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

This week, we celebrate our Feast Day for Our Lady (Saint Mary), Help of Christians. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Feast Day Mass at 9am and Talent Show at around 1.10pm. Students will also have a sausage sizzle lunch and ice-block supplied by the College. Last week, I spoke of why Saint Mary is important to us, this week I thought that I would share some of the history of her Feast Day.

The term, “Help of Christians” was first used as part of a litany prayer back in the late sixteenth century, but the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians (May 24) was first celebrated in 1815. The feast day to Mary, Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed, except for during one brief period, until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as its principal Patroness.

St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. (https://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2012/2012523_1553.shtml)

Saint Mary, Help of Christians, we ask that You continue to bless all in our Saint Mary’s Catholic College community as you have done across our past 85 years. May our College continue to be a place of peace, harmony and justice as we seek to follow Your example. Amen.

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who joined us for our Cybersafety Night on Tuesday. I would also like to thank our P&F for supporting this important event. As well as our community, we were also joined by staff from St John’s Lutheran School and from our local St Mary’s Parish. For any parents and carers who couldn't make it to our Cybersafety evening, informative videos, information sheets and advice is available at: www.cybersmart.gov.au

Over the next week, we have a number of important events including:

- P&F Working Bee: 8am – midday Sunday, May 25.
- Parish College Mass: 10am Sunday, May 25 at St Mary’s Parish church.
- Fr Nigel’s Installation as our Parish Priest: 5.30pm Tuesday, May 27 at St Mary’s Parish church.
- Reconciliation Week liturgy: 9am Tues, May 27. All welcome.

I would like to remind parents and carers about a few legal implications related to school:

- Students or parents are not allowed to upload images and videos any Saint Mary’s students, in uniform or involved in College activities without permission from both the College and parents. As a College community we try our best not to publish any images of students without media permissions.
Student drivers: Students who drive a vehicle to school must see Mr Curran or Mr Erwin for a permission form before they begin driving. They must hand their car keys to the office for safe keeping during the day, so that they are not tempted to leave the College grounds. They are not allowed to drive any other students without the written permission of these students' parents. Sadly, I have been at other schools where students have broken these directives and crashed a vehicle with other student passengers.

I would again remind parents and carers about helping to advertise our Open Night to prospective families. We will be holding this night from 6.00 – 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 4. All current families are also reminded to organise enrolment interviews for any children looking to start at Saint Mary's in 2015 as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ

Mr. Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

From the Deputy

KIK
I would like to remind students that the social Media site 'KIK' is restricted to students 17+ Facebook is 13+

If your child is not the appropriate age they should not be using these sites.

For more information please visit the following excellent website:

Please be vigilant and monitor your children’s internet activity. It is for their safety.

Bus Behaviour
Students are reminded that whilst in the College uniform they are representing the school and excellent behavior is expected at all times. Qld. Dept of Transport guidelines are very clear behaviour and suspensions from 2-4 weeks may be issued by operators once a warning has been given. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Morning Arrival
Before 8.20am all students must be in the bottom courtyard as official duty starts from 8.20am. Students should not be outside rooms 38, 40, 41 and 42. Primary students should not be in the upper playground before 8.20am.

Whip Cracking
On Thursday, 22nd May, the Whip Cracking team will perform at the Rural Discovery day in front of 1000 students. Thank you to Mrs Anel, Mr Sims and Mrs Frahm for their help with organising the students and the excellent coaching Mr Sims provides on his days off.

On Monday, 26th May, the team will be combining with St John’s for filming of an episode of ‘Totally Wild’, which will be aired later in the year.

If you wish your child to be part of this and they are part of the current team, please sign the media release form I will give them this week.

Have a crackin’ week!!
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APRE News

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, 24th May
This Friday the 23rd of May, the College will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians with a Mass at 9 am in the Mary Knoll Centre celebrated by Father Nigel. May the 24th 1814, is the day that Pope Pius VII was released from incarceration by the French. The Holy Father vowed after many prayers of intercession to God through Mary, that if he ever was released and returned to the Roman See he would honour Mary by the instituting of a special feast.

Mary is known as the Patron of Australia because it is believed it was largely the rosary that kept the Faith and infant church in Australia alive. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, ‘Mary Help of Christians’ as principal Patroness. Even more directly we belong to the Parish of Saint Mary’s Kingaroy and our College also has that title, so the 24th of May is a very special day for us. We will acknowledge it on Friday, the day before the official Feast Day.

Obviously all families of the College are welcome to celebrate Eucharist with us. Students will be provided with sausage on bread and an ice block for lunch followed by our talent concert to end the day. There will be normal lessons between morning tea and lunch.

