Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary’s

On Tuesday we celebrated our Opening Mass as a college community. I would like to extend a special thank you to Fr Michael Carroll who was able to be with us to celebrate the Eucharist. We remember in our prayers, Fr Nigel who was not able to be with us as he was attending his mother’s funeral overseas.

For those parents who were not able to join us for the Mass, I wanted to share with you what I said to the students on Tuesday...

Our Mass was important for two reasons. To begin with, it was the first time that we gathered as a whole school community this year to celebrate the Eucharist together. The celebration of Eucharist is one of the most important things we can do together as a Catholic Community. It is a very special sacrament that immerses us in the story of Jesus... we hear God’s words in the readings; we pray together and bring our struggles and hopes before God; we recall the sacrifice Jesus made through his passion; we give thanks for all that we have and we are reminded that we are all called to go out into the world and be more like Jesus in how we live our lives in the service of others.

Of course, the Mass was also important because we took the opportunity to induct our Year 12 students as the leaders of the College. This was a community celebration and not solely about the Year 12 class. However, it was a time when we acknowledged the important role these young people play in our community. They have reached an important point this year - a time when they have a unique opportunity to have an influence on all of us.

As the senior students of Saint Mary’s in 2016, our younger students will look to YOU to be the guiding light, to set the pace and lead the way. It is an opportunity not to be wasted. Saint Mary’s Catholic College will be a different place for your presence in it. It is up to you to decide what that difference will be. Remember this as you make your choices this year... The quality of any success you experience this year and in the future will depend upon the tiny individual choices that you make every minute of every day. In those minutes, it will not be WHAT you have done that is important, it will be whether or not ANYTHING you did was WORTH doing. Your words and your actions should make a difference to the lives of others for the better... they should make the world a better place. You only get one shot at this life you have been gifted with, so make it count. Don't play small, take necessary risks, don't give up no matter how hard it might get, be yourself and love and serve others as generously as you can.

Your Senior Statement of Commitment which you read together began as follows...

We, the 2016 leaders, consider ourselves a lantern. We each have our own light but when we come together as one we shine brighter to light the path for the future...

As you begin your 2016 leadership journey, take some time, reflect on the gifts that you each bring to this place... to your year level, to the school and to the wider community. Each one of you has something special to offer that no one else has. God has blessed each of you with a light to shine, not to hide, so don’t be afraid to shine that light for others to see. Find ways as a group to support each other through this year. There will be times when things might seem very dark indeed, but if you come together and look after each other, there will always be enough light to guide the way for those who are struggling.
All the best for the year ahead... and may God smile on you!

Tuesday’s liturgy was a wonderful celebration of community. A very sincere thank you goes to Mr Perrett, Mrs Iszlaub and the music students as well as all our Year 12 leaders for the remarkable job they did of bringing this together so beautifully.

**Industrial Action Thursday 25 February**

I need to inform parents that the Independent Education Union of Australia (IEUA) has confirmed that protected industrial action will be undertaken in the form of a full day work stoppage on Thursday, 25 February 2016. In order to assist with our management of the school on that day, it would be greatly appreciated if, wherever possible, parents/guardians were able to keep their children home from school on that day. I do appreciate, however, that this will not be possible in all circumstances and therefore, some supervision will be provided for students who need to come to school. Please be aware that it is unlikely that we will be able to proceed with normal classes on that day. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to you and your family. If you have any questions or concerns about this day, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the College.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal

**Head of Primary News**

**Playtime**

There are discussions under way at various levels to determine the best use of the playground Area B. With the increased numbers and the reduced space it is becoming increasingly more difficult to share the space equitably. There is a lot of congestion in Area B and some ‘hands on’ behaviour occurring.

Something that has started this week is staggering the use of the Junior Play Gym and the Senior Play Gym. Before school – 8.15 to 8.40 children can use the play gyms in their area. Junior Play Gym or JPG is Prep to Year 3 and the Senior Play Gym or SPJ is Year 4 to Year 6.

