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

This weekend is ANZAC Day. On Friday we will hold our school ANZAC liturgy and on Monday, many students and staff from Saint Mary’s will take part in marches and ceremonies all over the South Burnett region. There are further details about these events included later in the newsletter. In recent years, many towns have seen a huge resurgence in the number of people attending and participating in ANZAC day marches. We might wonder, therefore, what it is about this day that inspires so many people.

The ANZAC Spirit is difficult to define, but it is frequently used to describe particular actions by, and qualities of, people. Despite being difficult to explain, the Spirit of ANZAC has certainly become one of the cornerstones which underpins our image of ourselves as Australians.

The ANZAC Spirit was suggested by war historian C.E.W. Bean to have ‘stood, and still stands, for reckless valor in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat.’ (Anzac to Amiens, 1946). Perhaps by participating in ANZAC celebrations we are all reminded of those values and feel challenged to live our lives more fully with an ever present hope that we might, one day, live in a world where there is lasting peace.

As Catholics, we are still in the Easter Season. It is worth, therefore, acknowledging the connection between ANZAC Day and Easter. Both celebrations are about the fruits of sacrifice. Easter can bring a deep sense of meaning to our ANZAC Day remembrances and enrich them with the hope of the resurrection.

Let’s pray that the Easter Spirit may permeate this coming Anzac Day, so that we can work with renewed hope for peace and goodwill among all people.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

**St Mary’s Parish – School Mass this Sunday**

This Sunday, Saint Mary’s staff and students will be involved in various ministries at the 10:00am Mass at St Mary’s Catholic Church. It would be wonderful to see many of you there… All are welcome!

**Parents & Friends Links Event**

Our wonderful Parents & Friends Association works hard to initiate events that provide opportunities for parents to socialise and get involved in the school community. **Next Wednesday, 27 April** they will be running their first Links Event for the year. Although it is predominantly a social event, Suzanne Mungall will also be giving a short 10-minute presentation on Speech and Language for the early school years. As a Speech Language Pathologist, she will no doubt have a
great deal to offer to those present. No RSVP is required for this event. It will be held from 8:30am until 10:00am at St Mary’s. The exact venue at the College is to be advised. We hope to see many parents take advantage of this opportunity.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal

Head of Secondary News

The Best Teacher (Revised for the 21st Century)
He never taught a lesson in a classroom.
He never used an interactive white board.
Not once did he use PowerPoint to make His case.
He did not have internet access ... or a computer ... or even electricity.
He was not trained by a university education department. He never gained qualified teacher status.
He was never inspected by QCAA. He never crossed the teacher pay threshold.
He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources, or putting up classroom displays.
He never handed out gold stars, house points or certificates. He never wrote end of year reports.
He never referred to the National Curriculum or followed QCAA guidelines.
He kept no records, gave no grades, and his only text was ancient and well-worn.
His lessons were socially inclusive. He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy.
He taught the physically disabled and the mentally ill as well as those healthy in body and mind.
His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn.
He opened eyes with faith. He opened ears with simple truth, and He opened hearts with love ... a love born of forgiveness.
He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught. He changed individuals and transformed communities.
Even so, He was never nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award or knighted for His services to education.
And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs, fulfill the hopes, and change the lives of many millions around the world,
for what He teaches brings heaven to earth and reveals God's heart to all peoples everywhere.

Uniform Reminders
Students in Years 7 to Year 12 must wear formal Uniform on Tuesday every week. Please ensure student's winter uniform is correct as the weather will change very suddenly in the coming weeks.

Change of Role
As of last week, Mr Dalton will take on day to day organisation of the College. This will allow me to take on a more active role with regards to the academic and pastoral needs of students in Years 7 to Year 12. If your child wishes to change subjects (Year 9 to Year 12 only), please ensure they see me by Thursday this week.

Have a great week.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary

ANZAC Services - College
This Friday the College will observe ANZAC Day in our usual way. All families of the College are welcome to join our service. It is a rich tradition that the students and staff are very proud of and moved by. It leads participants on a short pictorial pilgrimage that honours many relatives of students and staff of the college. If you would like to have a loved one honoured by picture please contact me at the College and this can be arranged.

