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

This week, I am attending the QCEC Indigenous Education Conference in Cairns with Mrs Arrell and Mrs Mathews. Mrs Arrell will be presenting a paper at this conference with other BCE staff. I have presented at two previous conferences and will be very happy to just be a delegate and take the time to look at best practice in Indigenous Education from our Queensland Catholic schools.

Last weekend, we held our Term 2 P&F Working Bee. I would like to thank all of the parents, students and staff who turned up to assist. Not only did we complete much-needed work, saving funds to go into our children’s education, but we also had the opportunity to meet with other parents at the BBQ afterward. I would encourage all of our parents and carers to consider attending one of our two remaining working bees.

We received a beautiful letter and card from an elderly resident at the Wondai aged home to thank students for pushing their wheelchairs down to the ANZAC day parade:

“The residents couldn’t stop talking about the effort that your students made and were so appreciative that they gave up their time to come and push wheelchairs. Without that the residents couldn’t have participated.” — Rebecca Weier CNC Forest View.

“Thank you to all of the Saint Mary’s students who kindly helped to wheel the residents in the ANZAC Day March. You did a great job!” Margaret Weber.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Michelle Davis, the staff and students who organised this wonderful act of kindness.

At 9am on Wednesday, May 29th, we will hold our Reconciliation Week liturgy and opening of our Bunya Dreaming garden. All families are welcome to attend. Throughout the weekend, Les and Barb Stewart did an amazing job painting the central Dreaming circle. I would like to thank the Stewart family for their incredible generosity and for sharing both their artistic ability and rich culture with our whole community.

Last week, I had the great pleasure of joining our FUTSAL teams at the beginning of the South Burnett School FUTSAL competition. All of our students put in a huge effort, many playing multiple games. I am sure that all in our community wish them well as they compete in this ongoing competition.

Our new multipurpose goal posts have been put up on our top oval. These goals meet the requirements for playing Rugby League, Rugby Union and Soccer. Shortly, the junior set will go up on our lower oval. These are a simpler ¾ sized design that allow for the same.

Last week, I shared some information on Archbishop Polding. This week, I will move on to the patron of Rush house, Archbishop Francis Rush. As a primary student at St Francis Xavier school, Goodna (near Ipswich), I was blessed to meet Archbishop Rush at a number of Sacramental Masses and other events. Even after all these years we have fond memories of a kind, caring man. For us kids, it felt like we had been visited by the Pope himself. I am sure that many of our students will feel the same way when they meet Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the end of this term. Like me, Archbishop Rush also spent time at Abergowrie in North Queensland.

Archbishop Francis Rush (source: www.cathedralofststephen.org.au)
Archbishop Francis Roberts Rush was born in Townsville on 11 September 1916, one of the four sons of Thomas and Mary Rush. He was educated at St Joseph’s School, The Strand, Townsville, and Christians Brothers Schools at Townsville, St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace and Mt Carmel, Charters Towers.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on 18 March 1939. Following his return to Australia he served at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville (1939-1944), Mundingburra (1944-1950), Ingham (1950-1954). Fr Rush then became Parish Priest of Abergowrie (1954-1957) and Ingham (1957-1960).

On 8 February 1961 he was ordained Bishop of Rockhampton in St Joseph’s Cathedral. Of significance was his participation in all sessions of the Second Vatican Council. On 3 March 1973 he was appointed to the Metropolitan See of Brisbane. Archbishop Rush was installed as Archbishop of Brisbane on 29 May 1973 and he led this Archdiocese until his retirement on 3 December 1991. In May 1983 he was elected the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a post he held for three years.

Archbishop Rush’s greatest dream was to see Brisbane’s St Stephen's Cathedral restored. This was finally
achieved in 1989. He wished that the Cathedral and its environment be opened up to the people of Brisbane as a place of welcome and prayer.

Francis Rush died on 21 July 2001. This outline of significant dates and places cannot sufficiently express the magnitude of his contribution to the life of both the Church in Queensland and in particular the local Church of Brisbane as priest and bishop, wise and prudent leader and friend.

Archbishop Rush is remembered with affection for his compassion, wise leadership, humility and the depth and conviction of his faith in Jesus Christ.

His Episcopal motto sums up his life and his faith: Mihi Vivere Christus – life for me is Christ. Philippians 1:21

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

From the Deputy

Lost Property
There is a lot of lost property at present. Please label every item of clothing especially hats so they can be returned when misplaced.

Lunch issues – Secondary students
Some students have been asking parents to buy them lunch like Subway or McDonalds by ring ing home.

Please do not buy McDonalds or Subway during school time as it causes major issues for other students.

I am also asking that parents do not ring up and say their child has permission to go down town to get lunch.

Students are out of school and are late back to class.

There are emergency supplies in room 44 for students who have forgotten their lunch.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Exams/assignments
It is now week 6 and exams are looming and assignments are due.

Students requiring assistance or extensions must apply to Mrs Burr (7-10) or Mr Curran(11-12).

Tutorials are held on Thursday afternoon from 3-15 to 4pm in room 2 and 43. Thank you to Miss Tucker, Mr Connelly and Ms Robertson for their help this term.

