Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary's,

Last weekend, my family and I celebrated my parents’ 50th Wedding anniversary. It was wonderful to see that my parents’ years of love, selflessness, joys and struggles had made such a difference to the lives of their children, grandchildren and wider family. To be a parent is probably both the world’s toughest and at the same time most rewarding job. I came away with a renewed sense of hope that my wife’s and my own efforts and struggles as parents will make just as big a difference in the lives of my daughters. This Sunday, we will celebrate Mother’s Day, when we each remember the incredible sacrifice of our own mother. There is a great YouTube clip on the challenges of motherhood at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB3xM93XbY. I would like to wish all our community’s mothers and grandmothers a wonderful Mother’s Day. Thank you for your sacrifices and the great love you have given to your children and grandchildren.

For Catholics, we look to Mary, our College’s patron saint, as the model of motherhood. We can be fooled by the beautiful religious imagery of Mary into believing that somehow her life was an easy and blessed one, but nothing could be further from the truth. Mary became pregnant to Jesus outside of wedlock and risked being stoned to death if it wasn’t for Joseph and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, her Son, was considered to be a madman and a revolutionary by many in her community and she no doubt would have faced a lot of criticism and nasty comments. In the end, she had to face seeing her own child tortured and murdered in front of her. Mary was a woman of incredible faith, strength and love. Many mothers pray through Mary when facing adversity and celebrating the great joys of motherhood, because Mary knows what it is to be a mother.

Cybersafety Night: All parents and carers are encouraged to attend our Cybersafety Night from 7.00 – 8.30pm on Tuesday, May 20th. Our P&F have decided to attend this night rather than meet that night, as they consider it so important. This night aims to give parents and carers the background knowledge required to assist their children to safely navigate the online world. ACMA will also run sessions for all students in Years 5 to 12 and for our teaching staff.

Cow Horse Competition: Last Friday, Saint Mary’s hosted another hugely successful Cow Horse Competition at the Nanango Showgrounds. It was wonderful to see around 120 students demonstrating their equestrian and cattle-handling skills across so many events. I would like to thank Mr Dalton, Mr Linnane, Ms Schultz, Mrs Cross and all of the student, parent and community helpers. I would especially like to thank Damien Martoo, Kelley Crane, Fiona O’Kane, Abby Andersson and the College’s P&F for organising our canteen for the day.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki’s Skype Question and Answer session: On Monday, our Years 2 -12s gathered in our Maryknoll Centre to listen to Dr Karl answer some of our trickiest questions. I would like to thank Mr Dalton, Mr Linnane, Ms Schultz, Mrs Cross and all of the student, parent and community helpers. I would especially like to thank Damien Martoo, Kelley Crane, Fiona O’Kane, Abby Andersson and the College’s P&F for organising our canteen for the day.

Interschool Cross Country: I would like to thank Mr Medlen, Mrs Johnston, Mr Hutton and Mrs Enwin for accompanying our students to the interschool cross Country. Mr Medlen said that he was very proud of the great efforts of our students, who just didn’t give up and ran throughout. Results from the interschool and College cross country appear later in the newsletter.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
From the Deputy

Christian Meditation P.D.

Last night, Pat Lavercombe from Brisbane Catholic Education, ran a 3 hour spirituality twilight meeting for our staff. This was a wonderful experience for all concerned and we learnt various ways to meditate and slow down. Many of these techniques are applicable to our classes, and teachers will be focusing on this over the next few weeks. Techniques discussed last night include: Centred breathing, Mantras, The Examen, Sensory walks, Mindful body movements, Lectio Divina and the Labyrinth.

If your child comes home this week mentioning these practices, have a chat with them and ask them to explain what they did in class. You may wish to take 10 minutes as a family and explore the technique. Time out for meditation is worth its weight in gold. I would like to thank Pat for his excellent presentation and it was lovely to see him back in Kingaroy after his previous presentation in 2007, when Mrs Battle was Principal.

Speaking respectfully

I have spoken to a few students recently about the way they speak to other members of their class. Words are very powerful and can be empowering or destructive. It is hoped that students will always use correct language and encourage their classmates to excel. When this is not the case, parents will be contacted and if needed, come in for an interview regarding their child’s behaviour and language.

Have a lovely week,
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APRE News

History of Mother’s Day

Part of the tradition of Mothers’ Day comes from the concept of Mothering Sunday. Here a Mothering Sunday was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honour mothers. After a prayer service in church to honour Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers.

On the occasion, servants, apprentices and other employees staying away from their homes were encouraged by their employers to visit their mothers and honour them. Traditionally children brought with them gifts and a special fruit cake or fruit-filled pastry called a simnel. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days.