Teachers have a roster and at any one recess time there is only one year level, on the gym equipment. E.g. Prep are on the JPG morning tea on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday and again Thursday lunchtime. If children choose to not be on the play gym then there are other activities at recess that the children can access including the sandpit as well as indoor activities or the oval. The teachers are aware of all the activities and can direct students accordingly.

It would appear that the trial is working, as there are fewer children on the play gyms and fewer incident reports. We are trialling this for a week and reviewing on Friday.

**Benedictine Values**

At the P-6 Assembly and again through the teachers, the College will have a weekly focus on one of our Benedictine Values, starting with Be Safe. The staff and students have a matrix that demonstrates what it looks like, feels like and sounds like to Be Safe in the ………….. e.g. library, eating area etc.

Students have been reminded about rough play and running when the bell goes. They are also reminded to be Respectful and Just as they wait for their lunch from either the fridge or their bag in the bag racks.

Please remind your children to report any incidents to the Playground Duty Teacher and their class teacher. Often they are one off and can be dealt with by the teacher at the time of or soon after the incident happens. The teacher is the first port of call and the one who has the strongest relationship with the student.

**Sacraments**

On the 2nd March there is a meeting with Father Nigel and the liturgical team from Brisbane and the parishioners who support the sacramental programs in the local district e.g. Nanango and Kingaroy. The meeting is to discuss the new format for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Penance, Confirmation and Communion. There is a tentative date 29th May for Confirmation/Communion. I’ll put more information in the College newsletter and the Parish newsletter when the details are confirmed. Preparation time will be tight but it may only be for one sacrament. Watch this space.

**There is a sausage sizzle fundraiser happening next Tuesday 23rd February at lunch time.**

Secondary students and various teachers are participating in the experience of the Kokoda walk – a 30km hike. They will be raising money for the Kokoda Youth Foundation for disadvantaged youth in the Toowoomba area who are in need. For more information about this worthwhile cause visit the Toowoomba Youth Foundation website.

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If you would like to support this fundraiser by buying a sausage and or popper, please fill out the form at the back of the newsletter and have your child bring it to school with their money.

Orders are given to the teacher and placed in their tuckshop basket then collected by senior students and taken to the MKC so the orders can be collated and filled. The basket is returned to the classroom at 12:30 and the teacher distributes the sausages and drinks. See back of newsletter for the order form.

Dance Fever
The wonderful instructors who work with Dance Fever are enjoying their time here, as are the students. There will be a dance ‘extravaganza’ in the last week of term where parents will be invited to come along and watch the children from Prep to Year 6 showcase their talents. I’ll keep you informed of that date.

Start Smart
These are workshops run by the Commonwealth Bank. Children learn about money and complete aspects of Financial Literacy (part of the National Curriculum - Mathematics). Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will be working through activities as they understand the importance of money and their future and how to handle money. It is one 40 minute session for each class run over two days. This is strictly about financial literacy. This is not a campaign for students to sign up for weekly banking etc through the Commonwealth bank.

Headlice
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.

All licensed and natural Neem nit available at Lyn’s Total Pet Care. For more information please contact Lyn on 0427 632 008.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Lent for Children—Part 2
Almsgiving (Earning Money for the Poor)

All good Christians know that we must give money to the poor.
But children don’t earn any money. We may give them a few coins to put in the collection basket at church.
But does this truly help them to understand the concept of almsgiving, or do they view it as just a game?

During Lent, most Catholic churches participate in Project Compassion.
At the beginning of Lent, you probably received a small cardboard box with various scenes of third world destitution on it. You were asked to make little offerings on behalf of the hungry throughout the season.

This year, instead of simply giving your children money to put in the box, let them earn that money. Get several rolls of coins from your local bank.
Post a chart on your refrigerator listing amounts they will be "paid" if they do certain household chores. They might earn 20c for emptying the dishwasher, or 50c if they do so before they are asked to.
The older child, who has a paper route, or mows the neighbour’s lawn each week should be encouraged to share his earnings with those less fortunate than himself.

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Uniforms
Congratulations to all the students for wearing formal uniform correctly at the College Opening Mass on Tuesday. Just a reminder to wear either the old or the new formal uniform, not a combination of both. The uniforms have been designed to be worn individually and not combined. Socks appear to be the major issue at the moment. Please make sure that boys have grey socks with the old uniform and white socks with the new uniform.

Updating Parent Contact Details
Parents are reminded that if they need to be contacted, the details on our computer system need to be correct and current. In the event of student injury or serious behaviour breach, parents need to be contacted immediately. Please use the following link https://extranetbne.catholic.edu.au/parent/sbcc if you have activated your Parent Portal and click on the Update Details icon to change phone numbers or addresses as needed. If this is not possible please email the College at pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au to update your details. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Student absences can now be lodged via the direct student absence line 4160 0950 out of office hours. This facility enables you to lodge your child’s absence quickly and efficiently. You can also lodge your child’s absence via the parent portal or phoning the College between 8am and 4pm.

College mobile phone for emergency use only. The College has a mobile phone available for when we have power outages or when the College phones are not working. The number will be displayed on the front page of the newsletter each week. Generally if the College does not have and phones we will try to notify parents via our College Facebook page or bulk text it technology permits.

College Photos
Parents and students are reminded that College photo day is Friday, 26th February. Students are expected to wear full formal uniform including ties. Students will be expected to wear their formal uniform on Tuesday as per normal. Photos will be taken in the Maryknoll Centre. A schedule will be sent out next week. Sibling photos are available. Please see student services for a sibling photo order form.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary

APC News
Some parents may recall that Saint Mary’s teachers reviewed the College Homework Policy in recent years.

The review included looking at current research, finding about effective homework, and the work of John Hattie who has been contracted by Brisbane Catholic Education to guide good practice in our schools.

The resulting policy for our College is in three sections: Teachers, Parents, and Students.

The beginning of year may be a good time for all parents to be aware of how they can best assist their student with homework.

Parents Should:

Encourage
• Engage with your children.
• Be involved.
• Encourage students, but in the case of Senior students, keep involvement to minimum.
• Encourage any type of appropriate reading.
• Motivate, encourage and guide.
• Pay attention to students in the middle school who need help with focus and attention issues.
• Value all types of literature as long as kids are reading.

Manage
• Provide and protect homework time.
• Help students become efficient time managers by showing them how to use the Student Diary as a management tool. Other devices such as term or weekly planners may also be used.
• Help students manage commitments to sport, family and work, and the impact that this might have with preparation for assessment.
• Assist students by ensuring that they have a healthy diet and regular exercise, especially during times of increased stress at assessment time.
Ensure student have adequate breakfast before school.

If students are spending too much time on the internet or watching TV, ensure that computers, phones, and TVs are not in a room (such as a bedroom) where parents are unable to monitor student usage. "If it's distracting, do some subtracting."

Plan homework completion.

Provide
- Provide an encouraging study space (computer, desk, no distractions etc).
- Ensure students use electronic devices (such mobile phones, computers) in a way that does not interfere with attention to expected homework. Students who use such devices excessively should have them confiscated and be trained to self-monitor usage.
- Help students manage time, and plan for periods of increased homework needs at the end of term.
- Where necessary, provide computer and books at home.

Other
- Keep parental involvement to minimum.
- Do not contribute to student assignments in a manner that inflates the student's results.
- Explain questions.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

First Sunday of Lent - 14th February

Sunday’s collect prayer invites us to ‘grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ’. This is at the heart of our Lenten ‘campaign of service’. The Gospel invites us to go into the desert – the place within us where we contemplate in quiet reflection. It is here we come to selflessness and openness to Christ that can only be found in reflection and prayer. If we empty ourselves in prayer and almsgiving our eyes will be open to see the hidden riches of Christ in the many faces of our global neighbours.

During the Lenten season we also fast from excessive food and drink, and give alms to those without access to sufficient basic needs. By turning our minds to the needs of others through Project Compassion, our prayer and contemplation reaches out to others. Our giving can enable our brothers and sisters in Malawi, featured in this year’s Project Compassion, to create paths towards a better future.

During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and our material possessions. When we go into our own desert we discover that it is God’s abundant love that motivates us, that invites us to reach out in love to others, our family and friends, our neighbours, and those who need our compassionate love.

