From the Principal

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

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will join us for our final assembly of the term at 2pm on Friday, June 21. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. At this special assembly, we will:
- present our Term 2 Benedictine Award winners with their certificates.
- give a small presentation to our students who will be receiving the Sacraments.
- acknowledge our Age Champions from the Athletics Carnival.
- present Centrecare with our Winter Appeal items.

I would like to thank our Mayor, Wayne Kratzmann and Councillor Keith Campbell for our new Saint Mary’s directional signs on the roads around the college.

We have been advertising for two positions: Business Manager (6 months – while Mrs Hallett is on leave for Semester 2) and for a Career & Employment Transition Coach (School Officer – 3 days) to assist students especially those with special needs to transition to employment and training. More information on this position is available on www.catholicjobsonline.net.au (Position no. 9352)

Over the first week of our school holidays, our QISSN (Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball) team will travel to Townsville to compete in a state-wide netball competition. I would like to wish our team below, all of the best:
Sam Watson (Captain), Megan Baldacchino, Cherie Baldacchino, Cassie Firman, Megan Irvine, Bridget McCarron, Rahab Murray, Kiara Wright, Rheanan Leigh Yance.

I would also like to congratulate Matt Harch (Yr 11) who has been selected to play Confraternity Rugby League with Xavier College, Hervey Bay in the same competition.

I am very grateful to the P&F for supporting our students and families, so that they can afford to compete on behalf of our school. I would also like to thank the following parents and staff members for their support:
Browyn Tipman (team manager), Kara Jensen (coach), Cameron Irvine and Kevin Watson (bus driver & parent support), Ms Tucker (supporting staff member), Mrs Hallett (finances and bookings)

I would like to congratulate the staff and students who took part in the recent Primary School Sports Carnival. We had some great results including:
- Basketball, 1st in Div A
- Netball, 1st in Div C
- Soccer, 2nd in Div A
- Touch, 1st in Div B

Recently Brisbane Catholic Education suggested that parents may like to take a look at a good parenting website form renowned parenting author, Michael Gross. The website can be found at http://www.parentingideas.com.au Of course, this website, does offer books etc to purchase, but there is enough free information to make it worthwhile to visit.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
From the Deputy

Stillness
St. Benedict had certain virtues that seemed imperative to his design of monastic life: obedience, humility, communal life, and silence. Silence was not a punishment but rather a preparation for the presence of God. How can someone hear the soft gentle whisper of God in the midst of a noise filled life and more especially mind.

For all of us, the goal is so simple: a peaceful and tranquil heart that seeks the truth and delights in that seeking. For those of us who believe in God, that truth comes from God and leads deeper into God.

Matthew Arnold refers to the “sounding stillness” in one of his poems. There are lots of references to “silent music”, including a book on meditation by the Jesuit William Johnston. These two phrases refer to the fact that silence can be full and joyous. We can all learn how to be silent and rejoice in the silent music, sounding stillness, that is around us and which speaks to the depths of our being.

We were reminded of this quest for silence at Year 4 camp last week. Thank you to Mrs Arrell, Ms McNamara, and Mrs Mazzer and all the A-Flat staff for a fantastic and educational camp.

P.E. and Hats
Students are reminded that during P.E. lessons they are required to wear hats when out in the sun.

Students who do not have a hat will be asked to sit out the lesson. This may affect assessment over the coming weeks. Please make sure you have your hat.

Group Photos
Group photos are available for viewing in the office.

If you would like a photo of SRC or Leadership please contact the front office

God bless,
Mr Sean Erricin
Deputy Principal

APRE News

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Next week our year 5’s will head over to Jondalarn Woolshed for their camp. This will consolidate much of their history learning experiences from this term. Students will also head to Murphy’s Creek Outdoor Educational centre then onto the Cobb and Co Museum in Toowoomba! Thank you to our teachers who put a great deal of work into organising such amazing experiences for our students.

This Friday 7th June, our Prep to Year 3 students will be involved in the Bravehearts “Ditto’s” visit to our College. This is a program dedicated to educate our little ones about personal safety and protection. Our Guidance Officer Mr Turnbull has recently been working in some of our classes with this program to support our students. Friday’s presentation will be a wonderful way to consolidate the key ideas of this program.

Celia O’Connor Year P-6 Coordinator

Library Corner

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

Red Award (5 books) – Rosie Clancy, Charlotte Taffe, Jacob Haydon
Bronze Award (10 books) – Joseph Curran
Silver Award (25 books) – Elke Frecklington

2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun at our College. 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 see your child’s class teacher or Mrs. Burr.

Book Fair
Our school’s Book Fair is on! It will be open mornings and afternoons (8:00am-8:45am and 3:00pm-4pm). Various payment options are available this year including credit slips, internet ordering and cash. On Monday, students previewed the fair and wrote wish lists. It was emphasised to students that this was just a wish list and it is not an expectation that these lists are purchased. The Fair will contain a variety of new, contemporary and popular fiction and non-fiction titles, posters as well as novelty items. Again, there will be the popular wacky-packs which are great value for $6. This includes great books with novelty items. Thank you for your support.

Book Fair Competition Winners
A colouring-in competition (P-6) and “Design a Book Cover” competition has been held to celebrate Book Fair. As part of this, an overall year level winner and highly commended students were selected. They are:

Highly Commended
Prep: Chloe Brady, Letia-May Rowen, Hamish Mungall, Sienna Andrewartha

Year 1: Logan Hartwig, Neralee Reed, Mya Pini, Molly McDonald
Year 2: Claudia Di Marco, Sadie Mi Mi, Harry Pace, Hayden Maxwell
Year 3: Aidan Davis, Julian Seng, Abigail Crnkovic, Dana Gronbach
Year 4: Sammi Rix, Larna Buckle, Kyla Thompson, Ainsley Moller
Year 5: Joshua Gronbach, Kaitlyn Maxwell, Harry Flynn, Caleb Ediee
Year 6: Brianna Wilson, Madeline Crnkovic Year 7-12: Samuel McIvor, Georgia Reeve, Madison Wheeler, Christopher Janz

Kind regards,
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Sports News
Congratulations to our latest Wide Bay Regional Sports Representatives - Nick Schmidhauser and Clare Adcock who made the Cross Country teams, Blake Shirley who made the under 11 Rugby League Team and Lleyton Brown who made the Primary AFL Team.

