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

This week students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN testing.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment that has been part of school calendars since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. NAPLAN includes testing in the four domains of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

These are skills that are developed over time through the school curriculum and are not something that students can 'study' for in preparation for the tests. We did conduct a NAPLAN practice on Monday, but the main purpose of this practice was to ensure that students understood the nature and structure of the test environment. The results of these tests provide us, and all schools across the country, with valuable information that allows us to track student progress from Year 3 through to Year 9. Access to this kind of data is very helpful as it enables us to determine how our students are growing, developing and progressing in their understanding of the curriculum. It is important, however, that students and parents are able to keep the significance of these tests in perspective. Whilst it is important that students put in their best effort, it is also helpful to remember that it is just one piece of information, gathered at one point in time. Students are involved in testing continuously during their time at school and in reality, this is just one more test that they need to complete. Nothing bad can come from the results of these particular tests as it is just one piece in a much larger picture that we gather about each child’s progress. Knowing this, I ask that you as parents, strive to help your children take a calm approach to the NAPLAN tests. They should not be a cause of undue anxiety or pressure for the young people in our care.

Our College Board

In last week’s Newsletter, I included some information about our College Board. As I mentioned in that article, in coming weeks we will be calling for nominations for new members to join our College Board. I ask again that you give some consideration to nominating either yourself, or someone you know who you think may be able to make a valuable contribution to the Board. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th May. Those people wishing to nominate for the board will be asked to attend that meeting to take part in a discernment process. If you would like to submit a nomination, you can do so by completing the attached and either submitting it to the College Office or emailing the completed form to pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au.

If you would like to find out any further information about the Board or the nomination process, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal
Celebration of Learning Prep to Year 6

In the past, we have celebrated your child’s learning with a breakfast. This year we are trying something different. We will be opening the Prep to Year 6 classrooms from 5.30pm on Thursday, 19th May. Parents and family are most welcome to come and have a look around the classrooms (check out how neat and tidy your child’s desk is!) and meet other parents and the friends of your child. The classroom teacher will be in the classroom. We will have a sausage sizzle (and onions!) from 5.45pm and from 6.30pm to 7.30pm there will be entertainment.

6:30pm - 7:30pm: Music concert to be held at the music block. The Playground will be roped off, and parents/carers can BYO picnic blankets or outdoor chairs to sit on the grass area at the music block.

Performances will include:
- Junior Primary Choir (Years 2 and 3)
- Senior Primary Choir (Years 4, 5, 6)
- Yr 4 String Immersion and Year 6 poetry
- Senior Vocal Ensemble
- The College Orchestra
- Dance

The sausage sizzle is free and drinks are available for $1. There is also an opportunity for a gold coin donation to support the music programs.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Sacramental Program News

Please keep in your prayers the children from our school who will be joining eight other children from the parish, preparing for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th May at the 10.00am Mass. Ben and Bridget Trebbin, Joseph and Benjiman Whalan, Bridgette Watson, Rupa Tamang, Nicholas and Kate Howard, Molly McDonald, Harry Jeffs and Noah Burr Tyson Guillessor is also making his First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th May at Saint John the Baptist church, Wondai.

Emeritus Bishop Brian Heenan will be the celebrant as will Father Nigel Sequeira. The Parish choir will be singing at the Mass. Please come and join us.

NAPLAN News

NAPLAN is underway and catch up is this Friday. If your child is away during NAPLAN they will need to sit the tests that they would have missed. Please contact Ms Kennedy if you have any concerns about your child sitting any missed tests on Friday.

Year 4 are away experiencing their first overnight school camp. No doubt there will be many stories when they come back! We pray for their safe travels and enjoy the wonders of the bush and the many activities they get to participate in. It is also an opportunity to get to know themselves and their peers a little bit better.

Head of Secondary News

New Senior Assessment 2018

The Queensland Government will introduce new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems, starting with students entering Year 11 in 2018 (current Year 9 cohort).