The idea of official celebration of Mothers’ Day in US was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. Julia Ward Howe suggested that June

2nd be annually celebrated as Mothers’ Day and should be dedicated to peace. She wrote a passionate appeal to women and urged them to rise against war in her famous Mothers’ Day Proclamation.

In the wake of recent ANZAC day commemorations and in the light of Easter which signifies new life and hope, this proclamation has great sentiment and would resonate with tens of thousands of mothers around the world who have children involved in fighting for personal and collective freedoms.

‘Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be of water or of tears! Say firmly: “We will not have questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and patience. We women of one country will be too tender to those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

Julia Ward Howe
Boston 1870

Whip Cracking Competition (Novice)
1st - Mattea Kersnocski (St John’s)
2nd - Laura Tessmann (SMCC)
3rd - Stephanie Arrell (SMCC)

Mr John Dalton
Assistant to the Principal

Prep to Year 6 News

Term 2 Fees due by Friday 9th May

A kindly reminder that unless you have a formalised instalment payment arrangement in place with the College (e.g. Direct Debit, BPAY) your Term 2 account is due for payment by Friday 9th May.

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 Debits or BPAY. If you have not already contacted the office with details of your planned instalments, please do so immediately to prevent unnecessary fee follow up procedures.

Regards
Miss Kim Schultz
Business Manager

Walk Safely to School Day

The Walk Safely to School Day is fast approaching. Friday May 23rd. You can download the WSTSD App and take the Challenge. walk.com.au to access the free app.

Fun With Maths

Every two years the troupe from Fun With Maths visits our school and sets up amazing games and activities for the students Prep to Year 6. This will be in the Maryknoll Centre on Friday 9th May, running from 9.00am to 2.45pm. Parents are most welcome to come along for a look so please check with your child’s teacher when their class would be heading over to the Maryknoll Centre.

NAPLAN testing is next week. Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th with the catch up day Friday 16th May. Please see Ms Radcliffe if you have any concerns about your child sitting any aspect of the NAPLAN test period. The practice sessions gave the students a ‘taste’ and some experience especially for Year 3 as to the length and the configuration of the NAPLAN test. Any forms for Exemption or the application for a Disability Consideration need to be returned by Friday 9th May. The front office has forms if you have misplaced or need a form.

Senior Years News

Schools are busy places and the Senior School has been a hive of activity. The Student Representative Committee (SRC) successfully held a fund raising dance late last term. Training for QCS has begun as the senior students prepare for QCS testing early Term 3.

realise your dignity
Year 12 students have organised a class dinner on Tuesday 6th May. The Year 11 students attended a road safety course on Wednesday 30th April. The Year 12 school leaders will attend a Brisbane Catholic Education sponsored ‘Powerhouse of Leaders’ conference with other Archdiocesan Catholic schools on Monday 12th May. The Year 11 and 12 Chemistry students will travel to the University of Queensland on Saturday 24th May for a Chemistry Titration Competition. In addition, along with the rest of the College, students and parents were given the opportunity to discuss student progress last Tuesday 29th May. These activities reflect the range and frequency of activities that occur at Saint Mary’s and we have only been back a couple of weeks!

Mr Gary Curran
Senior School Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator

Books! – takes students on a journey back to Ancient Egypt to an oasis overflowing with a treasure of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practise reading, the better they’ll get.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates
16th - 20th June

Shopping Hours
8am - 8.40am, 2.55pm - 3.45pm

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Counsellor News

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The Possible Origins of the Words Sincere and Sincerely

The origin of the word sincere is disputed, although the popular etymology has it coming from words for ‘without wax’. It is commonly believed that sincere comes from two Latin words - sine ‘without’ and cera ‘wax’. Although even that much is challenged, there are two explanations for how ‘without wax’ came to be an important claim, both involving craftsmen, who during the Republic of Rome, would generally have been slaves or foreigners. Some think that marble workers would cover imperfections in the stone with wax, much as modern homemakers or unscrupulous antique dealers might rub wax to hide a scratch in wood. Another idea for the origin of sincere has more ominous consequences. Since cement was more expensive than wax, unscrupulous bricklayers would sometimes employ it – at least that’s the story. When it melted, bricks could shift and structures collapse. So the claim that something was sine cera would be an important guarantee. So how sincere are we in our everyday lives? With ourselves or others?

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch $3.50
Spring Rolls (4)
Lunch Only $3.50
Enchiladas

There are NO pies, party pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays.

Donations of baking ingredients especially self raising flour and caster sugar would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Roster
Fri, 9th May - Amanda Hetherington
Mon, 12th May - Cathy Gartner
Wed, 14th May - Rebecca Stokes

If you are unable to make your rostered tuckshop day please contact me at the College as soon as possible.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Whip Cracking News

The SMCC Whip Cracking Team, feel extremely privileged to have been invited to perform at the Opening Ceremony at the Rural Discovery Day at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds on Thursday, 22nd May.