‘Holiday Retreat’ – Yes - Retreat
Unfortunately not for parents, but is it? It is on the upcoming holidays and it is for students, so it might be a type of retreat that parents might also benefit from. Fr Nigel, with Fr John Chalmers is running a Catholic Youth Retreat called Arise. This type of opportunity is rare for our students, especially when it is facilitated by our own parish priest. I will be attending some of the retreat myself and can organise free transport for any student interested. Below is some basic information about the experience, however a flyer can be obtained from the office at the College.

ARISE
WHERE: 4-7 JULY 2014 (3 NIGHTS)
WHO: YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GRADE 8
WHERE: PCYC BORNHOFEN 3510 NERANG MURWILLUMBAH RD, NATURAL BRIDGE QLD
COST: $120 PER PARTICIPANT $80 FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLING LIMITED SPACES ON THE BUS!

Joke of the week:
The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray. “Take only ONE. God is watching.”

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

God’s blessings
Mr Marty Perrett
APRE

APA News

During the last week, staff at the College have renewed their focus in the needs of Gifted and Talented learners.

With the help of Sue Prior from Brisbane Catholic Education, we have viewed the new BCE position statement about the needs of these students, and are currently considering how we should respond.

A gifted student is defined as “… one who performs or who has the ability to perform at a level significantly beyond his or her chronologically aged peers and whose unique abilities and characteristics require special provisions and social and emotional support from the family, community and educational context.”

Obviously such students have particular needs in the classroom. They require less time to acquire information, do not need repetition of task that other classmates might need, and like any students whose needs are not being met, may become bored or frustrated with mainstream teaching practices.

Our teachers will be continuing to work on this project for some time, ensuring that such students are identified, that class work for
them is varied to cater for their need to learn relative to their giftedness, and that assessment allows them to show their true colours and also address the criteria of the ACARA curriculum. Regards, Mr John Dalton Assistant to the Principal

Prep to Year 6 News

Sacramental Program – Confirmation and First Eucharist. August 31st 2014. If your child has been Baptised and completed their Reconciliation then there is a parent information afternoon and repeat evening on Monday 26th May for families wishing to have their child receive the final sacraments of initiation.

It will commence at 1.30pm in the Media Room of the Resource Centre at Saint Mary’s Catholic College Kingaroy. Repeated at 6.30pm (misprint last week) that evening in the Biscuit Tin. This is located behind the Saint Mary’s Parish Hall in Albert Street, Kingaroy.

If you are new to the program (or want an update), please bring a photo of your child (I have the ones from Reconciliation) to this meeting. You will receive two booklets one for Confirmation and one for Eucharist. Please bring $20 for the booklets and medallion and certificate. Bishop Finnigan will be presiding as will Father Nigel Sequiera.

Any questions or queries please contact Pam Rodcliffe at SMCC on 4162 2011.

Ms Pam Rodcliffe Prep - Year 6 Coordinator

Library Corner

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!
Blue Award (3 books) - Kathleen Janz and Elizabeth Watson
Bronze Award (10 books) - Ben Trebbin

Rapid Readers
Congratulations to the following students who have graduated from Lexile and are now on Rapid Readers.
Rory Voller (Year 5), Lateisha Wilkins (Year 6), Harry Flynn (Year 6)

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Once again this year, I am delighted to help P-7 students participate in the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities. Reading widely will bring untold benefits throughout their lives.

The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge at Saint Mary’s started on Monday 23 May and closes Friday 29th August.

Some teachers might choose to manage this challenge at school and may not send the record sheets home. However, all students will be given the opportunity to record the books they read at home. If you are unsure, please see your child’s teacher.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. ‘Experiencing’ books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.

Students will have received a reading challenge record sheet and bookmark to help them keep track of the books they have read.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates to students in Term 4.

For more information about Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

You can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this challenge.

Scholastic Book Fair
Our school will be hosting another popular Scholastic Book Fair!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books! – takes students on a journey back to Ancient Egypt to an oasis overflowing with a treasure of fun, engaging, and affordable books students want to read. Giving students 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 children practice reading, the better they’ll get.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children 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 and 2.55pm – 3.45pm

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Counsellor News

Kids Must Stress Less
http://www.generationnext.com.au
More kids in childcare, higher rates of divorce, greater pressure in classrooms and busy schedules that are comparable to those of adults. Are our Australian kids stressed out?

Tom used to be a stressed kid. ‘Just before his fifth birthday, he started developing separation anxiety. If I left even for a minute, he would get hysterical and cry,’ says mum Eugenie. ‘He’s always been slightly sensitive.”