The new systems will include:
- a model that uses school-based assessment and common external assessment
- processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- a move away from the Overall Position (OP) rank to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

Before reaching its decision, the government considered the recommendations in the Australian Council for Educational Research review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance and consulted with education stakeholders and the wider community.

On Monday, Mr Dunbrack and I travelled to Hervey Bay to listen to the most up to date information regarding the changes from an
OP system to an ATAR rank.

Students in Year 9, 2016, will be the first cohort of students affected by this decision. Our current Year 10 students will be the last Queensland students to complete a QCS exam and receive an OP (Overall position, 1-25).

Over the coming months, new syllabi (what we teach the students) and new assessment procedures are being developed by QCAA, the governing body for education in Queensland.

As more information comes to light, I will present information for interested parents and any students in Year 9 who wish to gain a basic understanding of the new processes.

If you are interested in the new system, feel free to visit the QCAA website, www.qcaa.qld.edu.au.

Year 12 news - University 2017

Students who wish to pursue further studies in 2017 at University are reminded to start thinking of study options for next year. I have provided some details below of the relevant dates for this year and next to assist in planning for next year.

**QCS**

August 30  
Administration of QCS Test

August 31  
Administration of QCS Test

**QTAC Dates**

2016

Mid-June  
QTAC Guide and Tertiary Prerequisites distributed to schools. Both publications to come in one delivery to the school for distribution.

2 August  
Applications open.

27 September  
If paying by BPAY, lodge and pay for your application by today. Your payment must reach QTAC by 30 Sept for Early-bird price.

30 September  
Early-bird applications due today.

1 October  
Application fee increases today (from $37 to $138 for Year 12s).

18 November  
Last day for Year 12 students 2016

15 December  
9:00am - MAJOR OFFER ROUND Semester 1 2017 (Some semester 1 creative and performing arts and other courses).

1 December  
Application & submit documentation due date (inc. EAS documentation).

9 December  
Change of preferences due date. Respond to offer final date, before 4:00pm.

2017

9 January  
Change of preference final date, before 10:00am.

16 January  
9:00am - MAJOR OFFER ROUND (All other semester 1 courses.)

23 January  
Respond to offer final date, before 4:00pm.

25 January  
Change of preference final date, before 10:00am.

6 February  
Respond to offer final date, before 4:00pm.

Have a blessed week
Mr Sean Erwin  
Head of Secondary

**OPRE News**

**May - the month Of May**

May is designated the month of Mary by the Catholic Church and it is completely fitting that Mother’s Day falls in May. The Feast of Our Lady falls on May the 24th, more about that next week, however the characteristics and responsibilities of motherhood are truly something worth celebrating. There is much written about Mary’s response to be the Mother of God, that notion of an unconditional YES. For me this is the most endearing thing about Mums. The word we often hear from Mums might actually be NO, but that in itself is the YES to unconditionally protecting, caring, nurturing and ultimately loving their children.

My son told me this joke the week before Mother’s Day.

A little boy asks his father, Why are you called a man, What does that mean? The father replies, A man is someone who looks after the family and protects them; he does all the hard work. The boy quickly responds, Then I want to be a man, just like Mum.

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Perhaps, my son only told me it was a joke and reality has not hit me yet!

Another Birthday
This Sunday is a very significant day in the Christian calendar. Pentecost (or the fiftieth day) is the Greek name for Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks, a prominent feast in Hebrew calendar remembering the giving of the Law to Moses. In Christianity, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, and in many ways celebrates the New Law, Jesus' message of love.

In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ and therefore in the Christian liturgical year, it became a feast commemorating this occasion.

After Jesus death and resurrection, followers still met but probably in secretive ways as they were still fearful of Jewish leaders and perhaps the Romans. The story in the Acts of the Apostles is full of imagery. Curious descriptions of people of various cultures and dialects understanding and clearly speaking the same language and tongues of fire descending on those gathered all feature in this story.

For this reason, Pentecost is described by some Christians as the 'Birthday of the Church', people united by one man and one universal message, love and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity is this inspiration, this movement, this gift from God. To teach the Trinity is challenging, however to get students to identify things they feel passionate about and that they strongly believe in is easy. Perhaps this passion or desire for real and true good in the world and then the motivation to act accordingly is the work of God through the Holy Spirit, whether we acknowledge it as so or not.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News
Office Closed
The Office will be closed on Tuesday, 24th May from 9am to 10.30am so all staff can attend Our Lady Help of Christian Feast Day Mass. Any students that arrive to school late are to sign in at the Maryknoll Centre.

Term 2 Fees Now Due
Term 2 Fees Statements have been sent to families and are due for payment in full by Friday 13th May unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place. 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.

Introducing Qkr! by Mastercard Online Tuckshop & Uniform Ordering app
We are excited to be introducing a new online ordering and payment alternative for families. Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) is a FREE app to enable mobile payment for school-based accounts (excluding College Fees). The app enables parents and carers of students at Saints Mary's to use their mobile devices to place tuckshop orders, or make uniform and other payments, saving time and alleviating the hassle of having to give your child money to carry to school. Our existing payment and ordering methods for the Uniform & Tuckshop will still be available to families should they prefer to use those options.

Attached is a ‘How-To’ Guide published by Qkr to get you up and running with Qkr. Online Tuckshop Orders will be accepted commencing this Friday, 6th May.

Orders are generated separately for the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop and filled accordingly. Nb Tuckshop orders close at 9.00am on each tuckshop day. Uniform orders will be processed during Uniform Shop opening hours and will be available for families to collect from the Uniform Shop.

In time we will be expanding the items available on Qkr. For those without access to a smart phone, a web-based version of Qkr is available at: https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home

Although the app is a MasterCard initiative, it enables payment from most financial institutions and major credit cards with Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology. Parents and Carers will be receive an email with information about how to set up Qkr on their

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device.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of the Qkr app please check out the ‘Qkr Online Ordering’ page under ‘Our Community’ on the College Website: http://www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au/our-community/Pages/Qkr-Online-Ordering.aspx or alternatively, please contact the College Finance Secretary. We hope you enjoy this new flexibility in managing your school payments.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Guidance Counsellor News

‘Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know

...Nothing ever really attacks us except our own confusion. Perhaps there is no solid obstacle except our own need to protect ourselves from being touched. Maybe the only enemy is that we don’t like the way reality is now and therefore wish it would go away fast but what we find as practitioners is that nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know. If we run a hundred miles an hour to the other end of the continent in order to get away from the obstacle, we find the very same problem waiting for us when we arrive. It just keeps returning with new names, forms, manifestations until we learn whatever it has to teach us about where we are separating ourselves from reality, how we are pulling back instead of opening up, closing down instead of allowing ourselves to experience fully whatever we encounter, without hesitating or retreating into ourselves.”

— Pema Chödrön, When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Uniform Shop News

We have all Tracksuit sizes now in stock, as well as Maroon Tights in small sizes (4-6, 7-10, 11-14). Senior Girls Maroon Trousers are available, as well as Boys Grey Trousers are available in sizes from (4-102). College Jumpers are available however we are still waiting on a couple of sizes to arrive. Don’t forget you can now order by our new system QKR.

Thank you
Mrs Joanne Bellert
Uniform Shop Convenor

Library Corner

2016 Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again this year, I am delighted to help P-9 students participate in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities. Reading widely will bring untold benefits throughout their lives.

The reading period for the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge at Saint Mary’s starts on Monday 16th May and closes Friday 26th August.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. ‘Experiencing’ books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.

Students will have received a reading challenge record sheet and bookmark to help them keep track of the books they have read.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates to students in Term 4.

For more information about Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/reading-challenge/

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You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this challenge.

