From the Principal

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

Welcome back to term 4!
Today on assembly I highlighted the many exciting events that are occurring this term, including the following:
- P-12 Presentation night week 4, 31st October
- Year 12 Graduation/Mass in week 6
- Christmas Carols in Week 9
- Orientation days for Prep 2014
- Orientation day for new Year 8, 2014 in week 9
- Year 6 Rite of Passage in week 9
- End of year Mass in week 8

Students were also reminded that reports for this semester will be written around week 7 so the commitment needed for success begins today.
Once the hard work and study is complete then we can celebrate and have some fun. Please encourage your son/daughter to commence study this week.
Reading a book is a great way to start the term!

I would also like to welcome Ms Louise Pace to our staff, replacing Ms Pam Radcliffe as STIE (Support Teacher Inclusive Education).
Ms Pace will also be teaching Legal Studies, Home Ec and Year 12 Religion and Ethics. Ms Pace will be located in room 44.
Ms Radcliffe has moved to the APRE office and will also continue in her P-6 role.

Mr Perrett is Deputy Principal for Term 4 and will take over my office. Mr Dalton will continue in his current role as APA (Curriculum).

I would also like to thank Miss Tucker for taking over my 12 Maths B class for 6 weeks until they graduate.

Enrolments are still open for all Year levels in 2014.
If you know anyone who wishes to enrol for 2014, please ask them to contact Mrs Hauritz on 41 622011 and make an appointment.

Congratulations to the boys and girls futsal team who have just returned home from the National titles in Sydney.
Thank you to Mr Toms and all the parents who went and supported their children. We were successful in receiving an elite sporting grant from South Burnett Regional Council.
The P and F also provided some support to the students to compete at a National level. Both grants helped the students travel to and from Sydney and I thank both the Council and P and F for their support of our sporting teams.

A special mention must go to Bao Truong who was selected for the All Stars team to travel to Spain next year as part of the Australian team.

This is a truly exceptional achievement and goes to prove that students from Saint Mary’s continue to achieve in the State and National arena.

Thank you for the support I have already received in my new role so far and I look forward to celebrating many events with you as the term unfolds.

God Bless

Sean Erwin
Acting Principal
From the Deputy
No short cuts
At this morning’s assembly Mrs Radcliffe and Mr Erwin reminded students of the opportunities that exist at the start of a new term. The students watched a short reflection on what it means to be committed and, even more so, to be a committed Christian. There will be good times, tough times and everything in between but in life there are no short cuts. The Leadership Team is imploring students to step up this term and be their best, in all things. No one can ask any more of a person, than to be their best. On a micro-management level in my new role it translates to being:

• punctual
• organised
• well presented (correct uniform worn well)
• polite
• willing to learn

I noticed several uniform issues today, incorrect earrings, makeup and shoes. The process for uniform infringements will heavily involve the homeroom teacher and their contact with parents. Please set a high standard for your child as he/she dress to attend school so we can support that from our end.

If your student cannot wear the correct uniform, please write a short note to their teacher. Sign and date the note so that their teacher can issue them with a communication note explaining the variation of uniform to all staff.

Mr Marty Perrett
Acting Deputy Principal

APRE News
During Term 4 the teachers of Religious Education will be starting with the new RE Curriculum. This has been in the planning process for the past two years. The new curriculum is officially launched this Friday. A big thank you to Jenny Foody-Versace, Marty Perrett, and Lawrie Ross for their work on this document over the past years.

The Religious Education Curriculum involves four strands: Sacred Texts, Beliefs, Church and Christian Life. These strands are interrelated and are taught in an integrated way and in ways that are appropriate to specific local contexts. This Curriculum covers Prep to Year 10.

Teachers have been planning using these strands. 2014 will be the first full year of implementation of this new Religious Education Curriculum.

The other side of Religious Education is the Christian Life of the School. This includes our liturgies and masses, various celebrations, fundraising for CARITAS etc. and daily prayer life.

A reminder that there will be no Mass or Liturgy of the Word at Saint Mary’s Church Kingaroy the weekend of 26th and 27th of October. This is so that the whole parish (Kingaroy and Kumbia) can celebrate Mass together. This is an event that happens every year alternating between our church at Saint Mary’s in Kingaroy and Our Lady of Peace church in Kumbia. The Mass will be at 10.00am followed by a BBQ. You are most welcome to attend Mass and lunch with the whole parish. If you’ve never been to Our Lady of Peace Kumbia it is a wonderful little church that has been there for 94 years and well worth the 20 minute drive out to Kumbia.

At this Mass the candidates preparing for Reconciliation are invited to participate in the Our Father during the Mass.

Sacramental Program – Reconciliation

This coming weekend 12th and 13th October the candidates for Reconciliation are invited to either the Liturgy of the Word or Mass that weekend to participate in their Renewal of Baptismal Promises. You won’t need to bring anything – just yourselves if you can make it.

More information is to follow about the 9th/10th November participation in Mass/Liturgy and Activity afternoon on the 9th November at 2.00pm and Celebration on the 10th November.

The following fortnight Sunday 27th October at 10.00am in Kumbia is the only time in the entire Parish that Mass will be celebrated. There will be no Liturgy of the Word that Saturday night or Mass that Sunday at Saint Mary’s Church.

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Acting APRE

Prep to Year 6 News

Parent Information

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that classes commence at 8.45 and finish at 2.55. As the beginning and end of the day is extremely busy, it is best that students arrive at the classroom no later than 8.40am. If dropping off your child at the classroom please leave before 8.55am. It is important that your child manage their own daily routine e.g. tuckshop, homework folder etc. It is Term 4 and their level of independence should be increasing.

It would be appreciated if parents or carers when picking up their child wait in the courtyard. As mentioned the final bell is at 2.55pm. It is very distracting for students to have parents waiting outside the classroom in the afternoon. This is often a very busy part of the day marking the roll and finalising notices etc.

You are always welcome to speak with the teacher before school – 8.30am and after school 2.55pm if it is for an impromptu 5 min chat. Anything requiring more detail it is best to make an appointment so that the teacher can devote more time to you and to the issue of importance.

Please respect the boundaries of the school day and allow your child to begin and finish the day with the whole class. If you need to collect your child before 2.55pm please contact the office and your child will meet you in the front office. Remind your child if they are late to go to the office first and receive a late notice to hand to the teacher. This verifies when the student is here especially after the roll is marked between 8.45am and 8.55am.

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Curriculum Support Teacher P-6

Year 6

A number of Year 6 students have shown their artistic talents by taking out prizes in the recent ‘Colours of Yarraman 2013 Art Show’ Primary section.

Congratulations to the following students:

Carmen Sowden- First prize for "Time for Tea" and Commended for "Al" (tonal drawings).
Layla Longden-Meagher- Second prize for "The Rettle" (tonal drawing).
Emily Ross- Commended for "Mary"(acrylic Icon painting).

Keep up the great work superstars!

Miss Celia O’Connor
Year 6 Teacher

Learning Support News

Collection Notice

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability conducted by the Commonwealth Government.

The data will be collected as at 18th October 2013 and will include:

- Total number of school students
- Number of students with a disability by school level (Primary/Secondary)
- Number of disability types (physical, social, cognitive or sensory)
- Level of adjustment provided (none, supplementary, substantial, extensive)

NB – no student identifiers will be provided. Should you not wish your child with a disability to be included in this count, please advise the school, in writing, by Friday 11th October 2013.

Further information can be found at the following website:

Ms Pam Radcliffe
STIE P-12

College Office News

TAX FILE NUMBERS—SCHOOL LEAVERS

At this time of the year the Taxation Office is encouraging potential school leavers to apply for their Tax File Number (TFN) while they are at school. Students leaving early or completing Year 12 may need a TFN for their employment, deferring university fees or applying for Centrelink benefits. TFN application forms are available from the College Office. To ensure that students get their TFN before Christmas, the completed forms must be received at the Australian Taxation Office by 22 November 2013.

If you have any questions—please phone 132869 between 8.00am and 5.00pm—Monday to Friday and ask for Bernard Wright.

Year 12

The Year Twelves students would just like to thank the entire school community for their fantastic support during Term Three. We have only one term to fundraize for the entire valedictory and we were run off our feet. We had a great time and I hope you all appreciated the sausages, icy cups, movie nights and take sales. Thanks again!

