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

Firstly, I would like to remind all in our community, that school begins for term 3 on Tuesday, July 15. This is due to the extra travel day given to rural teachers in their last enterprise bargaining process between the employing authorities and the union.

We have a busy final week with many events:

- **Benedictine Awards**: 2pm Thursday. As well as recognising our Benedictine Award winners, we will also farewell Jenny Cross as a school; send off our QISSN Netball & Confraternity Rugby League players; and recognise our Lollipop Ladies on the 30th Anniversary of this role in Queensland.

- **Mrs Cross’s Farewell liturgy and BBQ**: 6pm Thursday

- **Athletics Carnival**: 9.00am – 3.00pm Friday. All parents, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome. The Athletics will be held on a modified track this year due to the redevelopment of our oval. Because of the modified track, running records from the district carnival will be used as College records for this year only. The Athletics Carnival program will appear later in this newsletter. Any parents or carers who can volunteer to help at our carnival, can leave your details at the office for Mr Medlen to assign tasks.

- **QISSN and Confraternity update**: Over the first week of the holidays, our QISSN (Qld Independent Secondary Schools Netball) girls will compete against schools from across the state in a carnival at Runaway Bay. We will also have Frank McGregor playing in the Confraternity Rugby League shield with the Xavier College, Hervey Bay team. We wish both teams all the best for these carnivals. For anyone wanting to support our teams, the game schedules are available at:

- **New uniform update**: Thanks to all of the parents, students and staff who have responded to our new uniform survey. The results are indicating that the majority of our community like the option of:
  - checked pattern for junior and senior girls.
  - striped senior boys’ shirt.
  - option of a junior boys’ formal shirt, but opinion is divided on what it would be like (I have asked the company to offer more options)
  - new sports uniform
  - older girls’ slacks
  - single style of sock for all uniforms
  - universal sports shorts and a girls’ sports skort

The suggestions above represent the views of the majority of our community and we will move forward in our planning with this in mind. I would again remind parents and carers that from the beginning, I have said that any new uniform would be phased in over two years (eg. 2015 and 2016), so that students can grow out of their current uniforms. It is an old adage in schools that, “If you have three people, then you have four opinions on uniform”, and I would suggest that this is certainly true after reading the many conflicting viewpoints in the comments.

- **Community BBQ**: After the recent Street Retreat, the senior students and staff have been keen to look at ways of serving some of the struggling individuals, families and homeless people of the South Burnett. Our Campus Minister, Mr Hutton and I have met with the Kingaroy District Ministries (KDM) group, which represents our local churches. KDM currently provides meals for struggling people on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Kingaroy Uniting Church. It is
proposed that our community assist with a simple sausage sizzle meal on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If this goes ahead, we will be looking for Year 11 and 12 students, some staff and maybe even some parent volunteers to assist. I will let you know more in future newsletters.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Athletics Carnival Friday
Friday is the College athletics carnival for 2014. Please see the program in this newsletter for times. This year is an amended schedule as we do not have a 400m track due to the damage to the top oval. Marquees will be set up for house areas outside Maryknoll Centre. Students will not be permitted to go beyond the tuckshop area which will be open at Morning Tea and Lunch as usual. Toilets in the Maryknoll centre will be open and are to be used by students. No student will need to be down near the office or anywhere else in the school. Parents are very welcome and please make sure you rug up as the weather is getting colder by the hour!

Senior Jerseys
Year 12 students are permitted to wear their new Jerseys on Thursday and Friday this week. After the holidays they may be worn on Thursdays only. They look amazing and are quite a different design from past years. (see below)

First day Term 3
The first day term 3 will be Tuesday, 15th July. I hope all students and their families have a lovely fortnight off and I look forward to seeing everyone rested and refreshed for Semester 2.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal’s Office

APA News

Equestrian News: (a busy time coming up!!)
Congratulation to Jayde Novak, who has qualified to compete in the Queensland Dressage Titles. Jayde will be representing our College in both the Secondary Advanced and Secondary Medium events on the first week end of the holidays.

A reminder that the Training Day with Mrs. Frohloff and Cr Kathy Duff will be held on Thursday, 17th July (first Thursday back after the holidays). Consent forms need to be returned to the College office.

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.

Riders should note that the Nanango Show Society is conducting a Team Penning Competition at the Nanango Showgrounds on Saturday, 12th July. More info can be obtained by visiting the Nanango Show Society 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 nominate.com etc.
Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

Uniform Shop Sale
Starting Term 3
Just a note to remind parents that any uniform change will have a 2 year change over period. Any existing uniforms can be worn until the end of 2016.

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From the Office

The College Term 3 Fees and Levies Statements will be sent out later this week and will be due for payment by Friday of the second week of Term 3. While the College office will be closed through the school holidays, payments can be made anytime using BPay or Direct Deposit (See your statement for payment details). I encourage families who are experiencing any difficulties in making payments to contact the College office sooner rather than later to discuss a payment arrangement. From all the staff in the office, thank you for your patience during BCE’s financial software upgrade this term. We wish you a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming our families back healthy and well when the College office reopens on Tuesday 15th July.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Wednesday Mass

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)** - Jolleen Walker and Zac Brown

Thank you for your support during Book Fair!

We exceeded the goal that we set for Book Fair this year (in fact we doubled it!), so thank you very much for your support this year. It has been the biggest fair we have ever had. With the commission we earn from holding the fair, new resources will be purchased across genres and interests for the benefit of all students. These resources should be available at the start of next term. Once again, a sincere thank-you.

**SMCC Chess Competition**

Round 1 has taken place this afternoon at our college. The competition was open to Years 3 -12 students. We had over 40 competitors this year. The competition will be points based with students having the opportunity to play multiple times in the session.

Regards

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

**Curriculum News**

**Year 7 Sustainability Competition**

On Tuesday, 24th June, 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 were assessed on these various aspects by various teachers. Prizes and awards will be distributed at the first assembly in Term 3.

**LAST CALL!!!! Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards P-12**

This year, all have the opportunity to enter the renowned Dorothea Mackellar Awards. The Awards aim to inspire students across Australia to express their thoughts creatively through poetry and, by doing so, support the legacy of Dorothea Mackellar and her legendary poem ‘My Country’. Entries opened on March 1st and close on the 30th June. There are fantastic monetary prizes for each age category as an incentive for students to enter. Students can enter up to 3 poems each. They need to be no more than 80 lines long. **There is no set topic.** Students can write about anything that inspires them. Poems from school age children can easily be submitted online at www.dorothea.com using the following details: login - pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au - password is students

Thank you

Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Curriculum Coordinator

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Helping Kids Find, Make and Keep Friends

Friendships are an important part of life, but many of us and our children find it difficult to find, make or keep friends. Life events, such as moving to another neighbourhood, changing jobs or schools, can isolate us from our former support group and make forging new friendships more important than ever. In other cases, shyness or poor social skills can prevent us from taking the first step in forming a friendship. This article from www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au offers practical suggestions that may help you to expand your social circle or reinforce the relationships you and your children already have.

Priming yourself for friendship
You may want friendship, but what kind of friend would you make? Factors to consider include:

- **Attitudes to others** - we can drive potential friends away by demanding they share our attitudes, beliefs or behaviours. If you accept that other people have a right to be different from you, then you open yourself up to the possibility of experiencing relationships that bring a fresh perspective to your life.

- **Treatment of other people** - think about how you like to be treated, then offer the same to the people in your life.

- **Don’t expect instant results** - good friends aren’t made overnight. Sharing your deepest secrets in one night won’t necessarily create a close friendship. It may even drive the other person away. Take it slowly. Divulge ‘safe’ secrets first, and allow the relationship to hold some weight before you share the meatier issues in your life.

- **Curb the urge to criticise** - constantly griping about the failures and weaknesses of other people can make your listener feel wary of you. How do they know you aren’t complaining about their flaws to other friends?

- **Don’t gossip** - potential friends aren’t going to trust you if you constantly gossip to them about the trials and tribulations of other people in your life.

- **Don’t compromise yourself** - each one of us has standards of morality and behaviour. Don’t allow yourself to compromise yourself for the sake of ‘fitting in’ with a group.

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Girls Night In News
Girls Night In will be this Friday, 27th June from 7pm in the Library. Dirty Dancing will be screening. Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own wine etc. if desired.
Thank you
Miss Kym Schultz

Tuckshop News
Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Hot Dogs with cheese and sauce $3.50
Spaghetti Jaffles $3.50
Savoury Mince Jaffles $3.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread $2.00

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, 27th June - Jessica Langley and Rebecca Stokes
Wednesday, 16th July - Volunteers needed
Friday, 18th July - Jessica Langley

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.

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

Term Three Tuckshop
Just a reminder that the tuckshop will reopen on Wednesday, 16th July. The tuckshop is closed on the first Tuesday back.

Home Bake
Our cookies are now **egg free**.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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Classroom News

**Year 8 Home Economics**
This week: No cooking. Students are required to bring a workbook and writing equipment.
Thanks
Miss Angelique Cook
Home Economics Teacher

**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

**Flowers and Plants Needed**
Tomorrow evening Thursday, 26th June, there is a special celebration for the work of Mrs Jenny Cross as she retires from many years dedicated work at Saint Mary’s. If any parents, or community member have flowers or pot plants that they could bring in it would be much appreciated.

Please drop pot plants and ‘named’ buckets of flowers (so we can return the bucket) to the footpath outside the Maryknoll Centre before school Thursday morning.
Thanks so much,
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

**Athletics Carnival News**

**Program - Friday, 27th June 2014**
9.15am - 800m Boys and Girls starting from 10yrs through to Open boys and girls
9.15am - High Jump 13yrs boys and girls (Boys Pit 1 and Girls Pit 2)
10am - Primary Sprints followed by Secondary Sprints
10.15am - High Jump 15yrs boys and girls (Boys Pit 1 and Girls Pit 2)
Break
11.10am approx. - 200m Boys and Girls starting from 10yrs through to Open boys and girls
11.15am - High Jump 16yrs and Open boys and girls (Boys Pit 1 and Girls Pit 2)
11.40am approx. - 400m Boys and Girls starting from 13yrs through to Open boys and girls
Break
1.00pm - Relays 9yrs through to Open
2.00pm - Presentation Assembly

Following the Primary sprints Prep to Year 3 will take part in a rotation of sporting activities for approximately 45 minutes. These will be held in the area near the sandpit and primary playground. After the activities the Prep to Year 3 students will resume normal classes.

Any parental help is welcome, please contact me on amedlen@bne.catholic.edu.au or 4162 2011.
Thank you
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

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Year 6 Reflection Day

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