Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary’s

Last week I had the pleasure of being part of the Prep-6 assembly. It was wonderful to see the students receiving awards and being acknowledged for the hard work they do every day. I hope that they brought the awards home and shared their excitement with you as they were truly well deserved. Any student who consistently strives to be their best should be praised and rewarded for their efforts. It is not necessarily about being ‘the’ best, but more importantly, about being your best. We must teach the young people in our care to develop a mindset where they see mistakes as opportunities to learn and we must also help them develop a firm belief that with persistence and effort they can always grow and improve in any area they set their mind to. At this time of the year when assessments and exams are at the forefront of our minds, having this kind of ‘growth mindset’ is crucial. It can be a stressful time, particularly for our older students, but by approaching it all with the right attitude, it can be seen as a valuable time of learning.

At the P-6 assembly, I also took the opportunity to speak to the students about being safe, being responsible and being respectful of each other. I have become aware of a few instances in the playground recently where students are making choices that are not consistent with these Benedictine values. I have made it very clear to our students that hurting others or damaging their property is unacceptable and that anyone making these choices will most likely lose the privilege of being in the playground for some time. Most students have an excellent understanding of what it looks like to live these values on a day to day basis. It is important, however, that as parents and teachers we work together to ensure this becomes second nature to our young people. We can do so by consistently reminding them of the Golden Rule... “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Brisbane Catholic Parents & Friends Archdiocesan Council
The Brisbane Catholic Parents & Friends Archdiocesan Council is holding its Annual General Meeting at Marist College Ashgrove at 5.30pm, this Thursday 10th March. They have a guest speaker – Michelle Young (Brisbane Catholic Education) who will be discussing ‘Visible Learning’ from a parent point of view. Parents can learn more about how teachers can help
students become their own teachers. All parents are welcome to attend. Dinner and hospitality will be provided at no cost.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal

Head of Primary News

Lego
A big thank you to the parents and parishioners who have donated Lego to the Lego Lunchtime activities on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. It is proving to be a big hit. Thanks.

Dance Fever
Dance Fever Extravaganza is on Monday the 21st March in the Maryknoll Centre. Please come along and see the wonderful excitement and joy of the children demonstrating the skills they have learned over the past 8 weeks. We will be ready to start at 9.00am so all family are welcome to come along.

Positive Behaviour for Learning or PB4L
PB4L is a proactive approach to positive recognition of student actions. PB4L assists schools to teach students expected social behaviours. Teaching and supporting social and behavioural skills to students creates student behavioural health and contributes to academic support systems. PB4L matrix helps to educate everyone on how they should behave, clearly communicate expectations and respond to students who don’t meet the expectations. Equipping everyone to have positive behaviour that allows the student and everyone to learn. PB4L works towards changing the behaviour of adults to improve relationships, and on building environments that make the learning of replacement behaviours more effective and durable. Behaviour management sits under the umbrella of PB4L.

The PB4L Reflection sheets that children complete when necessary, with the teacher or support person are important. It helps the child acknowledge and own their behaviour. The reflection sheet gives them opportunities to think about the other person and about restorative justice or restoring relationship. If your child receives one of these Reflection Sheets can you please speak with them about their actions within the framework of our Benedictine Values. Seeing the PB4L Reflection sheet as a positive step rather than punitive is a change in the way parents might deal with the behaviour. The covering letter that is with the Reflections sheet has suggestions.

Sacramental Program
2016 is the last year that the Saint Mary’s Parish Sacramental Program will be in its current format. There were 19 children last year who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
In May this year these children will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the same year and in the same celebration.

If your child has been Baptised and has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation they will be eligible to receive the sacraments this year. If not then they will be part of the new format for receiving the sacraments.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Rodcliffe
Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Consult Not Your Fears
Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams
Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.
(Pope John XXIII)

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Examinations And Assignments Are Happening Now
I would like to remind parents and students that exams are occurring at present and assignments are due. Teachers need to assess students in Years 7-12 before camp week begins on Tuesday, 22nd March. Please encourage your child to study for exams and make sure assignments are complete. If you have any issues, please contact Mrs Burr (7-10) or Mr Dunbrack (11-12).

Mobile Phones
Phones may be handed in to the office for safekeeping during the school day. Many students choose this option as they are not needed during the day. If a student chooses to keep their phone on their person, they must not use it. If it is stolen or lost, the College accepts no liability. If a student is caught using their phone, it will be confiscated and handed in to either Mr Fomiati or Ms Robertson. On the second occasion, the phone will be given to Mr Erwin who will place it in the school safe until parents can collect it. Thank you for your co-operation in the correct use of phones at our College.