Opening College Mass

Yesterday our community celebrated Eucharist at our commencement Mass. There was a very clear message for us in the hymns, readings, the gospel and in Fr Michael Carroll’s reflection. The message was about ‘our light’. Lamps, lanterns, torches, candles and lights were not made to be covered up, they are there for all to see and to benefit from. How, especially this Lent, can we be of benefit to others?

Fr Michael invited us all, especially the seniors, to be a light for others and our world.

Our College leaders and the entire senior class were badged and pledged their commitment to the community after Mass. Mrs Myles reminded the Seniors how important they are to the College and in setting the tone of how things run here at this great place; right down to every little word they say and action they perform.

At Saint Mary’s Catholic College, Eucharist is central to

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what we believe, what we do and who we are. We make up the Body of Christ, it does not lie dormant in a church somewhere. Taking part in the ancient tradition acknowledges Jesus and his gift to the world and our right and responsibility to live the message he proclaimed, God's love and mercy.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

2016 College Fees and Levies
Term 1 Fees Statements were processed last week and emailed out to all families who have provided a valid email to the College. If you have not provided an email address, statements have been posted. If you wish to check your details or update your email, please contact the College office. Please contact the College office if you have not received a statement via either email or post so we can investigate this for you.

Families without a direct debit in place and wishing to use this payment method should contact the office immediately to start instalments now. The longer the time frame over which instalments are spread, the smaller the instalment amounts. 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 Uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 8am to 11am and Thursday from 1pm to 4pm.

We have received Senior Girls Blouses in sizes 6 to 24. Our new tracksuits for the cooler months have also arrived.

Thanks
Mrs Joanne Bellert
Uniform Shop

Guidance Counsellor News

‘To move from controlling to trusting life is like exhausting ourselves by trying to put our arms around a river until we realize we have to enter the river and let the current take us.’ - Mark Nepo, The Endless Practice: Becoming Who You Were Born to Be

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library Corner

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

Book Club
Your Book Club orders are due on Friday, 19th February. There is a new app available to place your order online. This round of book club you may incur a small postage fee as we are ordering after Scholastics cut off date. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information about Book Club loops. This is due to a Scholastic system issue, not our management process.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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Communication with subject/homeroom teachers

If you wish to discuss any subject related issues e.g. homework or your child's progress, please call/email the office at pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au to leave a message for the specific teacher to contact you. Your child's homeroom teacher is the best person to contact if you are concerned about your child generally. If you still have concerns after speaking with your child's teachers directly, please leave a message for Ms Robertson (Yr 7-9 Wellbeing Leader) or Mrs Burr (Yr 7-10 Teaching and Learning Leader) and we will respond to your query as soon as possible.

Longer periods of absence

Please remember to notify the school well in advance if your child may have a longer than usual absence from school e.g. illness, travel etc. This is particularly important for trying to arrange work for your child to take, or to help them manage their assessment submission.

Chess

On the 2nd March, both our primary and secondary chess teams will travel to Maryborough for this term's interschool competition. Mr Dunbrack and Mr Hutton will be accompanying the teams this time. Activity forms will go home very shortly. Chess is open to all students (Year 3-12) at our College and students are encouraged to play chess in the library at lunchtimes. Afternoon tutorials with Mr Dunbrack every Thursday from 3pm-4pm in Room 41 will resume in the near future. Students are encouraged to use https://www.chessacademy.com/ to improve their skills. This website provides good tips and skills on all three parts of the game.

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

Year 7 to 12 Sports Coordinator News

Last Thursday we conducted the Annual Swimming Carnival at the Kingaroy Aquatic Centre. It was a great day and the students behaviour and efforts were very good. Many thanks to parents who came along to support their children.