**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.

Yours in reading  
Mrs Melanie Burr  
Teacher Librarian

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**Curriculum Corner**

**Weekly Study Strategy: Reviewing notes**

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:

**Decision Making - weekly STUDY strategies**

- It is so easy to delay doing something. Why **procrastinate** all the time? Procrastination can stem from:
  - Avoiding tasks you are not familiar with
  - Being afraid of unpleasant outcomes
  - A lack of confidence to begin
  - An obsession with detail
  - Not coping with study demands
  - A lack of prioritising and time management
- Overcoming this problem requires **disciplined decision making**!
- **Identify tasks that you regularly delay**
- **Put up a list of them in your study area**
- **Set daily goals e.g. a ‘Must Do’ list and a ‘Should do’ list**
- **Prioritise and categorise your tasks**
- **Break tasks into achievable pieces**
- **Set realistic deadlines**
- **Beware of the ‘bouncing effect’** – skipping from task to task without completing them
- **Positive self-talk** “I can do it” “I will do this”
- **Most of all – GET STARTED!!!**

Kind regards  
Mrs Melanie Burr  
Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader
Chess News
The SMCC Primary and Secondary Chess teams will be travelling to Maryborough for the Wide Bay Regional Chess competition on the 23rd May. Forms are being handed out to students this week. We are always keen on encouraging all chess players to play at lunchtimes or become part of our school team. There will be trials next Monday lunchtime as there are a few more spots available for this day. Chess is open to Years 3 -12 students. Mr Dunbrack offers chess tuition after school on Thursdays too. Please contact Mr Dunbrack for more questions.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Chess Coordinator

Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator News
Congratulations to Lateisha Wilkins (Soccer), Alex Cran (Soccer) and Luke Beutel (Soccer) on making Wide Bay Regional teams just recently.

An apology to Luke Green. A glitch in the recording missed his name. Luke was the 9 years Boys Cross Country champion. Congratulations Luke. All age champions will be recognized at our assembly next week at 9am in the Maryknoll Centre.

Reminder to all students going to district cross country this Friday to get their permission slips back.

Parents of any Years 4, 5 and 6 student-please check they have nominated a sport for the South Burnett Gala Winter Sports Day. There will be no programmed classes that day for these grades.

Yours in sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator

Classroom News
Year 1A
Dear Parents of children in 1A
This week we are making 'light catchers' for art which links back to our letter for the week 'I' and our science unit on 'light'. Could you please help your child collect a few leaves and flowers for our art item? You will be able to come and see them next week hanging by our window catching the sunlight.

Also, in History we are looking at the differences between the past and the present. Could you help your child interview one of their grandparents and bring in something from the past to share.
Thank you
Madame Leclercq (Monique)

Music News
Up-Coming Performances:
Saturday 14 May – 6:30pm – Eisteddfod Showcase Concert – Secondary Vocal Ensemble and College Senior Orchestra (permission note with students)
Thursday 19 May – Celebration of Learning - all choirs (Year 2 – 12), String Immersion, College Orchestra (no permission note, as this is a general school activity)

Look at Our fantastic Eisteddfod Results!
Instrumental:
• Year 4 String Immersion Orchestra - 2nd
• College Orchestra* - 1st, Inaugural Ken Mills Shield
Choirs:
• Secondary Vocal Ensemble* (Own Choice) - 1st, Woodleigh and Joan Yappa Shield
• Secondary Vocal Ensemble (Sacred Song and Hymn) - 1st
• Senior Primary Choir (Own Choice) - 3rd (of 8 competitors)
• Senior Primary Choir (Sacred) - 1st
• Senior Primary Choir (Concert Item) - 2nd
• Junior Primary Choir (Own Choice) - 3rd

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• Junior Primary Choir (Sacred) - 1st
• Year 6 Vocal Trio - 1st
* Performing on Saturday night (as above)

This is an incredible list of achievements, considering that:
1) this is the first Eisteddfod team from Saint Mary’s for many years;
2) 1/3 of the College competed (over 200 students)
3) the only selective ensemble was the College Orchestra. All other ensembles were full-class groups, which makes the results even more meaningful, in my view.

