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

July 11 was the Feast Day of our co-patron St Benedict. St Benedict has been part of our Saint Mary's community for the past 80 years, as the Good Samaritan Sisters who took over Saint Mary's in 1934 are a Benedictine order. All of our modern religious orders have benefitted from St Benedict's rule and teachings about religious life.

For St Benedict, the Gospel message had to be more than just words; it had to be a message that came directly from the heart. St Benedict instructed his followers to practise sacred reading (lectio divina) where he and his monks would memorise the Scripture, study and contemplate it until it became part of their being. Four to six hours were set aside each day for this sacred reading.

This sacred reading, however, was a study in love, not intellect. Not just an exercise of the mind, it was an exercise of contemplation so that "our voices and hearts harmonise." Each word of God would soak into their minds, their hearts, their very souls, so that the prayers would spring up from the depths of their being, not just from their memory. "We realise that we will be heard for our pure and sorrowful hearts, not for the numbers of our spoken words." A heart was pure when it was empty of all but God's Word and our desire to remain in God's Word. (http://www.catholic.org/saints)

This semester we will welcome a number of new staff:

- Chris Randall will take over as our IT Technician as Mr Undery returns to his teaching studies.
- Karen Bond will take over as our Indigenous Support Worker from Aunty Valerie who also has taken on a new position and begins her studies to become a teacher.
- We also wish Dallas Brown, our Year 6 teacher all the best as he takes on a new permanent role at John Paul College in Brisbane in the next couple of weeks. We will interview for his replacement in the coming days.

Over the holidays, we had a number of activities for our students:

- QISSN Netball / Confraternity Rugby League: Our students were praised by coaches and referees for their great sportsmanship and ability. Our QISSN girls came 4th in their Division 6 final and beat a number of schools which were 3 to 4 times bigger than us. I would like to thank Ms Tucker (supervising teacher), Rob Firman (coach), Anne Baldacchino (manager) and all of the parents and staff who came along to support our team. Frank McGregor played Rugby League with Xavier College. His team made it through to their division's Grand Final. I would like to thank our P&F and College for their financial support for these students.
- Parish Retreat: I would like to thank Fr Nigel and Mr Richard who took some of our students away for an inspirational parish retreat in the Gold Coast hinterland.
- UQ Indigenous Leadership Camp: Once again our students were praised by the organisers of this event as a 'credit to themselves, their families and their school.' I would like to thank Uncle Eric, Aunty Valerie, Mr Hutton and Mr Turnbull who made this experience possible for our students.
As this newsletter is published, I will be returning from the National Catholic Secondary Principals’ Conference in Darwin. I hope that this conference will further inspire both me and our community towards excellence in all that we do. I am constantly amazed at both the level of talent of our students and the breadth of opportunities offered by our community. When you consider that we are a basically a combined primary and secondary school with just over 200 students in each, it is apparent that Saint Mary’s always achieves well beyond all expectations.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Arrival in the Morning and Roll Marking
I would like to remind parents of the following arrangements that will occur in Semester 2. These guidelines are a refinement of processes already in place.

- 8.40am: warning bell to go to class
- 8.45am: students and staff to be in class, roll marking to commence
- 8.50am: if a student arrives after this time they must go via the office and see Mrs Rutley at Student Reception to sign in late
- Any student who arrives after 9am must go to the office and sign in so that the College is aware they are on the premises. Students are not to go directly to class and assume the roll will be marked. It is a legal requirement that roll marking occurs so your cooperation is appreciated.
- Parents whose child is absent from school will receive a text message if the College has not been notified.
- Students who leave during the day are required to sign out through Student Reception once permission has been granted by parents/care givers.

Exchange Students
I would like to welcome Jens in Year 11 from Denmark and Carla in Year 10 from Germany who have started this Semester. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students of our College to experience another culture and I hope that their time at our College is rewarding and educational.

Rock on Stage
Rock on Stage for Prep to Year 12 students will occur next Friday night from 6pm to 9pm in the Maryknoll Centre. Rehearsals are underway each morning for the next two weeks and I have been very impressed by what I have seen. The night is about raising money for the Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines. There will be a raffle on the night and a gold coin donation for admission is appreciated.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
- Semester 1 Reports were posted home during the holidays
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 29th July
- Information about how to book interviews using PTO (Parent Teacher Online) accompanied the reports.

Equestrian News
A reminder that the Training Day with Mrs Frohloff and Cr Kathy Duff will be held this Thursday 17th July.

Nominations are now due for the South Burnett Equestrian Competition to be held at the Kingaroy Showground on Thursday 31st July. Nomination forms have been emailed to most riders, and are also available from the College website.

Finally, nominations are due for the Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition in Maryborough on 28th and 29th August. To nominate go to the usual website at www.nominate.com etc. Note that the campdraft section of this event has been cancelled due to unavailability of suitable cattle. Those who have already nominated for this event are able to access a refund of their nomination fee.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

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Catholic Education Week at Saint Mary’s

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 27 July - 2 August this year. The theme for this year’s celebration is: Come, live life in all its fullness.

This inspirational call is based on the Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to ‘live fully’.

Reflecting this Gospel call, our school, like all Catholic schools, strives to provide a learning experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

Here at Saint Mary’s. The senior students (years 10-12) will be watching a performance put on by Catholic Mission called ‘Where is my Home’. The aim is to create awareness in our students of the fortunate position they find themselves in and the importance of a Catholic education in becoming part of the solution to the problems that are portrayed.

It is performed by professional actors and will include some of our budding drama students and it looks at the issue of ‘the world of people on the move’ from as far afield as Sudan to our doorstep, Sydney. Through song, dance and drama the audience feels what it’s like to be forced to flee due to conflict. This is a harsh reality, but in each scenario Church workers are in partnership with the local community and there is hope.

This play will be on Wednesday 30th July at 11 am in the Maryknoll Centre.

The primary and middle year students will engage in one or numerous learning activities on the theme Come, live life in all its fullness provided by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

We also have Michael Jones, Education Officer (Mission and Evangelisation) from Catholic Mission who will visit classes and address the College on Tuesday 29th to promote the important work Catholic Mission does for troubled places and people in the world.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Overdue Library Books

Please return all overdue library books immediately! Letters will be sent home this Thursday.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge

This challenge continues this term. It will end Friday 29th August. Please keep encouraging your child to read and record their books. If their sheet is kept at school, they can record names of books and authors on a piece of paper and attach it to the form when they get back to school.

Prep- Year 4 need to read 20 books, Year 5-7 need to read 15 books.

LEXILE and Take Home Reader Program

This week, students on LEXILE will be tested to determine their most appropriate reading levels. Please remember that this testing is just a means to ensure that students are matched to the books they are most able to read and should not be a point of anxiety for them if their latest results have not increased considerably.

Welcome, Preppies to the Take Home Reader Program! Like the Years 1, 2 and 3s presently on Take Home Reader, they will be receiving a pack of books each Tuesday (this begins next Tuesday). Take Home Readers are meant to be read by the child to an adult repeatedly over the week. Preppies might need time and support for this to occur. These need to be returned within the plastic bag they were distributed in to their yellow class Take Home Reader box each Tuesday morning. Thank you, in advance, for your support in ensuring that this process is followed.
SMCC Chess Competition
The competition was open to Years 3 -12 students. We had over 40 competitors this year. The competitors participated in a round-robin style competition at the end of last term. There are still a few second round competitions to finalise this week prior to announcing the winners.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Whip Cracking News

Upcoming Dates
- Whip Cracking EKKA Performance Preparation - Tuesday and Wednesday next week, lunchtime at SMCC
- Whip Cracking EKKA Performance Preparation - Tuesday and Wednesday next week, 3.30pm to 5pm at St John's Oval
- EKKA Performance - Saturday, 9th August at RNA showgrounds (Stockman's Bar and Grill), 10am to 2pm

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Curriculum News
Welcome back, students and families to Term 3. We are gearing up for another busy but exciting term. Please remember that should you have any concerns about your child’s overall progress or work ethic to contact me. If there is a subject specific concern, please arrange a meeting through the office with the subject teacher.

Year 7 Sustainability Competition
On the last Tuesday of last term, all our Year 7 students participated in a collaborative Science project on sustainability. This competition ran for the entire day and provided students with an engaging and exciting forum for new learning. In groups of four, they planned, designed and presented a model of a house they considered to be sustainable. This required general knowledge, problem solving, science, design, teamwork, presentation and reasoning skills. They are being assessed on these various aspects by various teachers. Prizes and awards will be distributed early this term.

Thank you
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Curriculum Coordinator

Counsellor News
Dr. Brené Brown’s Ten Guideposts to Wholehearted Families
We all know that perfect parenting does not exist, yet we still struggle with the social expectations that teach us that being imperfect is synonymous with being inadequate. These messages are powerful and we end up spending precious time and energy managing perception and the carefully edited versions of the families we show to the world. Drawing on her 12 years of research on vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame, she presents 10 guideposts to creating what she describes as “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,” states Dr. Brown. The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting is a practical and hopeful program for raising children who know that they are worthy of love, belonging, and joy.

Dr. Brené Brown: The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting

This is a series I highly recommend it.

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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Tuckshop News
Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Hot Dogs with cheese and sauce - $3.50
Lunch Only
Fried Rice - $3.50

There are NO pies, party pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays. Just a friendly reminder that we only accept Australian currency.

Volunteer Roster:
Friday, 18th July - Jessica Langley
Monday, 21st July - Volunteers needed
Wednesday, 23rd July - Volunteers needed

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.

Donated Items
A big THANK YOU to all those people who donated dry goods. It is very much appreciated. Sweetened condensed milk, self raising flour and beetroot would be appreciated.
Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Support Teacher Inclusive Education - ST:IE
I will be taking 4 weeks’ long service leave at the end of the July holidays. My daughter is getting married. Ms Louise Kennedy will be teaching in my Year 7 class and taking on my ST:IE responsibilities.
Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Support Teacher Inclusive Education

Year 8 Home Economics
Reminder to all year 8 students. For this term students need to bring in a hand sewing kit every week to class in Term 3. A note was sent out early last term to notify parents of this requirement.
Thank you
Miss Angelique Cook
Home Economics Teacher

Athletics
Despite a freezing morning, it turned out to be a great day. The students got into the spirit of the day and the closeness to the action made it good for spectating. Many parents came along to support their children and participation levels were high.

My thanks to staff and parents who assisted with running the carnival. Thanks Mrs Johnston and Mrs Collins with help in getting the primary student organised.
In general all those who came first, second or third based on times/distances/heights will be able to go to the South Burnett level after the holidays. We did not run long or triple jump so I will be seeking those that want to trial for these, early in Term 3.

House points:
1st - RUSH-1462
2nd - QUINN - 1362
3rd - POLDING - 1227
Age Champions:

Boys | Girls
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10 years | Ned Madden | Kaitlyn Watson
11 years | Leonard Potgieter | Rahni Lucas & Isobel Bredhauer
12 years | Lachlan Dolzan | Darcy King
13 years | Nick Elliott | Renae Irvine
14 years | Pacey Clegg | Clare Adcock
15 years | James Gilmour | Kiara Wright
16 years | Ryan Jacobs | Rahab Murray
Open | Gabe Crane | Cassie Firman

QISSN Netball
Our girls spent the first week of the break at the Gold Coast participating in the Statewide Netball Carnival. From all reports, they played really well and enjoyed the experience. They ended up 4th in their Division. Well done ladies. This was a very young team so we look forward to the next couple of years.

Sincere thanks to Rob Firman for coaching the team and giving up his time for the girls. Thanks to Anne Baldacchino her role in managing the team and fund raising - it is much appreciated. And thanks to Kaitlyn Tucker for giving up her time and supervising the girls in their week at the Carnival.

Other News
Congratulations to Frank McGregor. Frank played with the Xavier College at Boys Rugby League Confro and they made their Division final. He enjoyed the experience and opportunity to participate.

South Burnett Athletics info and forms will be out early in Term 3

Regards
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Futsal News
Futsal/soccer training will begin again from Monday, 21st July until week 9 of the term. We are moving to soccer and futsal with the session split in two. Please ensure your son/daughter has football boots and shin pads to train in. As a show of numbers I am asking all students to register their interest on the door of the Maryknoll Centre. There will be a cap on the number of students able to attend.