Tom isn’t alone. Rhonda Wilson has worked in early childhood since 1983. ‘We currently have children in Australia aged four starting formal education that aren’t developmentally ready,’ says Brisbane-based Wilson, who works as a trainer in early childhood studies at Open Colleges. “Australia-wide changes mean there are more expectations placed on children in schools, in care, and by society in general.”

Tom’s sensitivities didn’t appear out of the
blue. ‘There was an event that we think possibly triggered it,’ explains Eugenie. He woke up one night mistakenly thinking he was alone in the house. This was enough to trigger future anxiety episodes.

Are kids today simply more stressed than they were a generation ago? ‘I don’t know if stress is the word,’ counters Dr Lennie Barblett, senior lecturer in early childhood education at Edith Cowan University in Perth. ‘They’re certainly more time-tabled.’ There is a misconception that if children aren’t scheduled with activities, they aren’t learning. ‘The world we live in isn’t always structured,’ she points out. A generation ago and beyond, kids had more time to play and freely explore their world. ‘Kids got physical and exercised their bodies and minds. Today there isn’t enough time for that.’

Dr Barblett advocates more ‘free’ playtime for children, explaining that play primarily teaches them to regulate their emotions and manage stress. ‘When children play, the group tells them what’s socially acceptable and what’s not,’ she explains. ‘Through play, children learn to negotiate, to problem-solve and to resolve conflicts.’ ‘Play is an awesome way for kids to manage stress, it physiologically interrupts the stress cycle. Literally, the brain becomes hijacked under stress,’ she says. ‘A child needs to develop that sense of “what do I do if this doesn’t work out?” They need to learn to think of another way of having a go, not just sitting and doing nothing. Play teaches that.’

Dr Barblett agrees that strategies like these would be potentially beneficial. ‘We (as teachers and parents) aim to promote things like curiosity, persistence, flexibility and resilience,’ she says. ‘A child needs to develop that sense of “what do I do if this doesn’t work out?” They need to learn to think of another way of having a go, not just sitting and having a good cry. Play teaches that.’

Volunteer Roster
Friday 23rd May - Jessica Langley
Monday 26th May
Wednesday 28th May - Rebecca Stokes

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

A big THANK YOU to all those people who donated dry goods this week. It is very much appreciated.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News
This week, for a change, I do not have a lot to say. Thank you to everyone who attended the cyber safety night last night. It is so important to track what our children are doing online and who they maybe talking to. Thank you Mr Nayler for organizing such an important session.

The only other advert I have this week is the WORKING BEE from 8am till 12 on Sunday. I know this clashes with Mass but even just an hour or two of your time would be amazing. We will even throw in a free morning tea and sausage sizzle when we finish. Not a bad trade at all. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally please keep other families from our school community in your daily prayers. We are all very busy in our day to day lives so this week I ask you to pray for others whether it be because of a lost loved one, a birth in the family, a marriage or just those who you think are putting in a champion effort in our community.

Blessings
Damien Martoo

Sports News
Primary Gala Sports Day
Students have selected their sports for this day and permission slips and information sheets will be given out on Wednesday. Grades 5, 6 and 7 will be involved. There will be no normal classes for these grades. Students will be transported by bus to the venues or if you wish to transport your own and spectate you are more than welcome.

2014 Athletics Carnival
Parents, please understand that this year’s carnival will be very modified to those held in the past. It is for one year only. The top oval needed to be levelled, top dressed ad reseeded with grass. This has been done, but is not available for use till the end of the year.

I will run a track program on the lower small ovals and some high jumps on the day as well. All throwing events will be done in class time and some lunch times. Students will not miss out and all events will count for House and Age Champion points as well as South Burnett Trials.

It will be a one day meet only and on the last day of this term. Thank you for your understanding.

Regards
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Home Economics News
With the completion of renovations in the Home Economics Rooms at the beginning of 2014 Saint Mary’s began a new era where more could be offered within the subject of Home Economics. There are now 5 classes within the middle years that are cooking regularly and also learning sewing skills. The students are now proficient in running stitch, applique, sewing on a button, design choice, fabric choice and stitching up after stuffing. The examples shown below are from Clare Adcock, Christopher Janz, and Nangkita O’Brien. Next is learning how to use a sewing machine. A very exciting product for this talented class. Home Economics is taught by Angelique Cook, Tamara Collins and myself. Thank you

Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Home Economics Teacher

realise your dignity
**Business in Action**

Recently I took my Senior Business Communications and Technology class to Meandu Mine to get up to speed with the relevant Work Health and Safety Legislation, Policy and procedures involved in this heavily regulated industry. It was a chance to experience a full visitor induction and then tour a maintenance hangar. I hope the students got as much out of it as I did even though I got a little lost on the way. Thanks to Mrs Leanne Harm from Downer, Meandu for facilitating this tour.

