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 be 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

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
**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. Benedicite 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  
- 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**

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**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 Tresbin, 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**

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**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 Eisteddfod. Her results were:  
- 1st place 9 and 10 years in scripture 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 $58.50 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

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 Jefferson
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 fundraiser 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 5539/0427 091 017 or Tracey on 4162 9731 or email sbautismgroup@hotmail.com

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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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

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