The students will be performing in the main Arena at 9.30am.

Mrs Arrell and Mr Erwin along with parents will be attending the event. Rural Discovery Day will be a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents and also give them a chance to prepare for a large crowd for when they perform at the EKKA on Saturday, 9th August. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Arrell or Mr Erwin. The Whip Cracking Team would like to kindly thank the P&F for the donation of money towards the purchase of shirts, the Robertson family for covering the embroidery costs and the Frahm Family for organising and donating the crocheted rug for the Rug Raffle. Your donations were very appreciated.

Upcoming Events
- Mundubbera Show
  Saturday, 10th May
- Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Whip Cracking Competition
  Sunday, 22nd May
- RNA Rural Discovery Day Demo
  Thursday, 22nd May
- EKKA Demo
  Saturday, 9th August

Regards,
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Library Corner

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!
Blue Award (3 books) - Jade Jacob
Red Award (5 books) - Jade Jacob
Bronze Award (10 books) - Ben Trebin

Assessing reading for the Take Home Reader Program
At Saint Mary’s, we use PM Benchmark Reading Assessment to assess students for the Take Home Reader Program. This is only one method of gathering data on your child’s reading progress. Their class teachers can offer much more insight and feedback about their reading progress. The PM Benchmark Reading Assessment has been designed to explicitly assess students’ instructional and independent reading levels using unseen, meaningful texts. It provides in-depth support for the analysis of retelling, reading behaviours, fluency and comprehension strategies. At Saint Mary’s, PM Benchmarking is managed in a consistent and organised manner by trained staff. To this end, your child will be benchmarked once a term. Depending on each child’s retelling, fluency and comprehension, jumping a few levels might occur at certain stages of their development whilst for other children this might take a little longer. This is perfectly acceptable. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this program. Please contact me to make an appointment.

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Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Our school will be hosting another popular Scholastic Book Fair!
Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Harry Young who was one of eight players from Kingaroy Junior Soccer Club fortunate enough to get the opportunity to play at half time in the A-League Grand Final at the Suncorp Stadium last Sunday. Harry played in a four a side game and was able to score a goal. All of the kids had a great time and were very excited to see the Roar win the grand final in extra time.

Congratulations to Rosie Clancy who competed in the Kingaroy Eisteddfod. Rosie received the following awards:

- 1st in Australian verse own choice
- 1st in prepared prose reading own choice
- 1st in impromptu reading
- 1st in prepared scripture reading
- 2nd in humorous light verse own choice
- 3rd in set verse speaking

The adjudicator made some wonderful comments and Rosie also received the top three highest scores in the overall morning junior session.

P&F News

Over the ANZAC Day long weekend I was lucky enough to attend the bi-annual P&F Federation State Conference in Cairns. My main goal for the weekend was to learn what the Parents and Friends federation stands for at a local (our school), diocesan (Brisbane Diocese), state and national level. The overriding answer I received was RELATIONSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS. Relationships with other parents, our students, teachers and religious leaders.

I was able to attend many workshops and seminars hosted by various leaders in their respective fields all from which I was able to gain a lot of useful and practical knowledge from. All the information will be available to anyone who is interested very soon and I will make this available as soon as possible.

One of the most important lessons I was able to learn is the as Parents and Friends of St Mary’s we are very lucky to have such a supportive principal in Mr Nayler who understands the importance of parent, carer and grandparent engagement at our school. We are lucky to be a smaller community, so can I ask the next time you are at school say hello to someone you may have not met before. It may just open new avenues for everyone including your children and cheer up someone’s day.

Tomorrow evening I will attend our quarterly diocesan meeting in Brisbane to cement some of the relationships that were made in Cairns and gain some more insight into our federation and how we as a P&F can perform better in our pastoral care for our school.

realise your dignity

Last Thursday one of our fundraising coordinators, Kelly Crane, organized the catering for the Cow Horse competition in Nanango. The day can only be described as a success with P&F making around $1000 profit which will be invested into our school community. A huge thank you to Kelly Crane, Fiona O’Kane, Neil Mungall, Anne Baldacchino, Helen Wintour and Mr Dalton.

Blessings
Damien Martoo

Sports News

Cross Country

I am really proud of the efforts of our P-6 groups. Their participation was exemplary. Thanks to my Year 10 HPE class for acting as course marshals for the younger races. Many parents attended to see their children run. Thank you for your support.

There were some very strong performances in our upper school divisions. Thank you staff for your efforts on the day, particularly our recorders, who were kept very busy.

Age champions are given to 10yrs through to Opens in Boys and Girls. These students will be recognized both on assemblies and at Presentation Night.