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**Futsal News**

The Primary component of the South West Titles has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers of teams entered. The Secondary Teams are all going ahead. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Coach

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**Indigenous News**

Our College will be celebrating National Reconciliation Week on Tuesday, 27th May.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/carers/guardians to come and join us.

It is a chance to "Walk the Talk" together about the meaning of Reconciliation and continue to build respectful relationships with each other. Morning tea will be provided.

Regards
Mrs Valerie Mathews and Uncle Eric Law

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**Volunteer News**

A BIG thank you to all our volunteers

Our parent volunteers work tirelessly in our College and support all the students and teachers.

For some time now our College has offered an information session that explains the Code of Conduct and Child Safety laws. This session is conducted by our Guidance Counsellor Mr. Graham Turnbull.

It is offered once or twice a term depending on demand. Our second session this term is Friday 30th May at 9.00am. This will be in the Media Room of the Resource Centre at the College.

All parents who work at the College will need to have completed the Code of Conduct and Child Safety information session and have their names recorded in our Volunteer Register if they wish to continue or to begin work at Saint Mary's Catholic College.

Thank you to the parents who have stepped up in an ‘emergency’ situation and may not have been recorded on our register as having been through the information session. However, after 30th May 2014 it will be mandated that all parents who volunteer will need to be registered.

Please come along Thursday May 22nd for a Morning Tea thanking you all for your diligence, effort and the incredible support that you so freely offer to the school community. This morning tea will be in the staff room so that we can all say a big thank you.

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**Cyber Safety**

**Saint Mary’s Catholic College**

**OPEN NIGHT**
Wednesday, 4th June 2014

6pm to 7pm Tours of the College facilities
7pm to 7.30pm Information session

**Enrolments Now Open for**

**Prep, Year 7 and Year 8 2015**

Enrolment forms available at the College office or on our College website
10 Kent Street, PO Box 311, Kingaroy QLD 4610
Phone: 4162 2011 Fax: 4162 1581
Email: pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au
South Burnett Autism Support Group
TRIVIA NIGHT
A Trivia Night fundraiser is being held to create awareness about Autism and help improve educational opportunities for autistic children, adults and families in the South Burnett.

Date: Saturday, 14th June 2014
Time: 7pm start
Place: Kingaroy Town Hall - Glendon Street
Cost: $10 per ticket
Theme: Movie Characters - Scooby Doo & Friends, The Mask, Star Wars, Flintstones, Austin Powers etc.

A multi draw raffle will be held on the night with loads of great prizes to be won. Get together with family and friends to make up a table of 8 players or join a table on the night. Supper will be provided at half time but BYO drinks and nibbles to keep you going throughout the night. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL to register and for further information, please call Melissa on 4162 5339/0427 691 017 or Tracey on 0420 920 112 or email sbautisngroup@hotmail.com.

Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program
Registrations are now open for the Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program being held in Kingaroy on Saturday, 2nd August 2014.

- Athletics Coaching Part A
- Athletics Coaching Part B (Sunday, 3rd August)
- Basketball Coaching
- Football (Soccer) Coaching
- Netball Coaching
- Sports First Aid (AST)
- Tennis Coaching
- Touch Coaching

The courses are FREE to attend on the day. Some courses require completion of assessment tasks for the awarding of formal accreditation. Fees for accreditation may apply for non-school sport volunteers. Registration is limited to one sport only as each course is approximately 6hrs in length.

Registrations close: Friday, 18th July 2014
Steve Paulsen
Development Officer
Level 8/111 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000
Phone: 07 3338 9265
Fax: 07 3338 9292

177 Army Cadet Unit Nanango - Cadet Expo
Nanango Army Cadets, with support from various Army Cadet Units from Brisbane, will be holding an Army Cadet Expo at Nanango State High School on Saturday, 31st May.

If your son or daughter is interested in joining Army Cadets, they must be aged from 13yrs up to 18yrs, male and female.

Training at Nanango State High School, Cairns Street every second Sunday from 8.15am until 4pm.

For further information please contact
Liane J. Kerr
Captain
Australian Army Cadets
177 Army Cadet Unit
Phone: 07 4164 6221
Mobile: 0448 840 751
Email: josephine2107@hotmail.com

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