9.00am – Assemble in the lower court yard for Liturgy of the Word
9.20am – Pictorial march to Benedictine Courtyard and ANZAC lawn
9.40am – ANZAC Service

ANZAC DAY – 25th April Regional Services
Below is a list of main services taken off the Regional Council Website, it does not include dawn services. Please find a service that you and your child or children can attend. Some are marches to a service and some are just the service itself. I would ask that all students marching wear full formal uniform (not used yesterday because of cross country) and arrive at least 15 mins before the start.

realise your dignity
I will endeavour to assign staff to all of these marches and I will advise the entire student body on Friday morning about the supervising staff so they can look out for them on arrival.

Kingaroy - 10.30am for 11am march to service
Nanango - 8.45am for 9am march to service
Yarraman - 10.30am for 10.45am march to service
Blackbutt - 10.45am for 11am service
Wondai - 9.45am for 10am service
Murgon - 9.30am for 9.45am march to service
Kumbia - 8.45am for 9am march to service
Wooroolin - 10.45am for 11am service
Cherbourg - 7.45am for 8am service

**Family Mass**
This Sunday the College plays a bigger role in the weekly parish celebration. I would encourage all to come along to celebrate the Easter message and the company of other families and staff of the College. There are various ministries staff and students can perform and we are always keen to have students come up to assist in the singing, whether they are trained or not. Mass starts at 10 am at the Church on Albert Street.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

**Office News**
The College office will be closed from 9.00am – 10.00am on Friday, 22nd April as all staff will be attending the College’s Anzac Service.

**Term 2 Fees**
Term 2 Fees Statements will be sent this week to families and will be due for payment Friday, 29th April. You can update your contact email via the Parent Portal ‘Update Details’ page. If you have not provided an email address, Statements will continue to be posted to you. Statements will only be sent to account holders. If you do not receive your statement or wish to check your details, please contact our Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare, in the College office. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it’s preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPAY.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

**Uniform Shop News**
The cooler weather is slowly arriving. Just a reminder that we have available the new Tracksuit Jacket & Pants for sale. Also available is the College Jumper, and we still have available in limited sizes the old style Tracksuit.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday from 8am to 11am and Thursday 1pm to 4pm.

Kind regards
Mrs Joanne Bellert
Uniform Shop Convenor

**Guidance Counsellor News**

**Apps That Improve Your Mental Health**
Not all apps are created equal and it can be hard for young people to know which ones to use, especially when it comes to health and wellbeing. ReachOut Australia, with support from the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) has created The Toolbox – an online collection of more than 50 apps providing recommendations that match the wellbeing goals of users aged 13 to 25.

The mental health and wellbeing tools and apps included in The Toolbox have been reviewed and rated by a panel of both mental health professionals and young people for their credibility, functionality, engagement, and aesthetics according to the Mobile Application Rating Scale, developed by the Queensland University of Technology and Young and Well CRC and used by organisations such as VicHealth.

realise your dignity
The Toolbox puts effective apps at the fingertips of young people, providing a research-based platform to ensure easy access to the apps best suited to their specific needs. With one in four young people experiencing mental ill-health, and 75% of mental illnesses emerging before the age of 25, The Toolbox is an important resource to empower young people to easily keep track of and help maintain their own wellbeing. Research shows that 99% of young people are online daily, which offers an incredible opportunity to provide help when and where they need it, not just in times of crisis but as a preventative measure and effective form of early intervention.

A simple quiz allows users to work out their goals for improvement in areas relating to their emotional, psychological, social and physical wellbeing. Categories include health and fitness, being independent, relationships and helping others, thoughts and emotions, and dealing with tough times. https://au.reachout.com/sites/thetoolbox

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library Corner

2016 Ipswich Poetry Feast

The Ipswich Poetry Feast is an exciting initiative of the Ipswich City Council, supported and driven by the local community. The Poetry Feast was introduced in 2002 with the aim of establishing a respected and prestigious national poetry competition to:

- Encourage young and aspiring poets
- Raise community awareness of the creativity and skills in poetry

The competition is now open and closes on 29th July at 5pm. There are various prizes totaling around $7500 in various categories and age groups. It is $5 per entry and entry forms can be found at http://www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au/entry.htm.

