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

National Reconciliation Week
Each year in Australia, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated between May 27 and 3 June. The dates that book-end the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27 - Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June - Commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonalisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title

The theme for NRW 2016 is *Our History, Our Story, Our Future.*

*Our History* is derived from the State of Reconciliation in Australia report, which asks all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation’s story.

*Our History* reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

*Our Story* reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

*Our Future* reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

The Catholic Church supports reconciliation. It is a deeply Christian concept. Reconciliation is needed wherever sin, and the consequences of sin in our world, have fractured relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with creation. To be reconciled requires an examination of conscience which leads to the recognition and acknowledgement of wrongdoing and the naming of the harm that it has caused.

Reconciliation requires a conversion or change of heart, expressed in a determination to behave in new ways. We know that words alone will not lead to real change and the healing of relationships unless they express a genuine change of heart. For Christians, our faith makes this change of heart possible. If we can see the image of God in all people, we will be able to live the reality that we are sisters and brothers to one another. Reconciliation was central in the preaching of Jesus and thus, we need to work for reconciliation within the Church as well as in society if we are to be true followers of Jesus and good witnesses to his Gospel in our world. We can’t undo the past but we must do what we can in the present and we must build a better, more just future together.
Working Bee - Sunday 12 June
The Parents & Friends Association is organising a working bee at the College. It is being held on Sunday 12 June from 2:00 – 5:00pm. They have settled on a special project that will be a wonderful way to say ‘thank you’ to the staff for all their hard work at the College. They are hoping that plenty of people will be able to come along and help out. There will be active supervision provided for children and the working bee will be followed by a BBQ to feed the hungry workers! Hope to see you there.

College Office
Could I remind parents that the College Office is not to be used as a general thoroughfare. For example, if you have come to the front office with your children before school to make payments, drop off notes etc. you are then asked to access the main part of the College by going around the office block, rather than through it. This may seem like an inconvenience, but this administration area of the College is used for parent and student meetings, treatment of sick children, meetings with staff etc. I am sure you can appreciate that these kinds of activities require a degree of privacy.

Performance Review
Dear Parents,

Over the coming weeks, we will be asking parents to complete a short performance survey in relation to Sean Erwin in his leadership role. This term, Sean will be taking part in a structured process of review and feedback as part of our ongoing commitment to professional renewal. The culmination of this process will be on 12 July when we will have an external validation team visit the College to interview various people and to prepare a report for Sean. The information you will include in the survey will contribute to the feedback provided in Sean’s report. Obviously, Sean’s role has changed this year, however, I would encourage you to take into consideration his leadership capabilities as they have been evidenced in the College in recent years, rather than focusing solely on his role as Head of Secondary this year. These feedback opportunities are invaluable for staff working in leadership as they provide us with a chance to reflect on our practice and strive for continuous improvement. Please take the time to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback for Sean.

Below is some further information about the survey from Ardjuna (the survey developers):

Catholic Education within the Brisbane Archdiocese has endorsed a process of performance enhancement for school leaders and managers. Part of the process involves gathering information from groups of people (e.g. parents, teachers, board members etc.) who interact with and are impacted (either directly or indirectly) by the performance of the head of secondary. The various response groups were identified when the initial appraisal plan was developed with the current appraise, in this case, Sean. The information from the various response groups, including the person being appraised, will be gathered using an online survey. The survey is based upon the Catholic Education Leadership Framework which describes the capabilities that Catholic Education wishes to enhance within their managers and leaders.

All surveys are confidential and remain the property of Ardjuna.com. The responses will be averaged by response group (e.g. parents, teachers, school board etc.) when generating the final report. This helps to ensure individual anonymity, except for those response groups with a very small number of participants who can be identified by the person being appraised (typically response groups with 3 participants or less - e.g. parish priest etc.). Our preference is to provide feedback from a variety of response groups, especially senior leadership response groups, but we also want to provide members of small response groups with an assurance of anonymity. If you are concerned about being identified by your comments we would encourage you to choose your wording carefully. If you are still concerned about being identified then feel free to refrain from commenting – by providing only scaled question responses. If you have any remaining queries about anonymity, please contact Ardjuna as soon as possible.

Your participation and assistance in enhancing the leadership and management capabilities of our leadership staff is greatly appreciated.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal
**APA News**

**Semester One Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Semester 1 Reports go online**
Parents and carers should note that this semester’s student reports will for the first time be posted to parent portals (on-line). There will not be printed reports issued. The parent portals will be used more frequently in the future, with reports, Naplan results, and other material all being sent to the parent portal rather than printed copies posted home.