String Immersion – Continuing Students:
As the current String Immersion Program concludes to make way for our fresh bunch of Year 3 violinists and cellists, an option is available for the **Year 4 students who would like to continue learning**. Mrs Kennedy has informed me that she is willing to teach Year 4 students in small groups for $20 per week (which includes lesson + Junior Orchestra rehearsal). **This is half the usual private lesson fee and is only available for Year 4 students.** Hire instruments are available, but are limited to 5 violins and 5 violas, and will be allocate on a “first in, first served” basis. Parents and Carers are encouraged to explore instrument hire and purchase options, too. (A violin costs between $350 - $400.) If you would like your son or daughter to continue, please collect a Music Information Booklet from the College Office and return the Enrolment Form on the back page.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Learning,

Yours in Music,
Ms Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

**School Musical**
Casting has now been finalised for the 2016 Saint Mary’s Catholic College’s Disney Junior production of ‘The Little Mermaid’.

Participation in this musical will be extra-curricular and will require out-of-school time for rehearsals and shows and parents will need to be able to facilitate their child’s participation. Staff will try to keep this process running as smoothly as possible for parents.

Students from Years 4 to 10 are able to also audition for character roles for the show. We will be auditioning the students on their dancing, singing and acting abilities. Roles will be given out based on these auditions. The second round of auditions will be this **THURSDAY 12th MAY 2016**.

Rehearsals will be held every Thursday after school on the stage of the Maryknoll Centre and in the Music Room from 3:15 til 4:00 pm. Students will be able to catch the homework club bus home to Wondai and Murgon. Students to be picked up from the College will be supervised at the Stop, Drop and Go zone at the Kent St entrance to the school. Please ensure your prompt collection of your children each week.

Students will be under the direct supervision of Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo, Mrs Angelique Arden, Mrs Jane Iszlaub, Ms Amy Woodruff and Miss Caitlin Woodman for the rehearsal process and the performances.

If you have any questions about the musical please don’t hesitate to contact any of the Arts teachers at the College.

Kind regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

**Indigenous News**

**Cherbourg Fun Run THIS SUNDAY May 15 2016**
The annual fun Run is this weekend starting from the showgrounds in Murgon at 7.30am. This is the major fundraiser for the Ration Shed for the year. There are a number of prizes for best dressed team, place getters and other prizes. Registrations are open on [http://rationshed.com.au/funrun/fun-run-registration](http://rationshed.com.au/funrun/fun-run-registration).

We are also nominating a school team, so please see Mrs Bond to put your name down.

See you there this Sunday!

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QCEC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference 17-19 May 2016
The conference theme: "Catholic Education - supporting students, families, communities"

This conference is an opportunity for delegates to celebrate achievements, explore current strategies, strengthen existing networks and to share their knowledge and experience of current programs and practices.

Reflected in our conference logo is the cross that brings us together in faith, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and communities.

The conference logo was created by Michelle Na-Kui Ballesteros. Michelle is a descendant of the Darumbal people from Rockhampton. The circle represents the five Dioceses of Queensland. At the centre is Christ on the Cross - a spirituality to which each person is called.

Niketa Law, Karen Bond, Angela Myles and Amanda Erwin will all be attending the conference for the week. It will be wonderful to catch up with colleagues, including those from the wider South Burnett area. While we are away, if you have any difficulties, or queries about your child's work please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance.

Have a wonderful blessed week. Hope to see you all on Sunday.
Mrs Amanda Erwin, Mrs Karen Bond and Miss Niketa Law
Indigenous Department

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Potato Scallops $2.00 😞
Morning Tea and Lunch - Honey Soy Chicken & Rice $3.50 😊

Please note: Due to supplier issues some stock will not be available for purchase. We will substitute where necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

***There are NO Pies or Sausage Rolls sold on Fridays.***

Price Change
Large Milks are now to $3.20 each.