I highly recommend entering this competition to all keen poets in the making. I would be very happy to display poems in the library as well.

Our school will be hosting another popular Scholastic Book Fair!!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Monsters– takes students on an exciting reading adventure giving them access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: 30th May to 3rd June
Shopping Hours: 8am to 8.40am and 2.55pm to 3.45pm

More information will be provided in future newsletters.

Library Borrowing Times
Mondays – Year 4, Year 4/5, Year 5
Tuesdays – Prep A, Prep B, Year 1A, Year 1B, Year 2
Wednesday – Year 3
Friday – Year 6A, Year 6B

Take Home Reader

Please remember to return all Take Home Reader packs on Tuesdays. We have had many students forgetting them on a Tuesday this term. If your child was away/has forgotten, Wednesday morning is another supported students for them to receive them through the library. Please encourage your child to read them to you frequently through the week to assist them with their sight word development and assist to develop their reading abilities. Take Home Readers should be read to adults/older siblings and not the other way around, which is the case with library books.

Yours in reading,
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

realise your dignity
Weekly Study Strategies!
As we progress into Term 2, it becomes important to ensure that your child is practising good study habits. This will help them to prepare for assessments and organise their time at school more efficiently. Each week, I will focus on some strategies which you could discuss at home to help your child:

1. Setting targets – Use the student diary daily to write down all the due dates and deadlines in order to set realistic timelines
2. Starting targets
   a. Prioritise what you need to do for the week through making a realistic study/life timetable
   b. Set up an area at home just for study with the resources you need daily
   c. Break bigger tasks into smaller achievable pieces to complete in a logical order
   d. Create an ongoing revision program for each subject to ensure what you learnt that day is stored in your memory
   e. Spend 10 minutes at home every night to plan for your next day
   f. Use travel time to read books – turn nothing time into something time!

Assessment Calendars
These will be distributed to students via their class pigeonholes on Thursday/Friday. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if they have not received one.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News
The Student representative Council (SRC) has been elected across Year 6 to Year 11 just prior to Term 1 break. These students will join the SRC Executive on Friday for their first meeting. Students were chosen for best modelling the core values of the school. One representative has been chosen from each class from Year 6 through to Year 11 with Year 12 students taking on the executive role.

The Year 12 SRC Executive representatives for 2016 are:
- Caylan Brown
- Ashliegh Reinbott
- Kiara Wright
- Seraiya Gordon
- Jayde Novak
- Joseph Anderson
- Simon Walker
- Jorja Smith

Year 6 to Year 12 representatives for 2016 are:
- 11A Sajeewa Ranasinghe
- 11B Kate-Lynn Atkinson
- 10A Harry Bredhauer
- 10B TBA
- 9A Natalie Piper
- 9B Hayden Binnie
- 8A Caitlin Lang
- 8B Joseph Whalan
- 7A Samantha Rix
- 7B Josee Currin
- 6A Abby Perrett
- 6B Sam Schmidhauser

Kind Regards
Mr Paul Fomiatti
Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader
On With the Show!
The Junior and Senior Primary Choirs are putting the polish on their Eisteddfod songs; the Year 4 String Immersion students are close to success with their “Salamander Samba”; and the College Orchestra is heading towards the finish line with their Vivaldi and Shostakovich pieces.

Highlight of my first week back from holidays was the lunchtime rehearsal for the Secondary Vocal Ensemble students. These students have been using their four pieces as part of their curriculum, and have been rehearsing in small class groups. On Thursday, they sang as a large ensemble for the first time, and I think they amazed themselves with the big, beautiful sound. A special mention must go to the lads from the Year 10, 11, and 12 classes who have worked so hard on the opening lines of Ed Sheeran’s “Thinking Out Loud”. (Parents coming to the competition are warned to bring tissues.)

