Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary's

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to acknowledge all the effort and commitment I have witnessed from both students and staff during this first stage of the school year. It is a real privilege to have joined a community where the core values are so evident and where people strive to live by them every day. This was clearly visible as I read through the students Term 1 reports and saw how many of them were consistently demonstrating commitment to the Benedictine values. These reports will be coming home soon. My congratulations go out to all our students for their efforts so far.

As I write this, many of our students and staff are away on camps. I hope and pray that these days spent together are both enjoyable and inspirational – may they be a growth experience for everyone involved. At the end of the week, we will have the opportunity for a well-deserved break. I also pray that during the weeks ahead, you as parents and carers are able to enjoy some quality family time with your children and loved ones.

This weekend is the high point in the Church Year. The Easter Triduum, commencing with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and concluding on Easter Sunday, recalls the most significant events of Holy Week. I encourage you and your families to be part of these celebrations as we recall the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is a joyful celebration when, with renewed energy and hope, we can live out our belief in the Risen Christ and try to bring his presence into the world through our care and compassion for others.

A few important pieces of information:

Please note - Monday 11 April is a Student Free Day. Term 2 classes commence on Tuesday 12 April.

The College Parents & Friends Association has organised a working bee for Sunday 17 April. I would like to encourage as many families as possible to be involved. It is a wonderful way to be of assistance and contribute to the school community.

Our new classroom block will be opening at the beginning of next term. We are really looking forward to moving in and making use of this wonderful new facility.

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of next Term. Please take the time to book in and meet with your child’s teachers. This is an important time of year to discuss their progress and to see how you can best support them at home.

May this Easter Season be a blessed one for you and your families.

God Bless

Mrs Angela Myles
Principal
Head of Primary News

Dance Fever
Great morning had by all!! Thank you to the many family and friends who came to watch and then found themselves joining in!! Dance Fever happens every two years. We are looking into having the final event recorded so parents do not miss out on their child's performance. However, there are requests by Dance Fever Multi Sports, that the video or any recorded footage does not go up on social media e.g. Facebook.

Holy Week
Monday is the start of Holy Week, Thursday begins the Easter Triduum – Holy Thursday – Last Supper and washing of the feet, Good Friday – the Passion of Christ and Easter Sunday the Resurrection of Christ.

The children are doing all sorts of activities to learn about and celebrate this amazing part of the liturgical year. Below are Mass times for Saint Mary's Parish. **Holy Thursday – our last school day – is the day that the children Prep to Year 6 will be conducting a pilgrimage.** The children will be walking from class to class to participate in a meditation/activity celebrating parts of Holy Week. The pilgrimage finishes with Jesus being laid in the tomb. When we return first day back the children will assemble in the MKC to celebrate the Resurrection.

The pilgrimage is a time of prayer and reflection. **We are having prayerful silence from 9.00 to 10.30am.** Children gather in the MKC for a gathering prayer. The children then move with their teacher to their starting point. The children move from one activity to another in contemplative prayer and gather together for a final prayer and reflection back in the MKC at 10.30am.

As this will not be a normal start to the day, if your child is late on the last day then it may be difficult for your child to find their class. If possible please have your child here at 8.40am and refrain from collecting your child until after 10.30am. Otherwise please let your child's teacher know that you will be collecting them between 9.00 and 10.30 and the teacher will ensure that the child is at the office.

Staff news!
Congratulations to Claire Van Dyk who will be getting married over the Easter holidays! Claire or rather Mrs O'Brien, will be returning after the Easter holidays but will be taking some Long Service Leave later in the year.

We also wish Debbie Barry well with her recovery during Term 2. As I said we wish them well and hope to see Mrs. Barry back before too long.

We return to school Tuesday 12th April 2016 ready to begin our 11 week Term 2. Cheers and have a safe and spirit filled Easter.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

Head of Secondary News

Easter Blessings
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families Easter blessings.

As we all head off to camp and work experience it is a good time to reflect on term one and look ahead to term two after a well deserved two week break.

Thank you to all the 7-12 teaching staff and school officers for their wonderful work this term and their gracious volunteering for camp.

School for term two starts Tuesday, 12th April.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Head of Secondary
**APRE News**

**Mass Times for Holy Week at Saint Mary's Catholic church - Kingaroy**

Holy Thursday 7.00pm  
Good Friday – 3.00pm  
Easter Vigil – 7.00pm **Saturday night**  
Easter Sunday – 10.00am

The Saint Mary's Parish newsletter has the Holy Week times for Kumbia, Nanango, Cooyar, Yarraman and the Bunya Mountains.  
www.stmarys.southburnett.biz

Kind regards  
Mr Martin Perrett  
APRE

**Guidance Counsellor News**

I hope you have enjoyed and been challenged by some of the items I have put in the newsletter, I highly recommend any articles or books written by Fr Richard Rohr, Mark Nepo, and Brené Brown.

I will leave you with an article by Brené Brown she describes ‘wholehearted’ families where each of us can continually learn and grow as we reach our full potential, including:

- Cultivating worthiness in families—the knowledge that we are each always worthy of love and belonging
- Vulnerability—the key to true connection
- Engaging in creativity and play as a family
- Practicing gratitude and joy in the home
- Respect and hard work in a culture of “fun, fast, and easy.”

“It’s actually our ability to embrace imperfection that will help us teach our children to have the courage to be authentic, the compassion to love themselves and others, and the sense of connection that gives true purpose and meaning to life.”

With Sincere Kindness  
Mr Graham Turnbull  
Guidance Counsellor

**Music News**

We have had such an action-packed term in the Music Program that I think a holiday is very well-timed!

**Kingaroy Eisteddfod (4 – 7 May)**

The students in the Junior and Senior Primary Choirs have had their first combined rehearsals, and they sang beautifully.