House Results:

1. Rush - 679
2. Polding - 532
3. Quinn - 523

Age Champions

- 10 Years Boys - Samuel Perrett
- 10 Years Girls - Shanelle Zischke
- 11 Years Boys - Max Patterson
- 11 Years Girls - Louisa Frahm
- 12 Years Boys - Luke Beutel and Alex Cran
- 12 Years Girls - Danielle McConnell
- 13 Years Boys - Leonard Potgieter
- 13 Years Girls - Josee Currin
- 14 Years Boys - Lachlan Beutel
- 14 Years Girls - Emma Cran
- 15 Years Boys - Tristan Sanders
- 15 Years Girls - Deidre Murray
- 16 Years Boys - Pacey Clegg
- 16 Years Girls - Millie Garlick
- Open Boys - Tom Schmidhauser
- Open Girls - Rahab Murray

South Burnett Summer Sports Trials

South Burnett Summer Trials were held last Tuesday at various venues. I am pleased to announce the following students were selected to represent the District at the Wide Bay Regional Trials.

- Open Tennis - Harry Lucas and Robert Veivers
- 14 Years Cricket - Justin Bunker
• 15 Years Cricket - Renee Irvine
• Open Cricket - Matthew Patroni, Caylan Brown and Alex Firman
• Open Touch - Rahab Murray and Kiara Wright

Congratulations
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to 12 Sports Coordinator

Homework Club

Homework club operates on a Thursday afternoon from 3.05 until 4.00. The first afternoon for the year commences this Thursday. The last afternoon for Term 1 will be Thursday, 17th March. Students requiring transport to Wondai and Murgon should see Mr Hutton at 4.15pm. Mr Hutton will be driving the bus north every Thursday at 4.15pm and dropping off students at Wondai opposite IGA and St Joseph’s Murgon. It is designed to give students an opportunity to work on homework and/or assessment. Students will have access to computers and Internet during homework club, and there are also teachers and other college staff present to assist where necessary.

At homework club we can also assist students with organisation and planning for the completion of assignments. It is important that students who attend homework club are focussed and actively engaged in their work, the goal is to maximise the opportunity for all students to make use of this time.

Students are encouraged to bring a snack to ‘tide them over’ until they get home.

See you there!
Ms Sonia Robertson

Music Notes

Annual Commencement Mass
At Tuesday’s Mass, over 70 of our Music students from the Primary and Secondary schools contributed their time and talent to the ceremony. The students studying Elective Music from Years 9 - 12 and Senior Choir opened the event with ‘Your Love Never Fails’ (made popular by the band, Jesus Culture) and subsequently led the congregation in the hymns and responses; while a combined choir of the Year 4-5, 6A and 6B classes sang the beautiful hymn, ‘Blue-Green Hills of Earth’ during Communion. Congratulations to all of our singers; it is great to see our students taking on this level of responsibility for the music at College Masses.

Primary Assembly Performance
The combined Year 6 classes gave the first performance of “Blue-Green Hills of Earth” during the Primary assembly last Friday. For a first effort, the students did a wonderful job, especially considering they had only learned the song at their last Music lesson! This song is one of four that the Year 4, 4/5, 5 and 6 students will be performing together as a massed choir at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod in May; and if this week’s effort is any indication, they should be in fine form come Eisteddfod time. Families can assist their young vocalists to prepare for this big challenge by encouraging the memorisation of the songs’ words at home. This will make my role much easier, and rehearsals faster-paced for the students.

‘Feed Me, Seymour!’
Congratulations to the following students for successfully auditioning for the South Burnett Musical Comedy Society’s forthcoming show, ‘Little Shop of Horrors’:
Ashleigh Reinbott (one of the ‘Ronettes’)
Ernie Corbet (understudy for the lead role, Seymour; chorus)
Alycia Martin (chorus)
Caitlyn Carney (chorus)
David Rowberry (chorus)
Dane Andersson (chorus)
Eleanor and Tully Andersson (rogue plants)
Lachlan Ponder (Tech Crew - shadow)

Congratulation also to our Musical parents and extended family members:
Warren Wintour (Director), Amanda Reinbott (the character, ‘Snip’; chorus), Esther Treiguts (in the ‘Ronettes’), Kendall Siddans (Mr Mushnik), and Acting College Speech Therapist, Jordy Green (lead role of Audrey). Tech Crew members from our Saint Mary’s community include Tania Corbet, Abigail Anderson, Jack Ponder, and Past-Student, Brie Wintour.

