Dates to Remember

Thursday, 30th May
- Year 4 Camp
- SW School Futsal Titles
- USQ Toowoomba

Friday, 31st May
- Primary School Winter Carnival Years 5-7
- Immunisation Clinic 9am

Monday 3rd June
- Book Fair

Tuesday, 4th June
- Whole School Assembly
- CSIRA Science Visit to Kingaroy

Thursday 6th June
- QLD Day

Friday 7th June
- “Ditto’s” Presentation P-3

Tuesday 11th June
- TLC Assembly Young Australia Performance P-6

Wednesday 12th June
- Year 11/12 Drama Excursion
- Immunisation Clinic catch up 3.00—4.00pm—Council Chambers

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

Today we celebrated National Reconciliation with a wonderful liturgy and the opening of our beautiful Bunya Dreaming Garden.

Uncle Eric Law welcomed staff, students and 60 special guests including many Indigenous Elders to our liturgy with a Smoking Ceremony and a Welcome to Country.

The centrepiece of the liturgy was a play performed by our Senior Drama students outlining the stupidity of racism. It featured two tribes on a distant planet who were black and white on different sides of their bodies. These two tribes hated one another because of this trivial difference.

One day, two young warriors from these warring tribes accidentally met at a waterhole. One of the warriors, carefully snuck up behind the warrior from the other tribe. As they look at the reflected image of the other warrior, they see a member of their own tribe, because in a reflection, left is right and right is left.

The young warriors initially think about fighting, but after seeing themselves in the other, they instead begin to talk and start on the long road towards reconciliation between the two tribes.

Later in the liturgy, our warriors returned to bless all of our staff, students and special guests with a small cross of white or black and the blessing, “Different colours, one people”.

Following the liturgy, our special guests joined our Indigenous and senior students at the Opening and Blessing of our Bunya Dreaming Garden. After a beautiful ceremony, including our Indigenous students leading the Aboriginal Our Father, Uncle Eric and Fr. John Hong unveiled the plaque to officially open the garden.

There are too many people to thank everyone for these wonderful celebrations, but I would like to single out a few including: The Stewart family, Nikita Law, Uncle Eric and Shirley Law, Fr John Hong, Mrs Arrell, Mrs Mathews, Mr Perrett, Mr Hutton, Miss Cook, Mrs Hauritz, Mrs Davis, our Indigenous students and Senior Drama class, P&F and all of the staff, students and community organisations that helped with our celebrations and Bunya Dreaming garden.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
**Teacher Spirituality Twilight**

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**Hats**

Years 10, 11 and 12 students who wish to sit in the top courtyard around the statue need to wear a hat or sit outside room 42. Students will be referred to the office if this does not occur.

**Shoes**

I am asking parents to please buy the correct shoes. Canvas shoes are not acceptable, neither are slippers. Shoes must be black, leather or vinyl only and must cover the students’ feet completely for safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

God bless,

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

**APA News**

**The QCE**

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This will involve checking that:
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- and they have the equivalent of at least 2 other subjects that they are passing.

These meetings with students will also allow us to explain the way VET courses and School Based Traineeships contribute to the QCE in a similar way to regular school subjects.

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Have a great week.

Mr John Dalton
APRT

**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

**Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day**

Last Friday the College celebrated the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of the College, the Parish and of Australia. Students took part in a devotion to Mary and a reflection on her importance to us at the College. At lunch students were entertained by various musicians and singers coordinated and supported by Mr John Dalton. An exceptionally large chocolate cake was shared for all and despite the cold weather many students finished their lunch with an icypole.

**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

- **Blue Award (3 books)** – Dana Gronbach, Kaitlyn Watson
- **Red Award (5 books)** – Tom Pennell, Sammi Rix

**2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge began at our College last week. Students have been given a record sheet and bookmark to help them track the books they read. The challenge to read and record 15/20 books ends in September, so they have plenty of time to meet this challenge. For more information about Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit:

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

**Family Mass**

On Sunday Year seven and Year one students led the parish mass. Bridget McDonald, Tessa Buzzo and Grace McFarlane were involved in readings; Jade Jacob, Kaitlyn Ritchie and Abby Perrett sung with Mrs Moya Hayden as part of the choir; Harry Geoff, Molly McDonald and Bridget Watson read the prayers of the faithful and Noah Burr took up the offertory. It can be quite daunting to take on these ministries, even for adults, and these students did an exceptional job.

Warm regards

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

**Library Corner**

**Book Fair**

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Primary - Students aged 5-9 years will only compete on the last Friday of term. Students will do their sprints first up in the morning and then go down to the bottom oval for fun activities. Later they will come back up to the main oval for relays. The primaries will be straight relays. All parents are most welcome. Ages are as of this year. There will be ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and participation ribbons for all.

Secondary - Students 10 years and older will compete over the last 2 days of term. Thursday - 200m, 800m, High Jump, Long Jump, and Shot Put. Friday - 100m, 400m and Relays

Other events will have been done in class and school time. eg Discus, Javelin - mainly for safety reasons.

All events will be by nomination, probably early next week. I would like to present a full program for the days. There will be age championships for all these age groups, but please be aware that you must be in Div 1. of running events. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be given in all races and field events.

All parents are welcome and if you want to help officiate on the day or days please email me asap (amedlen@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Tea/coffee will be available.

Other News -

Congratulations to Clare Adcock and Nick Schmidhauser on making the Wide Bay Cross Country Team after yesterday’s carnival.

Wide Bay Cross Country
Results for the following students:

Nick Schmidhauser—3rd
Clare Adcock—2nd

They have both now progressed to the State Titles

SAINT. MARY’S CHEMISTRY STUDENTS’ SUCCESS AT UQ TITRATION COMPETITION.

On Saturday, 25th October 2013, six Saint Mary’s Catholic College chemistry students travelled to the University of Queensland, St. Lucia Campus to participate in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute’s annual Titration Competition.

Chemical titrations are an analytical technique that requires both laboratory skills and conceptual understanding to determine concentrations of unknown solutions.

Saint Mary’s Year 12 Titration team members were Brooke Davis, Giovanna Legge, Megan Baldacchino, and the Year 11 team were Thilini Ranasinghe, Gabe Crane and Cassie Firman.

The students were fortunate to have use of the new UQ Laboratories, which are a new addition to UQ’s facilities. These facilities are state of the art, and The University of Queensland staff went to great lengths to give students a great opportunity to enhance their chemistry skills.

Many teams throughout S.E. Qld competed. Of these the top 13 were placed in an “Excellent” category. Saint Mary’s team scored honourably, and the Year 11 team gained 6th place in these rankings, entitling them to compete again in the finals later in October. Well done. An outstanding effort!!!

As a teacher, I am extremely proud of the students’ achievements particularly as it was their first attempt at this competition. They have done especially well, given the Year 11 team has qualified now into the Finals at UQ. I’d like to thank Barbara Paterson and Julian Connelly for their huge efforts too in assisting our students, and to Mrs Michelle Davis and Kirsten Firman for transporting students to and from the venue.

Gary Curran
Science Teacher

Tuckshop News
Friday’s extra choice menu

Morning Tea and Lunch
Spaghetti Jaffles $3.50

Lunch Bag System
Only
Mexican Baked Spud
$3.50

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

NO PIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS OR PARTY PIES SOLD ON FRIDAYS

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
100 Years on the Block Festival
Celebrating 100 years of the 1913 Kingaroy Shire Council Chamber
Saturday 8th June 2013—10am—4pm

Kingaroy Information Art and Heritage Precinct, 128 Haly Street, Kingaroy—4189 9172

On the day there will be:
Jumping Castle, face painting, St John’s Whip Crackers, “Old Time games, Country music by Keith Parker, Market stalls, Vintage displays, South Burnett Youth Choir, Devonshire Tea stall and much more …
Multi Draw Raffle
Family pass to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Family pass to The Rail Workshop Ipswich, A Toowoomba weekend Getaway, A South Burnett weekend Getaway
Art Competition
The Winners of the South Burnett Regional Acquisitive Youth Art Competition “Digital Art Goes Wild” will be announced on the day.

Are you looking to improve your fitness, speed, agility, power, in any sports ie athletics, football, soccer, netball etc? I am a nationally qualified and ranked coach, personal trainer and athlete.

My name is Cameron Neuendorf and I am offering training for all sports, levels of fitness, and ages. If you want to make an impact on the field, blow away the opposition on the track, and improve your overall fitness then this is for you!
Group, Team, School, Individual sessions are available.

If interested, or wanting any information please feel free to contact myself on 0481 143 323 or email me at cam_neuendorf@hotmail.com

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.
BOORINGS 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

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17th June Year 7 Reflection Day DPI
18th June Year 6 Reflection Day
20th June 10 Years to Open Athletics Carnival
21st June P-12 Sprints and Relays, Prep to 4 Sports Rotation Term 2 Completed
8th July Term 3 Commences
12th July Reports distributed
16th July P&F Meeting 7pm
19th July Rock on Stage
23rd July South Burnett Equestrian Competition - Kingaroy Showgrounds