Parents without internet facilities or with a particular need to receive printed version will still be able to access a printed version from the College. We keep a list of such circumstances.

We are hopeful that we can follow the timeline below during this end of semester period:

- **Issue of reports:** Monday, 27th June.
- **PTO Interviews open:** Monday, 27th June.
- **PTO Interviews close:** Monday, 18th July.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** Tuesday, 19th July.

Kind regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

**Office News**

**Casual Bus Passes**
Families who use the College bus services (Wondai & Murgon services only) on a casual basis (ie those families who are not eligible for the Bus Fare Assistance Programme (BFAP)) are reminded that students must carry a valid Casual Bus Pass purchased from the College office. Pursers Coaches, who operate the bus service on behalf of the College, have advised that their bus drivers will be insisting that all bus users are either listed on the bus roll or carry a casual bus pass which will be marked by the driver. Casual users of the Blackbutt Bus service should contact the bus driver to purchase tickets. If you have any concerns about the bus use, please contact the College office.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

**Guidance Counsellor News**

**Do You Own Your Child’s Problems?**
Gordontraining.com
Parent Effectiveness Training
All parents want the best for our kids. We don’t like to see them in pain, upset, sad or frustrated about something. It’s almost a natural instinct to want to jump in and protect them from whatever problem or conflict they are experiencing. We do it without even thinking.

We know what it’s like to be treated unfairly, to be picked on or to go through a breakup. We’ve all been there; after all, we were kids once too, so we have a lot of experience dealing with problems and conflicts and we have a lot of great solutions that have worked for us in the past (and also a lot of learning from those that didn’t work so well).

And there lies part of the problem; we have solutions that have worked for us. It doesn’t mean that they are the best or even the right solutions for our child or teen. They are different people with different personalities and needs in situations that are not exactly the same as ours were at their age.

Determining Who Owns the Problem greatly reduces parental stress. Knowing that not all problems are your problems and that many really belong to your child, partner or others can take the pressure off of you to feel like you have to solve everything. If a problem belongs to someone else you have two choices; you can choose to leave it to them to deal with (which takes it off your plate of pressures), or, when it’s someone you care about and are genuinely concerned, you can be the most helpful by choosing to listen and provide assistance but you still don’t have to be the one to solve it.

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Annual Leave
I will be on leave for the rest of this term. In my absence Barry James will be acting as Guidance Counsellor. Barry is a very experienced professional and I know he will do a great job. Please contact him at the College if you need his assistance.

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Prep to Year Six Sports Coordinator News

Winter Carnival
A great big congratulations to all Year 4 to Year 6 students who participated in the compulsory Winter Carnival. Our teams played extremely well and did Saint Mary’s proud. Our Division A Soccer team came first out of all of the teams in their division. This is an impressive effort! Our Netball and Touch Football teams came runner up in their divisions as well. Overall, the behaviour of our students, and the level of sportsmanship was impeccable. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Relay for Life
Pack your bags and pitch your tent as on the 8th of October this year, the Kingaroy/South Burnett Relay for Life is being held at the Kingaroy Showgrounds. It begins at 3pm on Saturday and concludes at 9am on Sunday. Last year Saint Mary’s was awarded with a plaque for the highest fundraising school. This was a title we held with pride and is one we would like to hold onto.

All fundraised money goes straight to the Cancer Council to help raise money for a cure. It is a tough night, where a member of each team must be walking the track throughout the whole night. It can get cold and people get tired, but seeing the perseverance of the participants and their determination to keep going is amazing.

Participants need to raise $100 towards the Relay for Life in order to participate. The fee to participate is $15 per child and $20 per adult. This includes a shirt. When forms are handed out, payment for the nomination fee must be received before your child can be registered. This will alleviate any issues with students pulling out, and the College having to foot the bill.

We already have approximately 30 students signed up already.

If you are interested, please sign up outside Miss Inwood’s office door.

Yours in Sport
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year Six Sports Coordinator

Library Corner

Scholastic Book Fair On Now!!!
Our fantastic Book Fair has arrived! Students have previewed the Book Fair earlier in the week and they have already begun supporting the Fair. Please note that cash on the day, credit card or online orders are available (as per the instructions on brochure brought home).

Thank you for supporting our Library!