Lights! Camera! Action!
As part of the Year 10 Arts curriculum, the students of Dance, Music, Drama and Art are putting on a show. This year, we have selected ‘The Little Mermaid’, which has lots of roles for our emerging stars of the stage. Students from Year 4 – 10 are invited to participate in the show, which will be rehearsed predominantly during lunchtimes, but will have the occasional after-school workshop.

We are putting the final touches on the planning, and information will be released to families soon.

Welcome to Music, Year 1B!
After a term with the Dance Fever Crew, the students of 1B have joined me in the Music centre for their weekly lesson. We have started learning games, such as ‘Farmer in the Dell’, and spoken rhymes, as well as action songs. It is lovely to hear their beautiful little voices and to see their clever minds in action as we start our new adventures in Music together.

Year 8A Music
After our fabulous success with the class set of ukuleles last year, year 8A is learning the basics of guitar, starting with the song ‘Photograph’. (Yes, another Ed Sheeran hit!) The students have glued a pocket on their Music book title pages and have been asked to keep a picture (or drawing) of a person they miss (or who might miss them) inside. Songwriting is a complex task, and giving consideration to the motivation of the songwriter can be inspirational for some student composers.

Music Tuition Program
Places are available on the timetables of all of our tutors. If you would like your son or daughter to begin lessons on an instrument, including piano or voice, please contact the Office for a Music Information Booklet, which includes an enrolment form.

Have a wonderful week,
Ms Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Classroom News

Year 1B
My name is Monique Leclercq and I have been given the privilege to teach your children in Grade 1A for one term while Mrs Barry is away. I have been teaching them a few French words such as ‘Bonjour Madame Leclercq’. This term we are continuing to practise our sight words and studying a different letter each week. Last week the letter was ‘g’ and we painted green monsters. This week we are learning more about the letters ‘u’ and ‘o’ concentrating on the different sounds. We will be painting rainbow umbrellas. In Science we will look at sound and light.

I wish you all a wonderful productive term.
God bless,
Monique Leclercq
Year 1B teacher
Indigenous News

It is wonderful to see the students have settled back into Term 2 so well. There are a number of events happening over the next week that parents and carers are most welcome to attend. WEDNESDAY is parent teacher interviews being held at St Joseph’s Murgon in their hall. Bookings have been made and you should be aware of your allocated time. FRIDAY is our ANZAC day commemoration. We start at 9am in the courtyard before embarking on our walk and finishing in the Benedictine Square.

The Year 2 Music class is currently preparing for the Eisteddfod in May and have been playing a number of instruments in class.

Kind regards
Mrs Amanda Erwin, Mrs Karen Bond and Miss Niketa Law
Indigenous Department

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Baked Ravioli $3.50
Morning Tea and Lunch - Nachos $5.00

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

ANZAC Day Photos

Every year, it is tradition at Saint Mary’s to collate an archive of images of servicemen and women who are connected to the College through staff and students. We then use the images as a display for the College during the time around ANZAC Day.

If you have images that you would like to contribute just email a copy of the image with the details of the person in the photo to me at blangford@bne.catholic.edu.au. I will print and laminate the image to be used in our ANZAC day liturgy.

If you have ever seen our collection it is a very moving tribute to our local connection to Defence Forces both past and present.

I look forward to collecting more lovely images, thank you.

Caption for image - Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo’s Great Uncle Captain Ivor Markos - killed in action at Pozieres WWI

Kind regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

Whip Cracking News

Whip Cracking Team Upcoming Events
- Thursday, 19th May Rural Queensland Show Rural Discovery Day (Performance)
- Saturday, 6th August Royal Queensland Show Australian Stockwhip Challenge (EKKA Competition & Performance)
- Friday, 14th October Chinchilla Grandfather Clock (Performance)

Whip Cracking Practice
Whip cracking practice every Wednesday morning tea. Please meet outside Prep A. Please bring your whips, hats and safety glasses.

Kind regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator
Early on the morning of March 20th last term, thirty-eight Saint Mary’s students & teachers set out on a most challenging adventure through the Toowoomba range. The course was 15km or 30km long and proved to be a difficult, relentless climb—it challenged the group to the maximum. Several of us sustained injuries and were unable to complete the course while a large number were able to finish.

