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

Reflection - The Perfect School

Once upon a time, there was a school that some thought of as a perfect school. This perfect school sat on top of a hill, with beautiful views looking down on the city below. It had brand new, immaculate and state-of-the-art facilities. There was never any litter around the school grounds; never any complaints; no teasing or bullying; and never any sadness or disagreements. Many of the people in the city below looked on with envy at this perfect school.

Students at some of the other local schools wished that they could use the perfect school's facilities, as their school's facilities were old and worn out from constant use by their school's many students. Some of them wished that they could go to the perfect school so that they wouldn't have to deal with some of the more difficult teachers and students in their own schools.

Parents from the city's other schools often complained that their schools didn't have such immaculate grounds or such new facilities. Some parents wished that their child could go to the perfect school so they wouldn't have to put up with the shortcomings of some of the teachers in their school or to get away from some of the students their child didn't get on with.

Teachers from the local schools dreamed of going to the perfect school. Some of them felt that if they were at the perfect school, then they wouldn't have to deal with some of the difficult parents, students and administrators in their own schools.

Unfortunately, the perfect school was very exclusive…..in fact, it was totally exclusive. It wasn't just that most people couldn't get in.... no-one could get in to the perfect school.

Sadly, the perfect school had been accidently built on an old industrial waste dump, and its beautiful, new and state-of-the-art facilities would never be safely used by anyone.

So, the perfect school, sat alone on its hill, slowly gathering dust, until it eventually became overgrown with weeds and slowly began to crumble. As the years went by, the illusion of the perfect school slowly crumbled along with the school itself.

Meanwhile, in the city below, the students continued to go to their imperfect schools, with their imperfect staff and administrators, imperfect parents and imperfect fellow students. Despite this, they mostly lived happy and fulfilled lives; yet some still dreamed of the perfect school.

Of course, Saint Mary's, like all schools, isn't a perfect school. Every day we deal with the messiness that is our human condition. The challenge for all of us, staff, students and parents, is to face the reality of day-to-day life rather than hide from it. We aim to produce resilient, compassionate and understanding young people who can face the challenges the world throws at them and I believe that we do this very well as a College.

Rock on Stage: From 6pm, this Friday night, we will hold our annual Rock on Stage evening. This would be one of my favourite nights of the year, with our students, staff and parents performing for the enjoyment of our whole community. Our P&F will be running a sausage sizzle before the event and will sell food at interval. There will be also be raffles on the night with all money raised going to support the Good Samaritan Sisters' Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines.

Whip Cracking Team: Earlier this year, our wonderful whip cracking team were filmed for an episode of Totally Wild. This episode will air on Channel 11 at 8am on Tuesday, July 29th.

Parish Mass: Our next combined College / Parish Mass will be at 10am this Sunday. Everyone is very welcome to join us.
Futsal News: Thanks to everyone who came along to support the Car Boot Sale and Old Style Fete on Sunday to help Pacey get to play Futsal in the UK. Congratulations also to our U14 Years Boys who played in the 2014 Southern Qld Champion of Champions Futsal Competition on Tuesday night. Despite only having the one win, they played valiantly against many huge schools.

New Year 6 Teacher: We welcome Ms Kumari Joseph as our new Year 6 teacher. We would like to thank Mr Brown for his great work with our Year 6 students and wish him all the best as he moves to his new position at John Paul College.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

SMCC "Rock on Stage" Friday 25th July, 2014

The Rock on Stage performance will start at 6pm sharp.

Students are to come to the Hall wearing either costumes or free dress.

Students in each year level will assemble at the back of the hall prior to their performance time.

Make up is to be put on and removed at home - no make up is to be brought to school please.

During the performance all students in Prep-6 are to sit with class groups until interval.

Years 7-12 are to sit with their parents for the night.

Please make sure children sitting with you are seated quietly during the performances.

There will be a Sausage Sizzle between 4.30pm and 5.45pm. Cost $2 each. Drinks $2 each.

The BBQ will be held outside Mary Knoll Centre canteen. At interval, P and F will be selling sausage rolls and drinks. Tea and coffee will be available. A donation box will be available at interval.

No food or drink is to be taken into the Mary Knoll Centre (hall).

Rock on Stage DVD

A DVD of the night is available for $40.

Please see Davies Video productions at the back of the Hall.

Please pay and order on the night.

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God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

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Semester II Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **Tuesday, 29th July from 3.20pm**. Interviews will be 10 minutes long.

Due to the Maryknoll Centre being very cold at this time of year, the interviews will take place in the Years 2 to 6 Classrooms and long room area (Years 7 to 12).

The interviews can be booked using the Parent Teacher On Line facility available until **9am Monday, 28th July (the day before interviews)**. No bookings can be made after this time.

Please access the system as follows:
- Go to the school’s home page: [www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au](http://www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au)
- Click the Parent Teacher Online link in the Quick Links
- Enter your surname and PIN, provided on the slip included with reports

When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 9am Monday, 28th July.