Our under 14s boys futsal team have progressed through to the Champion of Champions round next week on Tuesday, 22nd July. The team made the final eight in the knock out stages of the South East Futsal Titles and were knocked out by the eventual winners Groves College. This ranks them within the top 8 schools in the South East Queensland region. The Champion of Champions round decides who progresses to the Australian wide round. Wish these players luck.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Futsal Coordinator

PEF News

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
The Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser is off and running BUT is it is not too late to join in the fun. Want the chance to win a 4.5kg Toblerone chocolate bar? Just contact Suzanne 0499 527 830 or Kelley on 0428 645 658 and help raise funds for our school. Thanks to the many families who have already put their hands up - especially the Prep families!
Any more high school chocoholics?

Collection of Chocolate Boxes
If you have volunteered to sell a box of chocolates, they are available for pick up at the College office on Thursday, 17th July from 8am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Friday, 18th July from 8am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Your efforts are appreciated.

Regards
Mrs Suzanne Mungall
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising Coordinator

Sacramental of Reconciliation - Parish of Murgon
There will be a meeting for those parents who would like their children to be ready for Sacramental of Reconciliation at St Joseph’s Church on Tuesday, 28th July at 7pm. Please contact Fr Michael Carroll for further information on 4168 1406.

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Kingaroy Blue Light Disco
Friday, 18th July 2014
At Kingaroy Town Hall, Glendon Street
$5 entry
Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be brought
Start: 6pm
Finish: 8.30pm
Parents must collect their children from inside the hall and may at any time throughout the night.

Parish Pastoral Dinner Dance
The Parish Pastoral Council is holding a Dinner/Dance as a fundraiser to purchase a new organ or keyboard for the Church.

Date: Saturday 30th August -7.00pm
Venue: Kingaroy RSL Club
Cost: $40 per head.
Children Under 14 $10
2 course alternate drop meal
Entertainment by ‘Body & Soul’

Bookings are essential and payment required at time of booking. Tables of 8 are able to be booked.

Tickets purchased at the Parish Office, Saint Mary's College and after Mass/Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.

RSVP: Friday, 22nd August

Donations for Raffle and Mini Cent Auction
To help raise much needed funds we will be having a raffle and holding a mini cent auction at the dinner dance.

Therefore it would be greatly appreciated if each family or parishioner could donate a prize to go towards the raffle or cent auction.

Items to be donated could be: non-perishable food items, wine, garden tools, linen, bales of hay for gardens, or any item that would be suitable for a raffle or cent auction.

Items may be left at the Parish Office, the Church and Saint Mary's College and will be collected by Friday 22nd August.

The PPC thank you for your support.

Garage Sale and Old Style Fete
Sunday, 20th July 2014
It is the dream of every dedicated and passionate sportsperson to represent Australia in their chosen sport.

14 year old Pacey Clegg has been offered a ‘Tour of a Lifetime’ after being selected to represent Australia as part of the Australian Futsal Team.

Please help us kick a goal and make a boy’s dream come true.

Proudly supported by Saint Mary’s Catholic College
10 Kent Street, Kingaroy.
10am to 3pm
Displays, Games, 2nd Hand Book Stall, Trash & Treasure, cake & Bake, Arts & Crafts and Market Stalls.

Interested in joining the fun? Please contact
Tracey: 0437 093 694 or traceyclegg@y7mail.com or Cathy: 0408 072 238 or cathygartner@tpg.com.au

Book your position early to avoid disappointment.

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Colouring in sheets will be sent home shortly for those who wish to participate.

Colour for Kids is Banking on our Kids national colouring in competition running from the 1st - 31st of July 2014, with all proceeds going to the Children’s Hospital Foundations Australia.

Colour in your favourite character (fireman, doctor, astronaut or builder) and go in the draw to win a $500 Toys "R" Us voucher.

Anyone under the age of 12 can enter the competition by giving a $2 donation when they submit their coloured in picture at any BOQ branch.

Each branch will select the best entrant to go into the national draw. Colour for Kids competition will close on the 31st of July with national winner announced by the 20th of August 2014.

Until then, happy colouring and thanks for helping give sick kids a chance to grow up!