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

Firstly, with our continuing strong growth in student numbers, we are currently investigating splitting our Years 2 and 3 like we did earlier this year with our very successful Year 4/5 shared classes. We will keep parents informed with any developments. At this stage, we are still applying to BCE for this to occur.

Congratulations to Britney Bethke (Year 7) who took out 1st place in the Kingaroy Gallery Digital Art Competition and Mr Luke Foody (Mrs Foody Versace’s husband) who took out 3rd place.

We have had some concerns raised by parents about overcrowding on the Cherbourg / Murgon / Wondai bus. This has been investigated by both Pursers and Saint Mary’s and has been found to not be the case. Mrs Hallett, our Business Manager will outline this later in the newsletter. Mrs Hallett and I are still investigating the possibility of a Hivesville bus service. We will let parents know if there are any positive outcomes to these negotiations.

Enrolments are coming in very quickly for 2014, so I would ask current families to get applications in ASAP to avoid missing out.

Over the past few newsletters, I have looked at our three House patrons. The final one, Archbishop James Quinn is a sometimes controversial character, especially over his disagreements with Saint Mary MacKillop. Like most people, we need to remember that he was a product of his time. He was the first Archbishop of Brisbane; a champion of Catholic education, starting 30 Catholic educational institutions; and responsible for much of the Irish immigration to Queensland. This included some of my Irish ancestors (the Rafter family) who arrived amongst the first free Irish immigrants to Queensland on the “Erin go Bragh” (Ireland forever). He would often travel up to 1000km on horseback to visit communities including the South Burnett.

James Quinn (1819-1881), Roman Catholic bishop, was born on 17 March 1819 at Rathbane, County Kildare, Ireland. After ordination in 1846 he worked in a parish at Blackrock near Dublin, coping with a cholera epidemic. During this time he helped to organise the Mater Hospital in Dublin, and arranged to recruit nursing nuns for the Crimean war.

On 14 April 1859 Quinn was appointed bishop of Queensland. After visiting Europe to recruit clergy and nuns he sailed in the Donald Mackay and reached Brisbane on 12 March 1861. He found an enormous diocese, weak in personnel, physical resources and financially in debt. His first attempt to resolve the financial problem by demanding control of educational funds collected in the Ipswich parish, precipitated a long unedifying quarrel with the pioneer Fr McGinty and influential parishioners like Patrick O’Sullivan.

With help from Mother Mary Vincent Whitty of the order of Mercy he made rapid progress in establishing a Catholic education system In 1862, impressed by the possibilities of immigration legislation, Quinn founded his Queensland Immigration Society which brought out ten ships with about 6000 migrants, mainly Irish.

Quinn’s conception of his episcopal position was exemplified in a statement during the quarrel with McGinty: “I am a sacred person... anyone attacking my character commits a most gross and sacrilegious act”. Fired by this ideal, he sought to regulate even the smallest details of his diocese and made countless enemies in the process. He tampered with the internal rule of the Sisters of Mercy and in March 1865 replaced the popular Mother Mary Vincent Whitty as head. In May 1872 Quinn, returning from Rome, faced new problems. Unlike Mother Mary Vincent Whitty, Saint Mary MacKillop, of the order of St Joseph, refused to submit to Quinn’s demand for rigid episcopal control of the order and in 1875 her withdrawal of the order from Queensland aroused violent public controversy both within and without the church.

Quinn’s piety, zeal and energy had never been in doubt, but in his almost monarchical idea of the episcopal office he frequently lost sight of some of the fundamental principles of Christianity.
Yesterday our P-6 students enjoyed an interesting Young Australia Performance in our Mary Knoll Centre. It was a colourful and hilarious way for our students to learn about the importance of water in our world and the water cycle. Congratulations to our primary students for being respectful and responsible during the performance.

This week we wish our Year 5 students a wonderful, adventure-filled learning experience on their camp to Jondaryn Woolshed. Thank you to the staff who are making this happen for our students.

Next Tuesday Year 6 students are off to Bell for their Reflection Day. This will be an interesting day to culminate our studies in Religion and Visual Art this term. Mr Perrett and Mr Hutton will lead the students in this experience.

Primary students have been practising their athletics skills in the lead up to our College carnival next week. It has been wonderful to see confidence grow, as well as skills being developed during our sports rotations each Friday afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing our students enjoy competing in their events!

May God smile on you,
Miss Celia O’Connor
P-6 Coordinator

**Bus News**

There have been some concerns raised in regard to overcrowding on the Cherbour/Margun bus which also picks up students in Wondai at the McKenzie Street bus stop. This bus seats 54 passengers. We have a second smaller Rosa bus which seats 25. This bus currently departs from the BP Depot.

Rolls are taken for all our bus runs and these are monitored on a regular basis to determine numbers. We acknowledge that there have been some days where the coach is carrying more than 54 students but not more than the legal number of passengers allowed. According to the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Standard 2000, it is acceptable for 3 primary school children to sit in a bench type bus seat designed for 2 adults.

On the days when the coach is full the Rosa bus has had more than enough spare seats to accommodate the extra students on the Coach. To alleviate any overcrowding, from next Monday 17 June both buses will depart from and return to the McKenzie Street bus stop (opposite the Newsagent). There will be no pickup or drop off at the BP Depot from this date. If there are no available seats on one bus the students will be directed to the bus with available seats and marked on this role.

If your student gets on the coach in Cherbour/Murgun, they are to remain on this bus until they arrive at school. No student is to swap buses after being marked on the roll.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the College Office.

Kind regards,

Shirley Hallett
Business Manager

**Library Corner**

**Book Fair Competition Winners**

The winners of our colouring-in competition (P-6) and “Design a Book Cover” competition have received their prizes from the library.