The last sentence in the subject section in your child’s report will indicate if a teacher has requested an interview.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

The Co-Existence of Good and Evil

Sundays’ gospel from Matthew 13: 24-30, was the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The message of this passage is very pertinent in the light of the tragedy of MH17. Weeds were sown into a field by an enemy of a farmer to spoil a crop of wheat. The servant of the farmer asks how weeds could grow amongst the crop if only good seeds were sown. The servant asks his master if he should pull the weeds before harvest. The master’s response was simple: let the fruit be harvested and the weeds or darnel be burned at the time of reckoning. To pull the weeds during growth might also upset the good seeds. Unfortunately there are weeds that live and exist in our world, people determined to undermine the dignity of the human person by whatever means possible. Evil does co-exist with good in our world. The age old question exists; where is God in all of this? The answer lies not in the act or event itself but in our response. God does not affect free will but calls us to choose responses that oppose and alleviate the causes and effects of evil.

On the same day this tragedy unfolded, I got a lovely email from Sister Leonie Dunesas, the principal of Bacalod Kindergarten, our sister school in the Philippines. This little community was ravaged by the typhoon last year. Since then, her positive attitude and gratitude for the support our business and school community gives the Kindergarten, reminds me that our response to evil, natural or structural evil, is crucial to bring about the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

I spent the morning yesterday requesting support from local businesses for our Rock on Stage raffle this Friday night and I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community for us and for Bacalod. Please come along on Friday afternoon and enjoy the hard work of your students and their teachers and become a small part of the response to bad and evil by buying a raffle ticket at the door.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

**Term 3 Fees due by Friday, 25th July**

A kind reminder that unless you have a formalised instalment payment arrangement in place with the College (e.g. Direct Debit, BPay) that your Term 3 account is due for payment by Friday, 25th July. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments. It’s preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debits or BPay. If you have not already done so, please contact Briony Hoare, Finance Secretary, with details of your planned instalments to prevent unnecessary fee follow up procedures.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager
Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

Red Award (5 books) - Caitlyn Canev, Addisen Hawks

Kathleen Janz, Sam Schmishauser and Leonard Potgieter are now Rapid Readers!

Adi Howard and Dan O'Callaghan are now on the Lexile program!

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 Years 1 to 3 presently on Take Home Reader, Preps will be receiving a pack of books each Tuesday (this began this week). 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 Winners
This competition was open to Years 3 - 12 students. We had over 40 competitors this year. The competitors participated in a round-robin style competition. Teams of students will now travel to Bundaberg (12th August) and Toowoomba (Yr 3-7 only) on the 2nd Sept. Well done to all our competitors! The overall winners were:

Primary Competition – 1st (Jed Sparkes), 2nd (Ryan Maudsley), 3rd (Cooper Pennell)
Secondary Competition – 1st (Thilini Ranasinghe), 2nd (James Gilmour), 3rd (Jared Gossow)

Book Club
Book Club catalogues will be going home this week. Please note that the return date for orders is Tuesday, 29th July.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Year 12 Sausage Sizzle
Every Tuesday, the Year 12 students will be holding a sausage sizzle at Lunch time to raise money for their Valedictory Dinner. Prep to Year 6 order slips will be sent home and Years 7 to 12 students purchase theirs from the Maryknoll Centre Canteen.

Sausage on bread - $1.50
Popper - $1.50

Thank you for your support.
Year 12 students

Whip Cracking News
We would like to inform you that the Totally Wild story 'Whip Cracking Kids' will be going to air on Tuesday, 29th July 2014 at 8:00am on Channel Eleven. After this episode goes to air, it will then be available to watch online. Just visit our website http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

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There were blokes from all over
Some were fettlers and some were drovers
They were enlisting to join the army
Some of us thought they were barmy
Their mothers and girls would cry
As they marched away and waved goodbye
They were young and they were brave
It was us they were going to save
Gallipoli was where they were headed
Some were excited while others dreaded
So, they boarded the convoy of ships
Leaving behind their horses and stockwhips
They sailed to the Gallipoli shore
There were soldiers and weapons galore
The enemy were ready with their rifles and bayonets
There was no time to worry, nor fret
And so the epic battle began
Soldiers were shooting and yelling as they ran
Amongst the gunshots, cries of help were heard
One found his mate, though his vision was blurred
He knelt by his dying mates side
"Don’t leave me in this nightmare!" he cried

It makes me very sad to say
That many lives were lost that day
And many were lost days after
Their happiness was gone and so was their laughter
They lived in trenches made of mud
Their lives were filled with tears and blood
Others that left were mauled or had shell-shock
Some were then scared by the ticking of a clock
That was the pain and hell they would endure
To prevent the enemy from reaching our shore
That is why we remember and pray
For them, our heroes, each ANZAC day

Ben Ten is so cool,
he doesn’t have to go to school.
Ben Ten has an Omnitrix.
Kevin and Gwen are his side-kicks.
He has the world to save,
lucky he is so brave!
Ben Ten turns into Alien goop,
so he doesn’t get turned into soup.
It’s my favourite TV show,
’Cause he says ‘let’s go hero!’.  

By Clare Adcock, Year 9
By Hamish Mungall, Year 1

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Curriculum Coordinator

Deadly Ears Van Visit

The Deadly Ears Van will be at Saint Mary’s next Tuesday, 29th July.
This is open to all students at Saint Mary’s so if you would like your child/children to have their EARS, EYES, BLOOD GLUCOSE OR HAEMOGLOBIN(IRON LEVELS) CHECKED FOR FREE, please ask your child to collect a form from Mrs Bond in Room 2 and have it returned by Friday, 25th July.
Thanks
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker

Counsellor News

Is the internet making us stupid? - generationnext.com.au

Reading online could be making us dumber, a University of Victoria study has found.
The study of offline and online reading behaviour found spending hours glued to a computer screen had a negative impact on cognition, concentration, comprehension, absorption and recall rates.

People were reading more text than ever, but retaining less of it.

Victoria’s School of Information Management’s Dr Val Hooper said people today almost expected to be interrupted when using their computers.

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"Multitasking when reading online was common, with activities such as reading emails, checking news, exploring hyperlinks and viewing video clips providing distractions, which could have something to do with it."

While readers were churning through more content online, they were much more likely to be skim reading and scanning than absorbing anything of substance.

"Many respondents said they had learnt to read faster and more selectively, which is positive, but also said they were more likely to remember material they had read offline. It was still common practice for many people to print out material they considered most important," Dr Hooper said.

The research revealed readers were motivated by three main reasons - seeking information, reading for work or study, and for pleasure. People still read in a linear, print-based way but it was important for us to learn how to read and write "digitally" to best interpret the way much of today's information is structured.

"If you think about how we're training our children to read, they're being trained by those who were trained in the linear fashion. So it will take at least a generation for significant change to happen," Dr Hooper said.

"As educators I think it makes sense to look at getting messages across in ways in which readers expect to receive it now, rather than how it was given in the past. Long chunks of text aren't exactly going to appeal to today's students."

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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**Tuckshop News**

**Friday specials are as follows:**

- Morning Tea & Lunch
- Hawaiian Pizza Pockets - $3.50

**Lunch Only**

- Macaroni Cheese - $3.50

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

Just a friendly reminder that we **only accept Australian currency**. Students are asked not to bring $50 notes to the tuckshop, as we don't always have enough change.

**Tuckshop Orders**

Paper bags are available from the tuckshop for 5c. It is not ideal to be putting tuckshop orders into plastic bags, as the hot food could melt the bags.

**Cookies**

Cookies are no longer egg free. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Donated Items**

A big **THANK YOU** to all those people who donated dry goods.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

**Active After School News**

Everyone who put forms in, have been allocated a spot, for Softball and Rugby. Softball is now full but there are some places still available for Rugby on Thursdays.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Active After Schools Coordinator

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**P&F News**

**Rock on Stage Information**
Hi everyone and welcome back to Semester 2.
This Friday at Rock on Stage the P&F will once again be feeding the masses with a sausage sizzle starting from 4.30pm to 5.45pm. All profits go to Bacalod Kindy.
At interval we will also be selling mini pies and sausage rolls to warm bellies. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available.

**Collection of Chocolate Boxes**
If you have volunteered to sell a box of chocolates, they are available for pick up at the College Boardroom on Thursday, 24th July from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Your efforts are appreciated.
Until next week

God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
President

**New Mass Times**
The following Mass timetable will be implemented from 3rd August

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**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.

**Help Our Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers**
Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers commenced in 2011 and they run a program for Indigenous Youth who attend St Joseph’s School at Murgon from Years 4-7. The kids have a lot of fun, but at the same time learn a lot of skills that will stand them in good stead in the future.

Our members who are involved in this program are very dedicated, with the program winning a Gold Award for Crime Prevention in 2012 from the Qld Police Service.

Unfortunately like everything they require funding to ensure it continues to work. This year they were awarded approximately $5,000 from NRMA “Community Grants Program”. Their next bit of exciting news was that they were selected as one of four out of the 156 awarded groups to be included in the “People’s Choice” award, which puts them up against three other programs to Double and possibly Triple their funding.

* If they get 1000 votes we double our money.
* If they win the highest votes and get 1000 votes they triple our money.

They have now reached 1000 votes. However with only a short time to go, they need your support to get across the line to securing the tripled funding.


Can we please ask that you vote for the Rangers, by clicking on the link above and follow the instructions. An email will be sent back to you which to confirm your vote. This email usually comes back pretty quick, but has been going to the ‘Junk’ mail of a few people. