College Captain. This award which proudly bears Aunty Daisy's name, recognises the outstanding achievements of an Indigenous student.



As many parents know, I will be taking long service leave in **Term 4 this year**. Brisbane Catholic Education has approved **Mr Erwin to be our Acting Principal for this term and Mr Perrett to be our Acting Deputy Principal**. We will sort out other roles which will need to be filled due to this movement early next term. I feel very confident in leaving Saint Mary's in the hands of Mr Erwin and Mr Perrett who both share my passion for our community.

Our end of term **Benedictine Awards Assembly** will be extra special, with **Archbishop Mark Coleridge presenting** these important awards. Archbishop Coleridge will be in Kingaroy for a Mass involving many of our students who will be celebrating First Communion and Confirmation.

A huge thanks to Mrs Langford Martoo for her tremendous work in promoting Visual Arts in our community and for **our students' great results from the Kingaroy Show last weekend in the fine arts section:**

1st Prize, Champion Prize and the Champion Sash - Bailey Burgess.
3rd place - Alexandra Kelly.
Highly Commended - Leigh Yance, Marley McNamara, Bridget McDonald, Constance Wilson, Nick Schmidhauser and Tom Dolzan.

Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the South Burnett District Cross Country. We had a number of great results and very positive reports about all the efforts and behaviour of all of our competitors. Congratulations to our two District Age Champions:

- Clare Adcock
- Nick Schmidhauser

I would also like to remind parents about two important upcoming events:

- **Open Night and Prospective Student Information Session:** 6.00 – 7.30 pm Wednesday, May 15.
- **P&F Working Bee:** 8am – midday Sunday, May 19.

Yours in Christ
M. Nayler
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal



Dates to Remember

Friday, 10th May

- Whole School Assembly

Tuesday, 14th May

- NAPLAN Test
- Year 4 Excursion
- PC Assembly

Wednesday, 15th May

- NAPLAN Test
- Open Night 6pm

Thursday, 16th May

- NAPLAN Test
- Interschool Futsal 3.30pm

Friday, 17th May

- Motivational Media
Presentation

Sunday, 19th May

- P&F Working Bee 8am

Tuesday, 21st May

- TLC Assembly
- Premiers Reading Challenge
Begins

From the Deputy

Student Attendance

Students who arrive at school from 8.50am need to sign in at the office. The office will then fix up the student absences and a text will not be sent.

Hats

Students in Years 10 to 12 are reminded to wear their hats at all times when outside rooms 41 to 43, i.e. Benedictine Square, including under the trees.

Uniforms

Students are reminded to wear formal uniform on Tuesdays.

If students in Prep to 6 are cold they are permitted to wear green track pants until winter stock arrives.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin

Deputy Principal

APA News

What Really Works in Schools?

At yesterday's staff meeting all teachers were engaged in a process of identifying those students not able to achieve their best, and then through discussion and sharing of ideas best practice, trying to find out how to adjust learning and implement programs to help these students.

Would our students have been better off if we could just:

- reduce class sizes,
- improve behaviour management or
- introduce a new type of mentor system for students?

The answer to this perennial question has been substantially answered by researcher John Hattie, and his work has been the focus of some professional development that some of us at the college have been attending this year. His research used information from over 240,000,000 students.

Hattie's research identified 150 items that influence learning in schools, and also rank ordered them from most positive impact to least impact. There were some very surprising results.

See if you can rank order the items on the back page from most effective to least effective. Please see back page for table and answers.

Have a great week.

Mr John Dalton

APA

Library Corner

Lexile Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!



Blue Award (3 books) Rosie Clancy, Jacob Haydon and Tom Pennell

Red Award (5 books)

Naomi Baldacchino, Oliver Hams, Matt Trebbin, Joshua Gronbach, Kate Lipsett-Batts and Em Ross

Bronze Award (10 books)

Paige Parsons

Silver Award (25 books) Riley Frank

Overdue/damaged textbooks from 2012 (Yr 7-12)

Final letters have been sent home this week as a last reminder to return or pay for lost/damaged textbooks from last year. Students have already been individually spoken to and families notified last year and earlier this term. Please encourage your child to return/discuss their overdue textbooks with library staff ASAP, if they haven't already done so.



Book Fair

Our school will be hosting another popular Scholastic Book Fair in Week 8 (3rd-7th June)

Our theme – All Star Book Fair – will help make celebrate reading for the entire school community. Students will delight in an exciting atmosphere of great books, thrilling stories, and fun. Readers of all ages will walk away from the Book Fair with the grandest prize of all: a lifelong love of reading!

The more a child reads, the stronger reader he or she becomes. Strong reading skills are essential to a child's success in school and life. Our Book Fair encourages this success by offering students access to great books at affordable prices. Children are more likely to read books they personally choose. The wide variety of choices offered at our Book Fair ensures that there will be something for everyone!