If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the office, College website or parent portal.

Donation of Goods
If you are able to donate any of the following items during the year, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

Self Raising Flour
Desiccated Coconut
Plain Flour
Brown Sugar
Caster Sugar
Beef Stock Powder
Small Tinned Pineapple Slices
Small Tinned Corn

These can be dropped into the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

Ordering and Payment
For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use the paper bag system. Your child's order can be place in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings and this is then delivered to the tuckshop. Orders will be filled and returned to the classes at morning tea and lunch. This will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. Plastic bags are not suitable for ordering. It is very difficult to place your child's order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for .05c each.

High School students are more than welcome to use the paper bag system. The high school students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

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Do you know... that we sell Hamburgers? Our Hamburgers are made fresh to order. They consist of a homemade beef patty with salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot and cucumber) and your choice of sauce (tartare, sweet and sour, soy, BBQ, tomato, mustard or mayo). Priced at $5.50. This is available to **order for second break only**.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

**Whip Cracking News**

**Whip Cracking Team Upcoming Events**
- Rural Discovery Day - Thursday 18 May
  Brisbane Exhibition Grounds
  School Bus Departing SMCC 5.30am

**Whip Cracking Practice**
- This week practice Thursday Morning Tea
  (Auditions for the Red Boot Hoot).

Kind regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

**Headlice**

Dear Parents,

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the College, and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment available from your local chemist. After using the treatment use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should be washed in hot soapy water.

As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

If you are looking for a natural option please contact Lyn from Lyn’s Total Pet Care on 0427 632 008 for all licensed and natural Neem nit products.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
NAPLAN provides benefits from the ground up for students, schools and Australian education systems.

**WHO BENEFITS?**
- **STUDENT**: You're not alone... 1 MILLION students sit the NAPLAN test.
- **SCHOOL**: Help teachers to challenge higher performers and identify students needing support.
- **TEACHERS**: Map student progress, identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and set goals.
- **AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEMS**: Valuable data to support good teaching and learning, and school improvement.
- **WHO BENEFITS?**: Discuss progress with teachers and compare performance against national peers.

The data and information we gain from NAPLAN drives ongoing improvement at school, state and national levels.

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OPEN DAY

Friday, 27th May - 9.30am to 11am

Special features of the College include:
- A Prep to Year 12 campus, providing contemporary, seamless, quality education.
- A caring, supportive community for students and their families.
- Programs designed to support the diverse learning needs of Prep to Year 12 students.
- A wide range of educational experiences to develop each student’s full potential.
- An excellent academic tradition for over 80 years.
- Excellent sporting, cultural and enrichment programs and facilities.

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Celebration of Learning

Thursday, 19th May
5.30pm - 6.30pm: Primary Classroom Learning Displays
6.30pm - 7.30pm: Free BBQ and Concert outside the Music Block

Please BYO picnic blanket for the concert
Free BBQ. Drinks for sale. Donations can be popped into a Wishing Well for the Music Department

Concert Performances are:
- Junior Primary Choir (Year 2 & 3)-
- Senior Primary Choir (Year 4, 5 & 6)-
- Year 4 String Immersion-Senior Vocal Ensemble-
- The College Orchestra-Dance-

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Kaleidoscope
A themed multimedia exhibition by members of Jumping Ant Arts Inc.

Exhibiting
Until Monday 30th May 2016
Monday - Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday - Sunday 10.00am – 2.00pm
Public Holidays 10.00am – 2.00pm

Hivesville Artist
Shannus O’Sullivan’s
40th One-Man Exhibition

Exhibiting until 30th May 2016
Monday – Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday - Sunday 10.00am – 2.00pm
Public Holidays 10.00am – 2.00pm