Congratulations to:
**Year Level Winners**
Prep: Chloe Brady
Year 1: Logan Hartwig
Year 2: Claudia Di Marco
Year 3: Aidan Davis
Year 4: Sammi Rix
Year 5: Joshua Gronbach
Year 6: Brianna Wilson

**Library borrowing**

Please note that there will be no library borrowing or Take Home Readers this week and next. This gives library staff and volunteers the opportunity to ensure that all resources are returned and shelved away ready for borrowing next term. We would appreciate your help with reminding your children to return any outstanding books before the end of the term.

Remember, textbooks (Year 7-12) are on loan to students until Term 4.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Melanie Burr*
Teacher Librarian

**Curriculum Corner**

The last few weeks of a term, especially end of semester can be a very busy time for our students. Teachers regularly remind students to work on their assessments well before the due date and provide opportunities for students to seek assistance when needed. The use of their diary is another strategy which teachers regularly promote. In a recent newsletter, information went out about the process for late/ non-submission of assessments. Please familiarise yourselves with this and remind your child that this process is being consistently followed by all teachers. Please contact me should you need to discuss anything about your child’s learning.

**AWESOME GENERATORS, YEAR 8! PLEASE VISIT THE LIBRARY TO CHECK OUT THESE AMAZING SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS.**

Melanie Burr
Teacher-Librarian
Both engaging and educational. An amusing and lively approach to science was experienced by audiences throughout Queensland. Their programs for our students, teachers and public provided quality science experiences.

CSIRO Education is able to draw on the scientists in Australia, is one of the most engaged, and provides quality science experiences.

Mr G. Curran and Mr J. Connelly
Science Teachers

Art News
The South Burnett Regional Council recently celebrated 100 years on the block, 100 years of the original council chambers. The council sponsored a huge digital art competition with massive prize money attached. Two members of the Saint Mary’s family were in the top three prize winners.

Last year Britney Bethke participated in a week long Photoshop workshop at the Kingaroy Art Gallery. She submitted one of the pieces that she created during this workshop. Mr Luke Foody, husband of Mrs Foody-Versace (Year 3 teacher) exhibited three of his digital art works at Saint Mary’s Showcase last year. He submitted these pieces into the competition also.

Mr Foody got third place, winning $300 and Britney Bethke won the competition, receiving $1000.

Congratulations to both of these amazing artists!

God’s Blessings
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Teacher-Visual Art, English, Religion

Active After School Care News
Active After School Care has finished for this term as of the week commencing 11th June.

P & F News
On the last day of this term the P&F will be holding a bake stall on the 21st June, during the sports carnival. Foam trays can be picked up from the office. An ingredients list is needed. 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 coordinating 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 our monthly meeting on the 18th June 2013 in the School Board Room. All Welcome.

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

Lost Property
There are a number of hats and jackets in the lost property box at the school office. Items that have a student name will be returned to the student via the class pigeon hole.

Items that are lost and are not named will be retained at the College office until the end of this term. After this date all uncollected and unnamed items will be relocated to the Saint Mary’s Benedictine Values

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 5Bs 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, poster, post card, prayer or poem.

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THE RATION SHED MUSEUM IN CHERBOURG

Invites you to

A NAIDOC OPEN DAY CELEBRATION

on 11th July 2013 from 10.30am onwards ...

Free BBQ, Musical Playground, Art Activities, Film Screenings and many more wonderful activities

- Announcement of winners of the art competition
- Council Awards
- Muddy Flats Band
- Corroboree & Island Dancing

For enquiries contact:
The Ration Shed Museum on 41695753
Email: rationshed@bigpond.com
Website: http://rationshed.com.au/
Follow up on Facebook—Ration Shed Museum

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QUT Queensland University of Technology

Parents and Teens Needed!

- Are you a parent of a boy between 10 and 16 years of age?
- Have you got concerns about their behaviour, emotions, responses to daily situations or choices that have got them into trouble?
- Are you simply interested in learning more about your teenager and teenagers like yours?

This study aims to gain an understanding of the daily life experiences of teenage males and their primary caregivers.

The first step in the study is for the parent or carer to fill out a take home questionnaire estimated to take around 15-20 minutes to complete. You will go into the draw to win a $50 voucher for your participation.

The second step of the study needs both the adolescent and their parent or carer to complete an interview and questionnaires separately. This will take about 2–3 hours.

This study has been approved by QUT Human Research Ethics Committee (110000149).

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DATE CLAIMER…….

12th June Year 11/12 Drama Excursion
17th June Year 7 Reflection Day DPI
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 6.00—9.30pm
23rd July South Burnett Equestrian Competition - Kingaroy Showgrounds
26 July Blue Light Disco 6.00—8.30pm
30 July Whole School Assembly
31 July - Barambah Indigenous Camp
1 August

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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

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“Where do I start?”

Talking to your child about sexuality and self-protection

Wednesday 19th June 2013

Children are wonderfully curious and naturally want to learn all about the world around them. While most adults are comfortable answering questions about animals or dinosaurs, when it comes to questions about sexuality, many grownups find these conversations a little harder to have. Whether you are a parent or carer, you are bound to come across behaviours and questions about sexuality from your young children. It is these questions and behaviours that give you an opportunity to respond in a way that supports your child’s healthy and safe sexual development.

In this session Rynan Kavanagh from FPQ’s Toowoomba office, will help you:
- understand childhood sexual development
- answer those awkward questions
- find ways to support healthy sexual development

Kangaroo
8 – 11am
The Library
Kingaroy State School
55 Wall Street

Murgon
1 - 3 pm
The Community Room
Murgon State School
51 Gladstone Street

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