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Finally, a big congratulations to my Opposite number at St John’s Lutheran School, Music Teacher, Bill Sharp, who has won the leading male role, “Seymour”. I am sure he will be very convincing!

Have a wonderful week,
Mrs Jane Iszlau
Music Coordinator

**Classroom News**

**Home Economics News**
The Home Economics department is looking for donations of fabric for textiles projects in 2016. If you have any fabric you no longer need (large pieces are preferable), please contact the school or drop it into the office.

Regards
Ms Amy Woodruff
Home Economics Teacher

**Indigenous News**

2016 UNSW Indigenous Winter School Program. This program is open to all Indigenous students in years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering tertiary studies at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. The program has been running since 2002 and has grown significantly since then. The UNSW Winter School is a fully supervised, week-long residential program designed to provide Indigenous students in years 10, 11 and 12 with an opportunity to experience university life. The program is coordinated by Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit, which covers the costs for all participants. Applications close Friday April 8 2016. For more Information, go to: http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/winterschool.html

Congratulations to our 4 winners of the QATSIF scholarships this year, Trent Hill, Tahlia Tapau, Jacob Mallett and Hannah Mallett (absent). These scholarships are chosen by the school principals by strict rules and guidelines given by the QATSIF association. We are very proud of you all and we know that you will take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

Last Thursday was our annual swimming carnival, we had many of our Indigenous students participate in the event and also cheering on others. We had a few come away with ribbons and the rest showed lots of team spirit for their team houses. Well done to all for a fun filled day.

Kind regards
Mrs Amanda Erwin, Mrs Karen Bond and Miss Nikita Law
Indigenous Team

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**
Morning Tea and Lunch - Mini Spring Roll (4) - $3.50 😒
Morning Tea and Lunch - Potato Bake - $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.

***During Lent we will not be serving meat on Fridays until the end of the term.***

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

You will note that our menu has been revamped. There have been some items withdrawn and others added in, also some price rises have occurred. Please make sure you have the current menu at home on your fridge. If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the office.

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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 placed 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 50c 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.

Slush Puppies

Please make sure your child is aware that if they order a slush puppy, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be placed into the tuckshop baskets.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Orana Aged Care Visits

Saint Mary's will be starting our fortnightly visits to Orana Aged Care Centre this Thursday 18th February between 3pm and 4pm with parent pick up at 4.15pm. Any students from Wondal, Murgon, Cherbourg way are welcome to travel home on the College Bus at that time. Students please make sure you have your consent forms handed in at the student Counter.

Kind regards
Mr Neil Hutton
Campus Minister

Whipcracking Team Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 5th March Proston Show - (Whipcracking Competition & Performance)
- Saturday, 2nd April Kilkivan Great Horse Ride (Performance)
- Tuesday, 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)

Whipcracking Practice

Whipcracking 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

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Kokoda Challenge News

**Kokoda Sausage Sizzle**

A sausage sizzle will be held at school at big lunch 12:30-1pm outside the Maryknoll canteen on the following date:

- **Tuesday, 23rd February**

All students will be able to purchase a sausage on bread and 100% fruit juice. Primary and Secondary students will be served in separate lines. The prices are:

- Sausage on bread $2.00
- Fruit juice popper $1.50

Students and Staff continue training for the **20th of March** Kokoda challenge in Toowoomba according to the following schedule:

**Kokoda 2016 Training Dates and Events**

The actual event for the Toowoomba Kokoda Challenge (30km walk) is held on **Sunday the 20th March**. We will be staying at St Saviour’s College hall on Saturday 19th from 4pm till 6am on Sunday Morning.

The Kokoda Training days leading up to the event are as follows;

1. **Monday 22nd Feb.** Local walk 3pm -5pm railway walk (bus travel not provided)
2. **Sunday 28th Feb.** Moore to Benarkin (15km) 11:30pm - 3:30pm (buses leave school 9:00am return 5:30pm)
3. **Monday 7th Mar.** Local walk 3pm -5pm near Mt Wooroolin (buses provided)
4. **Monday 14th Mar.** 3pm Meeting at school and cross training
5. **Saturday 19th Mar.** 1:40pm Buses leave from school for St Saviour’s College hall
6. **Sunday 20th Mar.** Kokoda Event Toowoomba hinterland (map available on line) Starts at 6:30am end around 2:30pm buses arrive back at school 5:30pm.

**EVENT DAY:** Students will be expected to bring their own food and drink during these training walks along with a light backpack.

Parental involvement is encouraged during training and at the actual event.

A full list of event requirements, including sunscreen, hats, walking shoes, backpack etc. will be provided at the next training session.

Should you require more information please do not hesitate to contact us during school hours. Further, you can access event information using the following web link: http://kokodachallenge.com/toowoomba-kokoda-challenge-event-details.

I am looking forward to undertaking the Kokoda challenge with this fine group of dedicated students and teachers.

Kind regards

Mr Wayne Dunbrack
Event Coordinator

**International Competitions & Assessment for Schools 2016**

To Parents and Carers,

Each year more than one million entries are accepted to participate in ICAS from over 6300 schools across Australia, New Zealand and 20 other countries. Students from Year 2 to Year 12 at St Mary’s are invited to participate in this year’s ICAS. The assessments comprise of an English test, Maths test, Science test, Spelling test and Writing test. While the ICAS competition is not compulsory, the experience has proven to be beneficial for students and is

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highly recommended.

The subject categories, closing dates, competition dates, and costs are listed below:

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Preparation for ICAS tests is not required as the assessments are skills-based. However, practice questions are available on the ICAS website.

A letter of permission will be sent home to all parents this term. To participate, please sign the nomination form and return the form along with fees to the school office.

For further information, please contact Mr. Dunbrack during school hours.

Kind regards
Mr Wayne Dunbrack
Year 11 to Year 12 Teaching and Learning Leader

Prep to Year 6 Kokoda Challenge Sausage Sizzle Order Form - Tuesday, 23rd FEBURARY
Kokoda Challenge – 30 km walk – raising money for the youth of Toowoomba. Orders are given to the teacher and placed in their tuckshop basket then collected by senior students and taken to the MKC so the orders can be collated and filled. The basket is returned to the classroom at 12:30 and the teacher distributes the sausages and drinks.

Sausage on bread $2.00; Popper $1.50; Sauce - free

Student Name: ___________________________ Year Level: ____________

Sausage on bread: Number of sausages __________________________

Sauce: Please circle - Tomato BBQ NO Sauce

Poppers: Number of poppers __________________________

Total Money given to teacher: $________________________

Saint Mary’s Catholic College is looking for relief cleaners.

To register your expression of interest please email your resume to pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au

Saint Mary’s Catholic College
South Burnett
is seeking talented and dedicated staff for the following position to commence asap:

Career and Employment Transitions Coach
P/T (Job ref: 06591_02/16)

Apply via: www.bne.catholic.edu.au
Closes: 4pm Friday, 19th February

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APTS8 Kids on Tour

APTS8 Kids on Tour will enable children to experience and explore contemporary art from Australia, Asia and the Pacific through a range of drawing, making and multimedia activities.

Draw, Make and Create
Sunday 13 March, 2016 from 9.30am to 12.30pm
at 'The Studio', Wondai Regional Art Gallery, On the Roundabout, Wondai

Workshop is open to all children aged from 6 to 11 years.
*All material & equipment is provided. *Morning Tea will be provided *Parents are encouraged to attend.

To register please call in at the Wondai Regional Art Gallery or phone 4168 5926 with your children’s names, ages and contact number.

200 Youngman St Kingaroy
(In front of the Seventh-day Adventist Church)

Car Boot Sale & Car Wash
Every 3rd Sunday of the month
Sunday 21st February 2016
6am - 11pm. Setup from 5am
$10 PER SITE & $10 PER CAR WASH

You keep the profits
of what you sell

Tables also rented

For more details or bookings call Gideon Okesene on 0405 514 440 or email kroyCarBootSale@gmail.com

Money raised goes towards various community projects

South Burnett Saints AFL Club
Junior Training
Ages 11-17 Boys and girls
Lyle Vidler Oval
Thursdays 4:30pm

Come down for fitness training or have a go at a new sport!
Introducing

Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
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- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
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- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
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