Last Friday our years 5,6 and 7 competed in the Primary Winter Sports Gala Day with very good results.

Saint Marys won:
Division A in Basketball
Division B in Touch
Division C in Netball and finished 2nd in Division A in Soccer.

Well done.

A Medlen
HPE/SPORTS Coordinator

South West School Futsal Titles
Saint Mary’s sent away five teams to the South West School Futsal Titles in Toowoomba last week with solid performances by all teams. With all teams playing well it was the under 14 boys and 16 girls that produced some of the biggest upsets against many larger schools.

The boys were narrowly defeated by Toowoomba Grammar 2-1 in their first game of the day, but pushed Grammar to work for their win. They then went on to win three in a row; 4-1 against Saint Josephs Toowoomba, 4-3 against Saint Mary’s Toowoomba and 4-2 over Assisi College. The boys were unlucky in their quarter final going down to a well trained Concordia side 3-1, coming a respectable 4th place.

The 16 girls were locked in a tight competition winning their first three games; 5-1 against Robina SHS White, 4-0 over Our Lady of the Southern Cross and 6-2 over Saint Ursula’s Green. Our girls then went down fighting in a game that could have gone either way 3-2 against Saint Ursula’s White. The girls rallied and won against Robina SHS 2-1 in a tough game, this Robina team went on to win the title on the day. The tournament come to an end for the girls in the first semi-final 3-1 to the same Saint Ursula’s White team in another close game. The girls should be proud of their performance and the knowledge that they beat the eventual winners on the day. The 16 girls now progress through to the ‘Champions of Champions’ the statewide stage of the Australian Futsal Titles. Wish them luck!

Wade Toms
Futsal Coordinator

Tuckshop News
Friday’s extra choice menu
Morning Tea & Lunch
Meatball Subs
Lunch Only Chicken Chow Mein
Both these items are $3.50 each

Kind regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convener

P&F News
P & F Working Bee

On Sunday, May 19th twenty volunteers gathered for our P&F Working Bee. As well as working on various projects around the College, we also had the extremely dedicated and generous Stewart family working on their beautiful Dreaming Circle in our Bunya Dreaming Garden.

Some of the many projects completed included:
Planting out 55 shrubs (primarily native to the Kingaroy area).
Brushcutting the hillside overlooking the College.
Removing noxious plants and weeds.
Blowing pathways around the College.
Top dressing around cricket pitches.
Mulching and tidying gardens.

The students who took part in our Working Bee received Burnett Mary Regional Group/Landcare showbags with educational material and water bottles.

The planting was part of the Caring For Our Country 2011 Grant. This grant has allowed the College to revegetate our college grounds, assist with erosion control and thus provide a wildlife corridor between the Kingaroy hospital and Carroll Nature Reserve.

This project is supported by Saint Mary’s Catholic College and its P&F, through funding from the Australian Government’s Caring for Our Country initiative and with assistance from the South Burnett Regional Council, Burnett Mary Regional Group and Kingaroy Landcare Group. Many thanks to all who took part in our Working Bee and to the Australian Government’s Caring for our Country initiative and assistance from the South Burnett Regional Council, Burnett Mary Regional Group & Kingaroy Landcare Group.

Fiona O’Rane & the P & F executive
P&F News (continued)

On the last day of this term the P&F will be holding a bake stall during the sports carnival. If you are able to help by baking or helping on the stall on the day please email me at drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au or give me a call or text with availability.

Even more exciting news is that the P&F are co-ordinating the parents act for rock on stage so warm up those vocal cords and get your hips shaking. If you can join us please let me know.

Don’t forget earn and learn our monthly meeting coming up and stay tuned for more exciting fundraisers.

God’s Blessings,
Mr Damien Martoo
P&F President

Entry Form
Saint Mary’s Benedictine Values Competition!!!
Closes: Tuesday 23rd July – Term 3.

1st prize, 2nd prize and 3rd prize for P-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
We want you!....and your friends to make a short film, song (original lyrics and music), poster, post card, prayer or poem.

Help our school and wider community understand the 5 Values at our school

BE..... Responsible, Respectful, Safe, Just and Be My Best

You need to tell us (the judges) what it means to live the SB's here at Saint Mary’s
The school may use the entries as promotional material for Saint Mary’s Catholic College

Judging Criteria:-
Creativity, originality, communication of the values underpinning the 5Bs and use of digital technology. REMEMBER to SAVE your work in TWO PLACES

The 5Bs Competition. HAND THIS ENTRY FORM TO the office. Please indicate where the electronic item is stored to enable the judges to view your film, song. Closes: Tuesday 23rd July – Term 3.

Name/s: ___________________________________________

Item submitted:

Carmen and Lannah Sowden
went to Farmfest in Toowoomba yesterday they exhibited the Reserve Champion Led open steer, they bought home $800 in prize money.

Date Claimer......

6th June QLD Day
7th June “Ditto’s” Presentation P-3
11th June TLC Assembly Young Australia Performance P-6
12th June Year 11/12 Drama Excursion
17th June Year 7 Reflection Day DPI Excursion
18th June Year 6 Reflection Day Whole School Assembly
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