Book Fair Dates: 30th May - 3rd June
Shopping Hours: 8am – 8.40am, 2.55pm – 3.45pm

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Weekly Study Strategies

Decision Making
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 desire to achieve the perfect result
- A lack of confidence to begin

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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!!!

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Chess News

Another fantastic effort from our Chess Teams at the Wide Bay Regional Chess tournament in Maryborough! We took three secondary teams and two primary teams as well as a few students new to representing the College at chess. Mr Hutton and I were very pleased with the students who once again showed resilience, pride, teamship and such a zest for the game. Well done to Robbie Veivers who attained the title of Secondary Champion at the tournament as well as Robbie Veivers, Sam McIvor, Sajeewa Ranasinghe and Jared Gossow for coming an overall third. Merits on the day were received by: Rosie Clancy, Sam Erwin, Ryan Maudsley, Jim Corbet and Jared Gossow. Well done everyone!

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Chess Coordinator

Classroom News

We have been busy practising reciting our “buzzy bee” poem and finishing off making our bees. They look pretty amazing on our classroom wall.

In mathematics we are comparing weights of various items in our classroom and learning about milligrams and kilograms. The children are having fun competing for points with our online games from the smart-board.

In history we are looking back at how things were and I want to thank the grandparents who completed an interview. The children have shown great interest in listening to them.

Kind regards
Madame Leclercq
Year 1A teacher

School Musical

Only Four Weeks to Go!

Time has flown by and opening night for The Little Mermaid is only four weeks away! With the cast set, actors, dances and singers are preparing for the big show. Thursday afternoon rehearsals are in full swing with an amazing afternoon tea prepared by the parents of our stars. Dances are nearly all choreographed and the Under the Sea dance is being tweaked.
with finishing touches and vocal choruses. The Mersisters are beginning to learn “She’s in Love” and the choreography/ vocal techniques involved with the song. The sailors have gathered together and are learning the dance “Fathoms Below” with the year 10 lead dancers. There is still so much to do but so little time but there is no doubt that if anybody can pull this musical together our amazing cast and arts teachers can! Let the countdown begin!

By Lydia Penny (Year 10)

Indigenous News

Last Wednesday Janaya, Leila, Thomas, Landon, Kenneth and Daisy attended a Tennis clinic in Murgon with Evonne Goolagong, her husband Roger and some amazing coaches.

A total of 52 students attended the fun filled clinic which saw some of the coaches walking away with a few bruises from the return balls. The students were taught how to hold their rackets correctly when doing forehands, backhands and volleys. The youngest and smallest student of the day, Daisy, gave all the bigger students a run for their money with her natural talent shining through.

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

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Savoury Mince and Cheese Rolls $3.50 😊

Morning Tea and Lunch - Chees and Bacon Baked Potato $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.***

If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the office.

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

We now have two options for ordering, online and the paper bag system. For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use either of these systems.

Paper Bag System: Your child’s order will be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings. The baskets are delivered to the tuckshop and orders are filled. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. 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.

**Online Ordering System QKR (Quicker):** Your child's online order will be sent to the tuckshop, where it will be printed out. The orders are filled and placed in the class baskets. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. **You are not required to send in a paper bag once you have ordered online.**

Year 6 to Year 12 students are more than welcome to use the either system. If using the paper bag system, students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

**Do you know...**
That we sell **Toasted Sandwiches?** Our Toasted Sandwiches are made fresh to order with your choice of fillings. They include ham, chicken, cheese, tomato or vegemite.

This is available to **order for second break only.**

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

**Rugby League Match Report**

The Saint Mary's boys got away to a good start when the opposition dropped the ball on kick off. We stormed towards the try line but then an error saw us loose possession, Gympie scored a runaway try and we were on the back foot. Gympie dominated the first half, keeping their players fresh with a full supply of reserves. After a half time break and breather the lads rallied digging deep to push back. Their efforts paid off when Troy Taylor scored in the corner. While Gympie replied with three more tries Saint Mary's was looking set to score again when the full time whistle sounded.

Once again the Burt brothers were men of the match with Callum repeating his top tackler status. They were well backed up by Brayden Anderson and Matthew Geary.

A selector for Wide Bay was watching the game and came over to speak with the team after the match. He was really impressed with our team's performance considering that most of our boys are playing up a year and some even two years. Two lads received special commendation.

Special thanks to Matthew's Mum Cathy for giving up her day to be with us and help the boys.