In the spirit of the Kokoda march we stayed with our mates, students helping teachers, teachers staying with their students, helping them along and getting them home. This experience was invaluable for our students.

I would like to congratulate every one of the thirty eight for taking on the challenge and giving it their best!

I would also like to thank the following sponsors and supporters of the Kokoda Challenge 2016:

Thanks to our wonderful P&F for their support of this challenge and for supporting many similar initiatives.

Thanks to Saint Savours Toowoomba for allowing us to spend the night in the Hall and for the use of their facilities.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the fundraising, which will help the Kokoda youth foundation in its efforts to help young struggling children.

Thanks to Apollo Massage Therapy for donating the major prizes.

Congratulations to the winners of the fundraising competition:

- **Mr Stan Whalan** First Prize $100 Apollo Massage Therapy Voucher
- **Mrs Michelle Murray** Second Prize $70 Apollo Massage Therapy Voucher
- **Dakota Murray and Joseph Whalan** McDonald coupons.

Thanks to all the parents who supported their child through the event.

It is clear that we will need to do some of our training in the Toowoomba ranges in preparation for the 2017 challenge. We also hope to enlist support from parents to provide students & teachers with better preparation prior to the event.

Kokoda challenge members will be involved in the school Anzac service on Friday, 22nd April. We will be proud to wear our Kokoda challenge shirts to recognise the sacrifices made by our Forces.

I am looking forward to taking on the challenge with the team again next year.

Kind regards
Mr Wayne Dunbrack
Coordinator Kokoda Challenge 2016

**P&F News**

Next week 28th of April is the Cowhorse event in Nanango. We are calling for volunteers to cook and man the canteen on the day. If you can help in even the smallest way, could you contact me on 0419 766 141 or email sbrobbo@gmail.com alternatively you could pop into Kingaroy Office Central and have a chat.

**P&F Links Morning Tea**

This year the P&F will again be running social morning teas/events for families. Parents and young children are welcome. The dates and times will vary through out the year. The primary aim of these events is for a greater social connection of parents. To add interest and purpose, at each Links event there will be guest/parent speaker who will present for around 10 minutes. Our first Links events will be

- **Wednesday 27th April - 8.30am to 10am**
  - **Venue**: Saint Mary’s School
  - **Guest / parent speaker**: Suzanne Mungall Speech Language Pathologist
  - **Theme**: Speech & Language for the early school years

No RSVP necessary. Hope to see many new and old faces. If you have a general interest area you would like to present on, you are very welcome to contact the P & F.
Mother Day Stall

MUMS : LOOK AWAY NOW!! : MESSAGE FOR DADS ONLY!!!
The P&F Mother's Day stall is on again this year. The products are different to last year - so Dads you will earn extra brownie points!! Students are welcome to bring their money along to school in the week beginning 3rd May. Prep and grade 1 students will be brought up to the 'shop' by their teachers. Prices range from $2 - $10. Each child will be encouraged to purchase only 1 product for each of mothers / grandmothers.

The Mother's Day stall will be open: before school and 1st break on Wednesday 4th May, Thursday 5th May & Friday 6th May: Maryknoll Canteen.

During this term we would like to start collecting recipes for a Saint Mary's Cook Book. We would like to incorporate your favourite recipes into what will be a great collection.

If you can help at any of these events mentioned above, could you please email or phone me so I can pass your name onto the relevant coordinators. Without your help these events are quite hard to run so your help is much appreciated.

God Bless,
Susan Robertson
President

P&F Links Morning Tea

Wednesday, 27th April
8.30am to 10.00am

Saint Mary's Catholic College

Guest Speaker: Suzanne Mungall - Speech Language Pathologist

Saint Mary's Catholic College community members welcome.
Come & Play
Social Mixed Basketball!

Season begins this Wednesday 20th April 2016
6pm to 8pm
Season runs through until mid Sep 2016
At Indoor Sports Centre KSHS, Toomey St

Come along and have a go!

You can either nominate a team or individually. Any queries send an email to kingaroybasketball@gmail.com or phone 0429 914 386

Cost is $120 per person (this is only $6/game!)
For everyone aged 15yrs and over and for all skill levels.