Please join us to make this Book Fair the BEST our school has ever seen. I look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Chess Competition

There will be a school chess competition (all ages) in Week 10 of this term. The overall winner will receive a trophy. A team of competitors will be taken to Maryborough in August to compete regionally. More information about this will be provided closer to the date.

Kind regards,

Mrs Melanie Burr

Teacher Librarian

Curriculum Corner

Assessment Calendar



Assessment calendars for Year 7-10 were sent home last week. Please check that your child has brought one home or check with the homeroom teacher if he/she hasn't. These are also available on the College website.

Let peace be your quest and aim

Mrs Melanie Burr

Middle Years Coordinator

Prep to Year 6 News

Welcome to Week 4.

Special mention goes to our South Burnett participants in the Cross Country competition in Murgon yesterday. Many positive comments have been shared regarding the excellent way these students represented St Mary's in both effort and sporting spirit. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Rosie in Year 3 who did a fantastic job in the recent Eisteddod. Her results were:

1st place 9 and 10 years in scripture reading

2nd place in 9 and 10 years Impromptu reading

2nd place in 9 and 10 years prepared reading

3rd place 9 and 10 years humorous light verse.

Next Tuesday 14th May

Ms MacNamara and Year 4 students will be enjoying an adventure to the Kingaroy T J O'Neill library, Endeavour biscuit factory as well as the Energy centre in Nanango. Wishing you a wonderful learning experience!

NAPLAN testing will be held next week. Mrs Cross and teachers have prepared our students well for this series of National tests and we wish our Years 3 and 5 students all the best for these days.

Wishing all Saint Mary's mums a wonderful day on Sunday!

May God Smile on you and your family.

Miss Celia O'Connor

Prep - 6 Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday's extra choice menu

Morning Tea and Lunch

Cheese and Bacon Rolls \$3.50

Lunch Bag System Only

Oven Baked Fried Rice \$3.50

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

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News

Next Meeting

The next P&F Meeting is 21st May at 7pm in the College Board Room. All welcome to attend.

Working Bee

Exciting news from the amazing P&F! The next P&F Working bee is Sunday 19th May. All you need to do is bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, blower, line trimmer etc. and join the working bee from 8am to 12noon. Hope to see you all there.

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.



Items for Sale

We have 60 Hessian Bags 585x1015 \$1.50 each and Weed Mats 600x600 \$1.20 each. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

God's Blessings,

Mr Damien Martoo

P&F President

Langford



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

Sport News

District Cross Country

I am really proud of our students' efforts today. Thirty-five of our nominated students turned up to run at Murgon SHS. We finished 4th in Juniors, 4th in Seniors and 4th

Overall. We had 2 Age Group winners - Clare Adcock in 13yr Girls and Nick Schmidhauser in 12yr Boys. Well done. We also had two seconds - Claire Anderson in Open Girls and Chris McCarthy in 14yr Boys. Sarah Haack also top 4'ed to make the South Burnett team as well. Congratulations and best of luck at Regionals.

I would also like to commend a couple that just missed out on selection - Brianna Thompson, Matt Harch, Angus Robertson and Jacob Mallett Dare to be Great.

Next Big Event

On the 31st May we have a Primary gala day for sport. Year 5, 6 AND 7s will play over 4 sports on this day at different venues. The students can only choose one sport. I will be getting these choices out to homeroom teachers and details ASAP. I encourage all to have a go. We hope to field an A & B team in each sport. Teams may be mixed. The idea is to have fun and do your best. Hopefully, details next week.

Athletics - End of Term

I know it is a long time away but I will keep you updated on how this will be organised.

Presentations-Friday 10th May at Centre-2pm start. We are catching up on results due to a busy term. If I miss anyone, please let me know.

Yours in sport

Mr Allan Medlen

Sports Coordinator

Art News

Last weekend the annual Kingaroy Show was on. Saint Mary's entered around 2 dozen pieces of art work into the Fine Arts section. Our students were very successful in both the Junior 5 - 12 years and the Junior 12 - 18 years divisions.

We achieved the following results: Highly Commended - Leigh Yance, Marley McNamara, Bridget McDonald, Constance Wilson, Nick Schmidhauser and Tom Dolzan. 3rd place - Alexandra Kelly. 1st Prize, Champion Prize and the Champion Sash - Bailey Burgess.

Congratulations to all of the students who entered work. The display was excellent, as was the quality of the work.

Congratulations,

Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

Art Teacher

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons restart this week. Please check the timetable in the Music Room window for your lesson time.

