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

This week, we have a number of farewells. Firstly, I would like to pass on our community’s thoughts and prayers to the family of Kathleen Burns (nee Carew), one of our first day 1929 students. Saint Mary’s will provide a guard of honour for Kath’s Requiem Mass at 11am on this Friday at St Mary’s Catholic Church. Both Kath and her daughter Kay Dove have been instrumental in recording Saint Mary’s 85 year history.

Kath wrote in our College history magazine, ‘In 1929 the sisters of Charity began classes in the church with about 30 pupils while the school was being built...My sister Betty and my brother Jack and I were among the first pupils. After about six months we moved into the new school.”

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, may Your perpetual light shine upon her.

This week, we will also farewell Aunty Valerie Mathews, our Indigenous Support Worker, who will return to study to become a teacher. We wish Aunty Val all the best for her studies and want to thank her for her great work across the past couple of years for our whole community, especially our Indigenous students and their families. Aunty Val has been a wonderfully kind and gentle presence in our community. We will advertise for a new Indigenous Support Officer over the next couple of weeks. Please make any potential candidates aware of this position.

At the end of this term, Raymond Undery who has filled in as our IT Support Officer will also return to his teaching studies. I am very grateful to Raymond who has worked extremely hard to get our College’s IT resources back on track. He originally came to help out for a few days and eventually stepped in to help us until the end of this semester. On Friday, we employed a new IT Support Officer who will begin in Semester 2.

I would also like to remind all in our community that we will farewell Jenny Cross at a special evening starting at 6pm on Thursday, June 26th. Please remember to RSVP to ahauritz@bne.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes.

This Thursday, Fr Nigel and I will attend the Priest/Principal forum with the Archbishop and all of the Priests and Principals from across our Archdiocese. I am very grateful to Fr Nigel for the strong relationship he has developed with our community. We are very blessed to have such a caring,
committed and inspirational Parish Priest in our community.

Last Wednesday, we held a very successful Open Night with around 40 prospective parents and students looking around our community. I would like to thank our staff, students and Damien Martoo (from our P&F) for their support. The prospective parents and students were very impressed with our great facilities. I would remind any current families seeking new enrolments for students in 2015 to book in an interview before the end of this term.

Finally, I would like to remind parents about our Benedictine Awards at 2pm on Thursday, June 26 and our Athletics Carnival on Friday, June 27. Our Athletics Carnival will take place on a modified track due to our recent oval repairs. Because of this modified track, it is unlikely that students will break school records at our Athletics Carnival. To allow this year’s students an opportunity to break records, we will count any records from the interschool carnival as school records.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

APRE News

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports are underway at the moment. During next week, teachers will be completing the marking of end of semester tests and other assessment, and then begin the task of completing the reports.

Unlike the previous Term 1 reports, these End of Semester Reports will include the mandatory evaluation of student academic achievement using five (5) levels of attainment.

In Years P-10, this will be:

- Well Above Expected (WA)
- Above Expected (AB)
- Expected Level (EX)
- Below Expected (BE)
- Well Below Expected (WB)

In Year 11-12, this will be:

- A (Very High)
- B (High)
- C (Sound)
- D (Limited)
- E (Very Limited)

It is hoped that the reports will go home with students on the final day of the term, but if there are any delays, they will be either posted home during the holidays or available when school resumes.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 29th July. Interviews can be booked using PTO (Parent Teacher Online) once reports are issued. Full instruction will be included with the reports.

Regards

Mr John Dalton

APA

APRE News

A reflection on Pentecost for us at Saint Mary’s Catholic College

Pentecost really marks the birth of the church and represents what we do here today. Most of the followers of Jesus were obviously very scared after his brutal death fearing they might cop the same treatment. They never really met and held a rally or protest against the Romans for what they did, the majority went into hiding. After a time (the bible recognises five weeks, Pentecost being the fifth) they found quite a gathering of them together in one place. What happens next is not a magic fire trick, but for the gathered it is as miraculous.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost Acts 2:1-10

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

I can't speak to the creative imagery of this event, and taken too literally it could be that these singular events can alienate students. If the messages in the bible are not understood it becomes a book for 'the nowhere and never' and not something we can use in the 'here and now' (Coleridge, 2014) and relevant to us.

Buoyed by the large numbers of likeminded people gathered in the one place, the deep feeling and passion for the person of Jesus and the news that in some way he is well and truly alive, they become inspired and filled with desire to keep this man alive for all, regardless of creed or culture. The passion for 'this man' and for 'what he stood for' burnt in them like fire. Everyone was on the same page, his message transcended all languages. They were not as much challenged anymore by his death but compelled to keep him alive – they were filled with spirit – the Holy Spirit.

As teachers we talk of numeracy and literacy and other cross curriculum priorities. I believe as a community, parents and teachers of a ‘Catholic education’ we should be buoyed by the collective, likeminded people with a passion or desire to see our students grow. If we discover for ourselves the awe and wonderment of learning and open that up for children, we are witnessing the spirit at work. In all subjects from science to woodworking, and in our domestic lessons about life and family, there is so much for us to be in awe of. Adults who are passionate about learning, who truly listen and look for the mystery and joy and ask the why questions, discover this and pass that sense of awe to their students and children. I believe that awe and wonderment is inspired by God and is the aspiration of education and the work of the Holy Spirit in its purest form.

The events of Pentecost are our events

1. A gathering of likeminded people with a challenge ahead of them, and
2. People with a passion and a mission that is moved by the spirit, aimed at inspiring others

God Bless

Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Wednesday Mass

There is no 8.15am Mass at the College on Wednesday, 18th June due to Book Week. The following week 25th June will be the last Mass at the College for this term. There will be no Mass at the College during the school holidays (2nd and 9th July). 8.15am Wednesday morning Mass will resume at the College on Wednesday, 16th July 2014 (week 1 of Term 3).
**Library Corner**

**Lexile Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

**Blue Award (3 Books)** - Lachlan Watson, Lannah Sowden, Patrick Flynn and Ainsley Moller

**Red Award (5 Books)** - Tiffany Kerkow, Lachlan Watson, Rahni Lucas and Anh Truong

**Bronze Award (10 Books)** - Samuel Erwin

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**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 children want to read. Giving children 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 students practise 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, 2.55pm – 3.45pm

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**Chess Competition**
Next week, we will hold our College’s chess competition for Years 3-12. All students of varying skill ability are welcome to participate. A primary and secondary team will then be chosen to participate in an interschool competition in Bundaberg.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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**Curriculum News**

**“Trig Trees” – A Year 9 Mathematics Investigation**
Over the last two weeks the Year 9 Maths classes have been learning about trigonometry through an investigation. We have been going out to the tree plantation behind the big oval to gather data through investigating the height of the trees using trigonometry. In this investigation, we have been measuring the height, circumference and ‘drip line’ of a range of different species of trees. We will then compile the results and add it to the already existing data from previous Saint Mary’s students’ data collection. Written by Todd Binding and Nathan Brandon, 9B.

“I never thought trigonometry could be this easy to understand. Using practical methods to work out the height of the trees made it very interesting.” Georgia Reeve, 9A

“Working hands-on outside made trigonometry easy to understand and fun to learn about.” Tahlia Yesberg, 9A

“It is important for students everywhere in Australia to be able to use real mathematics in their environment and be able to engage with their learning and surrounding environment” Todd Binding, Yr 9B

“This investigation has been interesting and exciting and a good way to learn first hand about how trigonometry works in real life.” Nathan Brandon, Yr 9B

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**Counsellor News**
Mark Nepo in his book ‘Finding Inner Courage’ writes of the great Roman orator Cicero (106-143BC) who offered these Six Mistakes of Man (sic) – six habits of thinking that keep us a prisoner of ever shrinking patterns:

- The illusion that personal gain is made up of crushing others
- The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected
- Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it
- Refusing to set aside trivial preferences
- Neglecting the refinement of the mind
- And attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do

All these attributes replace a larger view with a smaller one. All reduce instead of enlarge. All heighten our isolation over our common humanity. The fact is we can trace each Cicero’s “mistakes” to choices that are made, consciously or not along the way. All represent habits of thinking by which we forget that we are just a small part of something larger. It’s helpful to take a personal inventory to see if and where these choices have interfered with our compassion and vitality, and ultimately our courage.

In doing this myself, it is hard to personalize these without judging myself, for there are some of Cicero’s mistakes that I trip into all the time and others (like crushing others and compelling others to live as I do) that I don’t want to believe I am capable of. But it makes me wonder.

I will expand on Cicero’s six ‘mistakes’ over the next few newsletters – thank you.