No Cars on College Oval Please
It has come to my attention that parents are driving up the back entrance near the hospital and parking on the College oval for sporting events in the Maryknoll Centre. Please do NOT park on the College Oval as we are trying to keep the grass alive in preparation for sporting events and playtime for the children. Bunting will be placed in this area on Friday to remind parents not to drive up and park on the oval. Please park outside the College and walk through to the Maryknoll centre.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary

APA News

Year 7 to Year 12 Camps
Parents should note that all information about these camps will be sent home this week with students. Students have been reminded that there are to be no mobile phones, iPods, computer games, cameras or additional food or lollies on any of the camps. We ask that parents assist us in this endeavour by overseeing the packing of all student items. Parents should also note that our camps assume the best behaviour in our students. Serious misconduct can result in parents being asked to pick their student up from camp prior to the final day.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 24th March: Reports posted to parents. Included will be information about how to book Parent Teacher Interviews on-line.
Tuesday, 19th April: Parent Teacher interviews in the Mary Knoll Centre (Kingaroy).
Wednesday, 20th April: Parent Teacher interviews in St Joseph's Hall (Murgon).

Equestrian News
Nominations for the South Burnett Cowhorse Competition are now open.

The competition will again be conducted by Saint Mary's Catholic College at Nanango Showgrounds. Parents currently on the Equestrian Team mailing list should have received information by email already. The same information can be accessed from the College Website.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

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World Day of Prayer

Last Friday four of our students performed a small role in the Ecumenical service held down at the Uniting Church.

Bridget McDonald, MacKenzie Whitaker, Katherine Trebbin and Lydia Penny played the role of young Cuban women and girls in the event designed to draw attention to the plight of Cuba, especially Cuban women and children. As part of the liturgy, the congregation reflected on scripture from Matthew 18: 2-6

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

This is a beautiful piece especially for our educational setting and it flips on its head the old adage, ‘children should be seen and not heard’. Where Jesus’ mates were concerned, the children were just bothering him and being a distraction. Jesus attests that this type of distraction is His core business and the core business of God. Jesus goes even further and suggests that we all should be more child-like, this seems so counter cultural and almost impossible. I suggest Jesus is asking us to look at things in a more simple way, see others with innocent eyes and be slow to judge and to look to the joy in the most basic of things.

I would like to thank the students for their courage and child-like acceptance of quite an unknown and daunting task, the College can be very proud of them.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

School Fees
Thank you to all families who have paid their Term 1 Fees which were due Friday, 26th February. If you are facing financial difficulty at this time and are unable to pay promptly, please contact Mrs Briony Hoare (Finance Secretary) to discuss a payment arrangement. Reminder Statements will be sent out to those families who have not made contact with the office. Please contact us immediately if you have not yet received your Fees Statement.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Guidance Counsellor News

Paediatric Outpatient Service, Kingaroy Health Service, Commencing: 4th March 2016
Given the high demand for Paediatric services, we are pleased to announce the commencement of a public Paediatric Outpatient clinic at the Kingaroy Health Service from the 4th March. The clinics will run weekly on Fridays.

Access to this public paediatric service will require a valid referral from a General Practitioner. Families who do not yet have their own GP need to make an appointment as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Lewandowski MD, FACRRM, FAAFP
Medical Superintendent, Kingaroy Hospital
Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service
Phone: 4162 9200

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor
Library Borrowing

Next week will be the last borrowing including Take Home Reader and Accelerated Reader. We will require all library books back by Monday of the last week.

Chess

Students had a wonderful time in Maryborough at the Regional chess Competition last Wednesday. Mr Dunbrack and Mr Hutton were very impressed by the integrity and commitment the students displayed throughout the day. With over 140 competitors, the Saint Mary’s chess team did us very proud indeed! An extra well-done to Rosie Clancy, Chris Janz and Jim Corbet for attaining merits for their achievement. We are very pleased to report that one of the Secondary teams achieved an overall third in the competition (Robbie Veivers, Sajeeva Ranasinghe, Chris Janz and Jared Gossow) with Jared attaining the first position overall for the Secondary side of the competition on the day!

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 continue to occur. 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
Teacher Librarian

Curriculum Corner

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), Mrs Burr (Yr 7-10 Teaching and Learning Leader) or Mr Erwin (Head of Secondary) 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.

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

Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News

2016 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2016.

Kind regards
Mr Paul Fomiatti
Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader

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Congratulations to the fantastic Year 2 class which sang the song, "Gecko", on assembly on Friday. They were very entertaining and used their beautiful singing voices, which is a big developmental step for children of this age. This performance is part of a series of assembly performances in preparation for the Kingaroy Eisteddfod, quickly approaching in Term 2 (4 – 7 May).

Saint Mary’s is fielding a massive team for this year’s Eisteddfod. This event is an educational challenge for students, as it is a “real-world” performance and everyone needs to know their part in their ensemble. I believe it is a rite-of-passage for music students of all ages, a time to stand up and display your developing skills with pride. All students from Year 2 to Year 6 are in the Primary choirs, and all Elective Music students are members of the Secondary Vocal Ensemble.