House Points

1st - RUSH - 223 points
2nd - QUINN - 194 points
3rd - POLDING - 172 points

Boys Age Champions

10yrs - Ned Madden
11yrs - Leonard Polgjeter
12yrs - Sam McCarthy
13yrs - Lleyton Brown
14yrs - Pacey Clegg
15yrs-Matthew Patroni
16yrs - Ryan Jacobs
Open yrs - Nathan Dolan

Girls Age Champions

10yrs - Lannah Sowden
11yrs - Isabel Breidhauer
12yrs - Madison Crane
13yrs - Renee Irvine
14yrs - Clare Adcock
15yrs - Kiara Wright
16yrs - Bridget McCarron
Open yrs - Ellen Nixon

Whilst our younger age groups do not get age champions, our winners for the following age groups were:

Boys

5yrs - Nate Needham
6yrs - DeKota Hetherington
7yrs - Luke Green
8yrs - Thomas Curnin
9yrs - Darcy Brady

Girls

5yrs - Laiccee-Lee Dales
6yrs - Gypsy-Rose Chinnock
7yrs - Bridget Tebbin
8yrs - Kimberly Haydon

9yrs - Louisa Frahm

Congratulations to everyone that participated.

District Cross Country

29 students went to Districs this week. Every competitor did their best and parents would be proud of their efforts. The following students were selected to represent South Burnett at the Wide Bay Regional Trials. Good luck.

1st - Clare Adcock
3rd - James Gilmour
5th - Sarah Haack
3rd - Lannah Sowden
Saint Mary’s placed 4th in the Junior and Senior Shields.

Representative Trials

Over the last term many students trialled for District Teams. Here are some updates on those who have already received recognition.

South Burnett Soccer

Tennae Francis, Mackenyx Moller, Lateisha Wilkins, Kiara Wright, Sarah Haack, Clare Adcock, Cassie Firman, Callum Cook, Tom Kelly, Kyron Clegg, Sam McCarthy, Jordan Hetherington, Jackson Kelly, Alex Firman, Bao Truong, James Gilmour, Pacey Clegg.

South Burnett Basketball

Sam McCarthy, Ryan Jacobs

South Burnett Netball

Stephanie Arrel

South Burnett Rugby League

Blake Shirley, Frank McGregor

South Burnett Touch

Hannah Depper, Lateisha Wilkins, Mackenyx Moller, Carmen Sowden, Madison Crane.

South Burnett Softball

Lachlan Dolzan

Regional Representatives (so far)

Archery Nationals

Jaiden and Tennae Francis performed so well in Archery at the Nationals. Both students won medals.

Futsal Representatives

Congratulations to Clare Adcock who has just returned from representing Australia in Futsal overseas. Her team did not lose a game.

I would like to acknowledge all athletes over the last term and a bit. Outstanding efforts. Regards

Mr Allan Medlen

Sports Coordinator

2013 Year 12s

Any students from Year 12 2013 can collect any assignments if you wish. All material will be discarded after May 19th.
Date Claimer
Year 7 into Secondary
Parent Forum
22nd May 2014
All Welcome

What do you know about this?
Do you have questions?
Come along and let us know
your ideas and concerns

Representatives from various
Brisbane Catholic Secondary
Schools and Brisbane Catholic
Education will be on hand to
answer all your questions

There is no charge for this event

Saint Mary’s Catholic College
Kingaroy
Invites applications for the position of

Janitor – 10hrs per week
Monday to Friday
Miscellaneous Workers Award State Level 3

Applications need to be lodged via www.catholicjobsonline.net.au
Applications close Friday, 16 May 2014 at 4pm
A Role Description is available from pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au

Round 9
Name: 
Roosters vs. Tigers
Cowboys vs. Broncos
Warriors vs. Raiders
Titans vs. Rabbitohs
Storm vs. Sea Eagles
Knights vs. Panthers
Dragons vs. Bulldogs
Eels vs. Sharks

Nanango Cultural Centre, Cnr Drayton & George Street
Tickets can be purchased from
* South Burnett Regional Council Offices, 4189 9100
* Thorsps Showcase Jewellers, Kingaroy Shopping World
* Tickets also on sale at the door
The Satellite Cinema, 4 Short Street Kingaroy
* Available from the cinema before the session.
* Phone 4162 2336 (after 10am) or 4162 7199 during movie times.

All tickets $5
Opening Night: $20, includes refreshments—bookings recommended
Gala Opening: $15, includes chocolate fountain
Matinee: $5  Pensioners: FREE
For more information please see the Council website.
2014 Cow Horse Competition

Whip Cracking Winners

Bridget Barkle

Cameron Teske

Patrick Frohloff

Olivia Frahm

Goomeri State School
Aggregate School Winner