Mrs Bron Langford Martoo
Year 12 homeroom teacher
Performing Arts /Music News
On the evening of the 24th of October Saint Mary’s Catholic College will be holding a Celebration of the Arts featuring students of Music, Drama and Dance. Parents and students are invited to come along and support a selection of talented Dance, Drama and Music students. Letters will be sent home in the near future for those students who have been invited to perform.

On the 7th of November at 6:30pm, the school is also hosting an ‘Instrumental Music’ evening to showcase the talents of our private instrumental students who have been working hard throughout the year. All members of the community are welcome to attend - musically inclined or not!

Hope to see you all there!
Miss Angeline Cook—Performing Arts Teacher
Mr Michael Scanlan—P-12 Music Teacher

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

Red award (5 books) – Fiona McNamara
Gold award (50 books) – Riley Frank (our first Gold award this year!!!!)

Curriculum Corner
Revision
Weekly STUDY Strategies
Revision is not a sometimes thing – it’s an all the time thing!
The purpose of revision is to store information systematically in your brain so that you can reproduce it when required.
The key to effective revision is that it must be repetitive and regular.
Revising one hour per week is more effective than studying once for four hours.

Kind regards,
Mr Wade Toms
Futsal Coordinator.

From the Guidance Counsellor
COPMI promotes better mental health outcomes for children of parents with a mental illness. http://www.copmi.net.au

Over a million Australian children have at least one parent with a mental illness. These children may face many challenges. A range of factors associated with families where a parent experiences mental illness can have a negative impact on a child’s development and wellbeing.

The COPMI (Children of Parents with a Mental Illness) national initiative develops information for parents, their partners, carers, family and friends in support of these children. This information complements online training courses developed by COPMI for professionals to support families either individually or through community services and programs.

This website is the primary way our information is accessed. We also work with health care providers, community support groups, educators, service organisations and the media.

Our information is designed to foster better mental health outcomes for children of parents with a mental illness, reduce stigma associated with parental mental illness and help friends, family and workers in a range of settings identify and respond to the needs of the children and their families where parental mental illness exists.

COPMI resources are developed under the guidance of people who share the experience of living in families where mental illness is a part of family life, and of leading researchers and service providers in the mental health field.

Mr Graham Turnbull
Counsellor

P & F News
Dads & Lads & Lasses (mums invited)
Last year a group of Dads and Lads got together and went camping so we could enjoy each others’ company, however our daughters and mums felt left out so this year it will be Dads, Lads and Lasses (mums invited) so we can all get together. This is not a school or P&F run event but just like-minded people joining together to get away. This year we will be going to Clancy’s Camp Ground at Emu Creek, Benarkin on Saturday 12/10/2013. This is the first weekend back after the holidays. All attendees are responsible for their own organisation. Send me a text if you will be attending (0408068465).

For bookings go to http://nprsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/camping/camping_bookings.html#over_the_counter_booking_offices.

Next P & F Meeting
Tuesday 15th October at 7pm in Kingaroy.

Mr Damien Martoo
P & F

Tuckshop News
Friday’s extra choice menu
Morning Tea & Lunch:
Hot Dogs with sauce—$3.50

Lunch Only
Beef Stirfry and Noodles—$3.50

Please make sure you are using the current tuckshop order (blue). Extra copies at the office.

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor
Billy Cart Challenge

Hard Work Pays Off!

During the last week of Term 3, Year 7 students participated in the Inaugural Billy Cart Challenge. The students were responsible for designing and building their own billy carts while working as part of a team. The design stage of the Billy carts took place during Science lessons with Mrs Cran and the construction of the billy carts took place under the watchful eye of Mr Byrne during Tech lessons. The students were also required to present an oral of how a billy cart works, during their English lessons with Mrs McCarthy. As part of the culminating activity the students designed T-shirts for each team member and named their billy carts. The billy carts had to pass a safety inspection and complete a time trial. Great excitement and fun was had by all students as they finally got to race their billy carts on the ‘big track’. The winning team was Harry Lucas, Katie Robertson, Ryan McNamara and Harry Bredhauer in their smartly designed billy cart, The Rainbow. A big thank you must go to Mr Byrne for his time and patience and also a special thank you to the senior students who so generously gave of their time and helped the students. Thank you to the parents who kindly donated recycled materials and to the Year 7 students for a great effort with your...