I would ask that students bring some work from class so we can assist them with issues.

God bless,
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Homework
There has been a fair bit of discussion with staff and parents about Homework lately, so below I have tried to summarise some important points about this topic.

Homework is made up of three components:

- nightly homework from classes e.g. finishing exercises, preliminary reading;
- completing assignments set over an extended time;
- test preparation and study.

The following are the AVERAGE recommended amounts of time that a successful student should be spent on work at home each night:

- Year 6: 45 minutes
- Year 7/8: 1 hour
- Year 9/10: 1.5 hours
- Year 11/12: 2.5 hours

Periodically, the time needed at home will be greater. This will be near examinations and when assignments are due. However, demands on students will be significantly reduced if work on assignments and tests begins well before the due date.

Weekend homework might require double the nightly component i.e.: Year 7/8 – 3 hours Year 9/10 – 4 hours Year 11/12 – 6 hours. If good grades are desired, this would involve catch-up work, long-term test preparation and assignments.

Parents/Careers should feel free to supervise students’ adequate use of time spent on homework. Students should not spend a disproportionate amount of time on one subject at the expense of others. A balance is needed. When several assignments are due in any one week, students need to do some of each on each night. Parents should not undertake work on behalf of their student.

Parents/Careers should feel free to contact (by note or phone) the home room teacher if a student has been unable to fulfill their nightly homework obligations. Such a case might result from sickness or a personal trauma. Following these guidelines would indicate that having to complete an assignment is not an acceptable reason, as longer term planning and periodic checks by teachers should prevent the problem.

If a student finds that all teachers from one day set homework for the next, then, subject to negotiation with the teachers, they should spend only 15 minutes, Years 7/8, 20 minutes, Years 9/10 on each subject. It is unlikely to happen but a note to the home room teacher would be appreciated if it does.

Parents are encouraged to check homework diaries if little is being done at home. Homework and assignments are being set and if it is not being written in diaries each day, teachers can assist by checking that students have written “no homework” for that subject. Have a great week.

Mr John Dalton
AP4

Our College, Parish and Nation’s Patron Saint.
Our Lady Help of Christians
Why that title?

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pope Pius VI who died in goal, after which Pope Pius VII was elected. Just a short time later, he too was jailed by Napoleon, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau, 35 miles from Paris.

The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians, be kept on the 24th of May.

The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patroness.

http://www.theworkofgod.org/Library/MaryHelp/Patroness.htm accessed on 19/5/2012

Our celebration this Friday

9 – 9.30 am Liturgy of the Word
12.25 pm Sausage sizzle
(piece of bread and sausage – pork or beef)
12.40 pm Home grown entertainment in Benedictine courtyard and cake and ice block (water based)
1.15 pm Normal lessons

Year 1 and 7 are leading Parish Mass this Friday, all welcome.

Warm regards
Mr Martin Perrett

APRE

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

Blue Award (3 books)
Devyn Pomerencake and Caitlyn Carney

Red Award (5 books)
Devyn Pomerencake, Caitlyn Carney and Tennae Francis

Bronze Award (10 books)
Matthew Trebbin

Rapid Reader Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Rapid Reader award!

Meg Wernecke and Baxter Armstrong

2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge

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Once again this year, I am delighted to help P-7 students participate in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature. Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities. Reading widely will bring untold benefits throughout their lives.

The reading period for the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge at Saint Mary’s starts on Monday 20 May and closes Friday 6 September.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. ‘Experiencing’ books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.
Students will have received a reading challenge record sheet and bookmark to help them keep track of the books they have read.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates in October.

For more information about Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

You can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this challenge.

Kind regards,
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 News
Welcome to week 6!
This coming Friday is our College Feast Day. It is a whole school celebration of Mary Help of Christians and we’re looking forward to a special morning liturgy and lunchtime entertainment. May is the month of Mary and a number of our primary classes have been focusing on this special woman, and how we can be more like her.

Friday is also Walk Safely to School Day throughout Australia. This is an opportunity to help our children develop vital road-crossing skills, promote the health benefits of walking, and to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. Why not take this opportunity to walk with your children to school this Friday 24th May.

With our College athletics carnival approaching, primary classes will be practising our skills required for this event, on each Friday leading up to the carnival.

Our Year 4 students are looking forward to their exciting camp on the 30th and 31st of May at Barambah Environmental Education Centre. All the best Year 4!

For our Years 5, 6 and 7 students, the Winter sports carnival is next week on Friday 21st May. Students have nominated for one of four different team sports: netball, basketball, touch football or soccer. Students must return their signed Consent forms for this day, to school as soon as possible please.

Congratulations to all of our amazing readers in the primary school, and in particular those who have recently achieved Lexile awards. We are looking forward to Book Fair arriving at Saint Mary’s very soon, and to see our children enjoying their reading adventures! Have a wonderful week!

Miss Celia O’Connor
Prep - 6 Coordinator

Uniform Shop News
We have received our winter stock, except medium and large trackpants. All paid orders have been filled and unpaid orders are ready to be collected.

Please remember that the uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8am to 11am.