We hope to keep most of our team together and come storming back next year.

Kind regards
Mr Kingsley Ware

**P&F News**

**Working Bee**
Our next Working Bee is on the 12th of June. We are working on a special project and we would like some helpers. We will meet in the Court Yard on Sunday, 12th at 2.00pm and finish at 5.00pm with a BBQ to end the day.

**Change of Date for next P&F Meeting**
For our next P&F meeting we are changing the date to Wednesday the 15th of June as we have a guest speaker. Our guest speaker is John Beaton from the Parents and Friends Federation Qld. We would love to see as many people there as we can. Most of the meeting will be talking with John and listening to what he has to say.

**Rock on Stage: Parent Dance! Term 3 Friday night Week 2**
Are you a parent? Are you a Friend of the school? We need you!

The Rock on Stage event is a school event at which every class performs a dance. It will be held in the SMCC Maryknoll Hall on Friday, 29th July 5.30pm to 10pm. As part of the evening there is a Parent dance and a Teacher dance!

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, have fun and set a great example to your children (or embarrass them). Remember last year’s ridiculous P&F dance during the Rock on Stage event? Remember that the P&F beat the teachers? Let’s do it again.

We will be calling for performers over the next few weeks - but please if you are interested in helping plan or choreograph our (winning) dance please contact Suzanne Mungall via 0499527830 as soon as possible.

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LINKS events

The Parents and Friends of SMCC are a friendly bunch. We have some fun purely social events planned. Share the secrets of your great parenting! Meet up with other parents of children in your grade.

- Prep Parents - Social at the Commercial Hotel from 6.30pm
- Year 1 Parents - Brunch at Mulannah Gardens from 10am,
- Year 2 Parents - Dinner at the Carrollee Hotel from 6.30pm,
- Year 3 Parents - Pizza dinner at Mulannah Gardens from 6pm,
- Year 4 Parents - Social at the Commercial Hotel from 6.30pm.

Dates will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Please RSVP to Suzanne Mungall on 0499 527 830 or Shannon Cridge on 0429 673 329

As usual for any enquiries please contact Susan Robertson 0419766141 or email sbrobbo@gmail.com

God Bless,
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Year 12 Parents and Carers Gathering

Calling all Year 12 Parents and Carers! You are invited to a Sunday afternoon session at the Carrollee Hotel on Sunday, 5th June from 3pm. This is simply an opportunity to meet each other socially for a relaxed Sunday afternoon on the balcony of the Carrollee Hotel, 4 King Street, Kingaroy. Please contact Anna Partoni (Matthew’s mum) on 4163 5180, 0427 635 180 or email ray@randacattle.com.au to RSVP. Bar will be open for you to purchase your own drinks, gold coin donation towards nibbles please. Looking forward to seeing you next Sunday afternoon for drinks, nibbles and a chat.

Regards
Mrs Anna Patroni

Sacramental News

Congratulations to Rupa Tamang, Ben Trebbin, Sandy Santos, Kate Howard, Molly McDonald, Neil Ladignon, Rebecca Euston, Joseph Whalan, Karl Macasaet, Bridgette Watson, Jackson Beil, Tommy Beil, Juan Macasaet, Bridget Trebbin, Nicholas Howard, Benjiman Whalan, Emma Manktelow, Noah Burr, Harry Jeffs on their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

And Tyson Guillesser who made his First Holy Communion at John the Baptist Church in Wondai.
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS
on Catholic school funding

For 200 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol more than 760,000 students in 1,731 schools across Australia.

It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools, which educate one in five Australian students.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community. All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 17 per cent less government funding than students in government schools. In dollar terms, Catholic school students received $10,000 in government funding in 2014, on average, while students in government schools received $12,100.

The Commonwealth provides 76 per cent of the government funding Catholic schools receive. State and territory governments provide 24 per cent of the funding for government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with roughly the same level of recurrent funding as government schools.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $1.6 billion each year in recurrent funding and take the pressure off government schools.

Catholic school parents also provide the majority of funding for capital works to build schools the government would otherwise have to fund – creating additional savings for governments and taxpayers.

Find out more at SchoolFundingFacts.com
20th Anniversary Disco

17 June 2016

BBQ @ 5pm
Bucking Bull
Face Painting
Photo Booth
FREE ENTRY!

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Kingaroy Town Hall
Glendon Street, Kingaroy

Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be shown

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Parents to collect children from INSIDE the hall (at any time)