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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“Going to the plantation and actually doing something hands-on outside has been very enjoyable.” Ben Green, Yr 9C

“I’ve enjoyed working in a group as this has been a good way to learn something new.” Ben Green, Yr 9C
Girls’ Slacks
We have now girls’ and ladies’ slacks in for Years 6-12 formal uniform. Sizes range from girls 6-16 and ladies 8-20. These are available from on Wednesday’s and are $42 a pair.

Hair Accessories
There are now hair accessories available to purchase from next Wednesday.

Have a great week.
Regards
Mrs Amanda Jensen
Uniform Shop Convenor

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch $3.50
Savoury Mince Jaffles
Lunch Only $3.50
Spaghetti Bolognaise

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

Volunteer Roster:
Friday 13th June - Amanda Hetherington
Monday 16th June - Cathy Gartner
Wednesday 18th June - Rebecca Stokes

If you are unable to make your rostered tuckshop day please contact me at the College as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to donate a day or a few hours, even just once a term, please contact me at the College.

Just a friendly reminder that we only accept Australian currency.

The excitement is building for this year’s Rock on Stage.

Thank you so much to everyone that has entered photos so far but we need MORE!

As we are all busy we have made it quite simple for all. We need each family to send us in some pictures- the fun bit is, each one is scripted- ie Johnny eating his breakfast, so easy!!! If you could email either Amanda Hetherington amanda0907@bigpond.com or Amanda Reinbott amandareinbott@bigpond.com we will give you further information. If your child is unable to do this at home we are happy to make them a part of this by getting some images at school.

P & F meeting is next Tuesday starting at 7pm. Any agenda items can be forwarded to myself and I will pass them on.

Blessings
Mr Damien Martoo
President

Year 8 Home Economics
This week: Cooking lesson. Students are required to bring a large container, recipe planner, workbook and writing equipment.

Next week: Demo cook. Students are required to bring a workbook and writing equipment.

On Friday, 20th June the Brisbane based Net Retreat team is facilitating a retreat for students in Year 8 to 12 at the College in the Maryknoll Centre. This starts at 2pm and will conclude at 5pm and dinner will be provided. Students can wear casual clothes if they choose to attend. Any interested students should register with Mr Perrett at the College Office. This is an Archdiocese initiative that the College is happy to host.

A big THANK YOU to all those people who donated dry goods this week. It is very much appreciated. If anyone is able to donate Self Raising Flour or Condensed Milk it would be greatly appreciated.

Homework
Our cookies are now egg free.
Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P & F News
With the weather really starting to cool off please keep those in our community who are not as lucky as us to have a warm home, food and blankets in your prayers. If you know of anyone that may need a nice hot meal please contact the P & F and we will try our best to assist them. My details are below. Any requests will be kept fully confidential.

The Staff and Students of Saint Mary’s Catholic College

Request the pleasure of the company of

Saint Mary’s Community

At the
Liturg of Thanks and Farewell Dinner for Mrs Jenny Cross
To be held at
Saint Mary’s Catholic College
Mary Knoll Centre
10 Kent Street, Kingaroy

Liturgy at 6pm
BBQ 6.30pm
On
Thursday, 26th June 2014

R.S.V.P. to Alice Hauritz by
Friday, 20th June 2014
ahauritz@bne.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 4162 2011

Hot milos and baked goods for sale on Tuesdays and Thursdays at morning tea in the Mary Knoll Centre Canteen.

- Milo $1
- Assorted Baked Goods 50c

Thank you for supporting our QISSN team.
Year 5 Camp

Jandowae Timbertown Festival

realise your dignity
Siena College Choir

realise your dignity

Nanango Hack and Pony Club Inc., in conjunction with the SB Equestrian Group are holding their
WINTER-FUN EQUESTRIAN DAY
Saturday, 21st June at Nanango pony Club grounds.
Open to all members of Pony Club QLD and SBEG. You can join one of the clubs on the day if you are not a member. The day is a relaxed 't-shirt' day and includes Hacks, English Trail, Rider classes and jumping.
$15 to ride for the whole day.
Canteen running all day.
Enquiries to Judy 0447 168 209.

SOUTHBURNETT JUNIOR
MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Presents
MOTOCROSS COME & TRY DAY
Sunday, June 15, 2014
9am start
Edenvale South Road, Kingaroy
Learners Wanted
First time riders most welcome

If you want to ride we need you!!

All first time riders ride for FREE
Come & Give Motocross a Go

For more info: Ph Col 0427 308 092 or Nick 0428 308 029

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