Keep warm
Mrs Amanda Jensen
Uniform Shop Convenor

Tuckshop News

Friday’s extra choice menu
Morning Tea and Lunch
Chicken and Gravy Roll $3.50
Lunch Bag System Only
Spaghetti Bolognase $3.50

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

Kind regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News
Hi guys and welcome to another wonderful week.

Once again your P&F held a working bee on Sunday from 8-12. Although attendance was a little low a lot was achieved with more garden being tidied, trees planted and more work being done on the cricket pitches. Many hands make light work so thank you to everyone involved.

Last night we had our monthly meeting with good attendance with some fresh new faces who are more than welcome back, especially to laugh at my jokes.

A lot is being organised for fundraising so keep posted for that but may I ask you to get oven on and start baking for our cake stall coming up in the last week of term. More details soon.

Please keep families with sick loved ones in your thoughts.

Celine O’Connor
P&F President

Personalise Label Drive
Kids’ school labels, wall stickers and school bags. Support the P&F by going to www.brighstarkids.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

Celebrating Confirmation & First Communion
Musicians and Singers for the upcoming Mass being Celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge on the 23rd June. Please contact Peter Undery on 0401 289 922

Drama News
MAD Camp 2013

Artslink Queensland is delivering a week-long, multi-arts intensive residency program for secondary school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 for one week during the 2013 September school holidays.

MAD Camp provides an opportunity for creative young people from all over Queensland to come together to develop and extend their skills and abilities in a range of arts practices.

The MAD Camp program consists of:
- Daily sessions in music, art, dance and drama, with recognised industry professionals as tutors
- Master classes with the best of Artslink Queensland’s In Schools Touring Program
- Live performances
- Excursions to the Cultural Precinct at Brisbane’s South Bank
- Backstage tours of theatres and cultural institutions

Artslink Queensland has received generous funding from The Curavis Fund towards MAD Camp 2013. This funding enables a subsidy of $200 per person, reducing the original fee of $395 to just $195 per person including GST.

- Who: Young people in years 10, 11 and 12 in 2013
- Fee: $395 (includes accommodation, meals, performances, workshops and excursions)
- Phone: (07) 3846 7477

Kind regards
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Dance/Drama Teacher

Artslink Queensland
MAD Camp 2013

P&F
Wed 22 – 27 September 2013
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Army Cadet Expo
Saturday 25th May 2013

On Saturday 25 May 2013, over 70 cadets from SE QLD will be marching from Nanango Show Grounds down Drayton Street to the War Memorial with drums and rifles. A small ceremony will be conducted then the cadets will march back to the Show Grounds.

The parade will commence at 11:00am from the Nanango Show Grounds.

After the parade, members of the public are invited to come and watch the activities the cadets will be conducting. Entry is FREE.

Tea, Coffee, Soft drinks and food will be on sale.

Displays of Archery, First aid scenarios, Drill, Drums, Field craft, Confidence course, information centres and much more.

This will be a good opportunity for anyone interested in joining to come along and see what Army cadets are all about.

Don’t miss out on this event!

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BIGGEST MORNING TEA

To be held at
Nanango Post Office
Tomorrow, 23rd May
From 9.30am to 11am

For more information or to make a donation please contact Mirella Villani on 0407 550 388

Digital Art Goes Wild
Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery’s Acquisitive Youth Art Competition has $2000 in prizes in digital art.

If you are 12 - 24 and interested in digital art please see Mrs Langford Martoo for an entry form!

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Stand out from the crowd... with SQIT’s new image and lifeskills workshops!

Want to learn how to present your best self, from the experts? SQIT is running a 2 day program which will teach you how to put your best foot forward at job interviews and social occasions.

What you’ll learn:
★ Hair care and hairstyling
★ Skin care and basic make-up
★ Stylish dressing
★ Image and social etiquette

When: Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 June, 10am-4pm both days
Investment: $150
Where: SQIT Hairdressing Salon, 100 Bridge Street, Toowoomba

To enrol for more information please call 4994 1662 or 4994 1600.

Course may be cancelled if insufficient applications are received. Costs apply to these dates only, 05/06/13

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Date Claimer......

24th May
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17th June
18th June
20th June
21st June
8th July
12th July
16th July
19th July
23rd July

Saint Mary’s Feast Day
Liturgy 9am
Feast Day Festival 12.30pm
Titration Competition UQ
Whole School Assembly
WB Cross Country Bundaberg
SW School Futsal Titles Harrison
Reconciliation Liturgy 9am
Year 4 Camp
Year 4 Camp
Immunisation Clinic
Book Fair
Whole School Assembly
QLD Day
“Ditto’s” Presentation P-3
TLC Assembly
Young Australia
Performance P-6
Year 11/12 Drama
Excursion
Year 7 Reflection Day DPI
Year 6 Reflection Day
Whole School Assembly
10 Years to Open Athletics Carnival
P-12 Sprints and Relays.
Prep to 4 Sports Rotation
Term 2 Completed
Reports distributed
P&F Meeting 7pm
Rock on Stage
South Burnett Equestrian Competition – Kingaroy Showgrounds

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