The Secondary Vocal Ensemble combined for the first time on Thursday lunch, which was also very successful, and highlighted the challenge of singing in different (and complex) vocal parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass).

The College Senior Orchestra also has a lovely program to perform in the competition as well, and the Year 4 students in String Immersion are making great progress on “Salamander Samba”.

All of the students will be coming home with an Eisteddfod permission letter in Week 1 of Term 2, and hopefully, the Eisteddfod committee will notify us of the specific competition dates by this time. Thank you to all students and their families for all of the effort in preparing for this major Music Program Project.
New Piano/Singing Teacher
I would like to welcome Jordy Green to our fantastic team of Music Tutors.

Our Music Tutor Team now includes:
- Jo Kennedy (Strings)
- Grant Jeppesen (Guitar)
- Jo Hopkins (Woodwind/Brass/Drums/Elementary Piano)
- Shannon Cridge (Singing/Flute)
- Jordy Green (Intermediate and Advanced Piano/Singing)

All contact details are available from the College Office.

Music Tuition Fees
Just a reminder that your Term 1 Music Tutor Fees are due to your tutor as soon as possible. If you have any questions of concerns please contact your Tutor.

Hi! My name is Jordy Green, and I am a qualified Singing and Piano Teacher. I am taking on some students for lessons, starting in Term 2 at Saint Mary’s Catholic College.

Some of my previous training includes completion of AMEB Piano examinations, AMEB Theory of Music examinations and most recently, Trinity College of London singing examinations.

My most recent feat includes taking on the Conductor’s role of the South Burnett Chorale. This is something that has both challenged me and also helped me grow professionally and personally. I enjoy sharing music with other people because music is a language everyone can speak, whether it be being directly involved in music or a content bystander who occasionally taps his foot to the beat of a song.

I am interested in sharing my passion with other learners, inspiring them to strive for success and helping develop their musical ability to complement their interests and aspirations by having fun and also respecting discipline.

If you would like to enrol your son or daughter in Singing or Piano lesson, please give me a call on 0407608580 to have a chat with me. Lessons will be for approximately half an hour, at a fee of $30 each lesson.

Have a happy Easter!

Have a blessed Easter and a wonderful holiday,

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

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

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

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

Kind regards

realise your dignity
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

P&E News
Last Tuesday night the P&E held their AGM. The results were as follows:

- President: Susan Robertson
- Vice President: Damien Martoo
- Treasurer: Neil Mungall
- Secretary: Sharon McFarlane

Thank you to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to come to the meeting.

After the AGM, we held our General meeting. We are holding our first Working Bee on the 17th of April with an 8.00am start, it would be lovely to see as many families there as possible. We will be working on cleaning up the gardens. I will send out another reminder closer to the date but if you could add it to your calendar that would be great.

The annual Cowhorse event is being held on the 28th of April, the P&E cater for this event. If anyone is willing to help on the day with the serving of food could you please email or ring me to let us know. It is always a great day spent with other great Mums and Dads.

My email address is sbrobbo@gmail.com and my phone number: 0419 766 141

God Bless,
Susan Robertson

realise your dignity
The Saint Mary’s U15 boys did us all proud when they took on a much taller and heavier Nanango SHS team. (16/03/16) They played as a team and kept each other going even though Nanango soon had a significant lead. Early in the second half, the lads got a break and were able to push Nanango right back for the first time in the game. With some quick playing of the ball and good passing (and a few heart stopping moments for the teacher) Lennox Bligh ducked in under the defence to put the ball down cleanly for our first try. Saint Mary’s continued to push back and Hayden Binnie rewarded us with a second try soon after.

Nanango’s number 10, a very big solid fellow, was clearly their main player and took a lot to stop. At one stage he busted through the Saint Mary’s pack and the only one between him and a try under the posts was our full back Paddy Hoult. As Paddy came in he was palmed off to the ground. Refusing to admit defeat Paddy regained his feet and gave chase, single handedly keeping the giant away from the posts and tacked him about 5m before the line. It was a brilliant piece of football.

Full credit to Nanango for winning as well as reducing their team numbers to match ours. Saint Marys had twelve players and a further two had to be sidelined through injury. The larger, heavier Nanango pack with a significant supply of reserves used the interchange to their advantage and had a steady supply of fresh players on the field. While this proved the decisive factor, our team were worthy opponents.

Kind regards
Mr Kingsley Ware
Coach
Kingaroy Rugby League Football Club
If you are female, 13 or older and interested in playing Rugby League for an all female team, come to the Kingaroy Rugby League grounds for training and information on Tuesday or Thursday at 5:30pm. Under 14 and Under 18 teams.

An Afternoon with Gavin Cooper

FAMILY FRIENDLY
MURGON SHOWGROUNDS
Saturday 26th March 2016
12:30pm - 3:00pm
BBQ LUNCH AND CANTEEN OPEN

AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
12:30- BBQ Lunch Starts
1:00-2:00pm- Rugby League Fun Activities
2:00-3:00pm- Welcome Home Gavin
Presentation of NRL Trophy & Years of Service Medallions

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KINGAROY TOUCH ASSOCIATION

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Blue and green budgie has been found at the College. Please contact the College office if it is yours.
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Vacation Care

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7AM - 6PM Weekdays

29th March 2016 - 8th April 2016

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<td>Join us as we get fit and have fun playing, Cricket, Netball, Touch Footy and Soccer.</td>
<td>Learn how to make paper animals, flowers and more with the art of Origami.</td>
<td>We will be going to the cinema to watch Kung Fu Panda 3 or Zootopia. Movie will depend on time of session.</td>
<td>Bring your ipads, Remote control car or gadgets, if you don't have a gadget don't worry we have ipads and xbox to share so no one misses out.</td>
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