Thank you

Mr Grant Jepperson

Guitar Teacher

Counsellor News

Volunteer Training

Dear parents if you wish to be volunteer helpers in the primary classrooms at the College you are required to complete Brisbane Catholic Education's Student Protection Training. I am available to do this training on the 16th May at 9am at the College. If you are interested please contact the office.

Regards

Mr Graham Turnbull

Guidance Counsellor

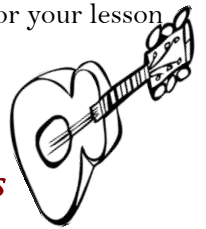
Student Collection

Picking up students in the afternoon

- Please remind your children - regardless of age - to cross the road with the crossing supervisor on the designated crossings.
- Students who are picked up at the Stop Drop and Go area need to walk on the cement path and wait for their vehicle to stop completely before entering the vehicle.
- Adults picking up students in the Stop Drop and Go zone need to stay in their vehicle and move the vehicle up the queue.
- The student waiting area is under the trees out the front of the school, not the lower gravel car park or the loading bay area.

Regards

Ms Pam Radcliffe



**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 15th June 2013

Time: 7pm start

Place: Kingaroy Town Hall - Glendon Street

Cost: \$10 per person

Theme: Green!! - Come dressed in your favourite green ensemble, as an animal or think environmental 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 join a table on the night. Supper will be provided at half time but BYO drinks and nibbles to keep you going throughout the night.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, to register and for further information, please call Melissa on 4162 5339/0427 691 017 or Tracey on 4162 9731 or email sbautismgroup@hotmail.com



You are invited to a Long Table Lunch in a scenic farm setting.

Enjoy a delicious 2 course meal and support the work Destiny Rescue.

All profits will directly support the rescue of children from brothels.

Come and hear guest speaker, Damien May, head of rescue teams in Thailand and Cambodia.

Time: 11.30am

Date: Saturday, 11th May 2013

Where: Hopevale Farm, 15857 D'Aguilar Highway Kingaroy

Cost: \$20 per person

**RSVP Essential to Lynda Lange asap on 0417 789 340 or
rob.lynda@bigpond.com**

APA Quiz

Item	Influence	Your Rank (1-10)
1	Out of school curriculum experiences	
2	Teacher Education	
3	Class sizes	
4	Inquiry based teaching	
5	Decreasing disruptive behaviour	
6	Enrichment Programs	
7	Home Entertainment	
8	Teaching Strategies	
9	Teacher Student Relationships	
10	Student Expectations/Self reported grades	

Answers: The reverse of the above table! No 10 (Student Expectations / Self reported grades) has by far the biggest positive influence on student learning out of 150 items. Class sizes ranks only 113 out of the 150. And our staff meeting intervention planning ranks 8th out of 150!



Would you like to make your debut this year?

If so, please contact the Kumbia Debutant Ball Committee.

The Ball will be on **Friday, 16th August 2013** at the Kumbia Memorial Hall, and intending debs will be accepted up until 31st May 2013.

Training begins on Sunday 9th June and will continue each Sunday until the ball. This may be your chance to make some new friends, learn to dance, and have a wonderful time at your own debutant ball!

All proceeds from the ball will go to the Cancer Council QLD.

Intending debs please contact Josie 4164 4384 or Gayle 4164 4175.



Bowen Therapy assists in the relief in many issues or complaints including:

- Sciatica, Scoliosis, Back and Neck pain & other Musculo-skeletal problems
- Body Imbalance
- Stress, Depression, Lack of Energy
- Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist pain incl: frozen shoulder & carpal tunnel
- Respiratory, chest, diaphragmatic problems & allergies incl: asthma, sinus and hayfever, baby colic
- Bladder, Gall Bladder, Kidney and Bowel complaints
- Migraines and headaches
- Pelvic, knee, ankle and foot pain incl: bunions, hammer toe & restless legs

For queries or to make an appointment, **phone Belinda on 0407 685 706**

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Date Claimer.....

9th May	WB Winter Carnival at Hervey Bay
10th May	WB Winter Carnival at Hervey Bay
13th May	Whole School Assembly 2pm
14th May	Powerhouse of Leaders Brisbane
14th May	3,5,7,9 Testing
14th May	PC Assembly
15th May	Year 4 Excursion
15th May	3,5,7,9 Testing
15th May	Open Night
16th May	3,5,7,9 Testing
16th May	Inter school Futsal 3.30pm
17th May	Motivational Media Presentation
19th May	P&F Working Bee 8am-12pm
21st May	TLC Assembly
21st May	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
31st May	Immunisation Clinic
3rd June	Book Fair
4th June	PC Assembly
6th June	QLD Day
7th June	"Ditto's" Presentation P-3
11th June	TLC Assembly
11th June	Young Australia Performance P-6
12th June	Year 11/12 Drama Excursion