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<td>C1 – Own Choice Primary School Junior Choir (Prep-3)</td>
<td>“Gecko” and “Koala Baby Lullaby” (from “Animal Songs” by Sherelle Eyles)</td>
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<td>C2 – Sacred - Primary School Junior Choir (Prep-3)</td>
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<td>C4 – Own Choice Primary School Senior Choir</td>
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<td>C5 – Sacred - Primary School Senior Choir</td>
<td>“Blue-Green Hills of Earth” by Kim Oler</td>
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<td>C6 – Concert Item – Primary School Senior Choir</td>
<td>“This Ol’ Man” arranged by Greg Gilpin</td>
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<td>All Year 9 – 12 Elective Music students + any additional singers from Years 7 – 12 are members of the SECONDARY VOCAL ENSEMBLE.</td>
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<td>“Domine Deus” by Sally K. Albrecht</td>
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<td>All Year 4 students are members of STRING IMMERION ENSEMBLE</td>
<td>B1 – Beginner Band or Orchestra</td>
<td>As per 2015 Celebration of the Arts, plus Salamander Samba <em><strong>new</strong></em></td>
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<td>SENIOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA</td>
<td>B10 – Combined Primary/Secondary School Ensemble (6-15 players)</td>
<td>“Spring” from Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons” and “I Dreamed a Dream” from “Les Miserables” and “Waltz” by Shostakovich</td>
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All students have all of the music so they are able to practise at home. The Primary students are particularly entertaining, as they have some fun actions to their songs, so ask them to sing for you! It’s a great way to help them to build their self-confidence. Thanks to all parents and carers for your support in this College Arts development project.

Yours in music
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

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**Homework Club**
finishes Thursday, 17th March
Indigenous News

Annual BBQ Reminder
Next Monday, 14th March is our annual Term 1 BBQ at the Cherbourg Catholic Church starting at 4pm.

We hope to see you all there.

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

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Potato Scallops $2.00 😊
Morning Tea and Lunch - Cheesy Vege 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.

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 .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.

Do you know
That we sell Fish Burgers! Our fish burgers are made fresh to order. They consist of a piece of crumbed fish 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

Or you can order a piece of Fish for $3.50 each.
Also we have available **Fish Bites**. Battered fish in servings of 2 for ($1.75) or 4 ($3.50). Both these items are available to order for second break.

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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**Whip Cracking News**

**Whip Cracking Team Upcoming Events**
- Saturday, 2nd April Kilkivan Great Horse Ride (Performance)
- Saturday, 16th April Kilcoy Show (Performance)
- Thursday, 19th May Rural Queensland Show Rural Discovery Day (Performance)
- Saturday, 6th August Royal Queensland Show Australian Stockwhip Challenge (EKKA Competition & Performance)
- Friday, 14th October Chinchilla Grandfather Clock (Performance)

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

Kind regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

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**International Women’s Day**

Tuesday marked International Women’s Day. The Saint Mary’s tradition continued with a breakfast to mark the occasion. Senior girls, significant women in their lives and female staff attended the celebration. We shared prayer, stories and all enjoyed the guest speaker for the day. Kirsten Firman is the Manager of Youth and Community Services at CTC and has been a parent at Saint Mary’s for over a decade. She is a highly respected professional in the community and well-regarded and loved mother and Saint Mary’s supporter. We are always inspired by our guest speaker’s story and encouraged to continue to strive for equality in gender rights and empowerment for our young women here at Saint Mary’s. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Kind regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
IWD Organiser at Saint Mary’s

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**U15 Boys Football**

It was good to have the first game of the season. Saint Mary’s U15 boys played well against Murgon State High School although going down 12:4.

Murgon went to half time just 4 points up but early in the second half Hayden Binnie levelled the score when he scooped up a loose ball, and ran virtually the full length of the field to score in the corner. The spectators went wild. The score remained 4 all until nearly full time when Murgon scored 2 fairly quick tries. Special mention to captain Tristan Sanders for leading the team well and Callum Burt for some great tackles.

Good work boys.
Mr Kingsley Ware
U15 Boys Football Coach

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realise your dignity
The Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends invites parents with children in Catholic schools to their Annual General Meeting.

**Special Guest for the evening:**

Michelle Young speaking on Visible Learning

Michelle is a Senior Education Officer at Brisbane Catholic Education.

Visible Learning is the result of the largest ever evidence-based research into what actually works best in education. Visible Learning applies the strategies and innovations that are proven to work best and identifies where to concentrate efforts in order to improve student achievement. According to Hattie’s findings Visible Learning occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers.

This Annual event is for all parents with children in Catholic schools.

**Why not consider getting involved at another level?**

We need your valuable experience & opinion.

All Executive positions are vacant and most office bearers are finishing their terms.

Nominate today for a position on the Executive of your Archdiocesan Parents and Friends.

Nominations are called for all Executive positions including:

- Chairperson,
- Deputy Chairperson,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer

and up to 10 ordinary members

Nomination Forms are available from info@pandf.org.au

Everyone Welcome

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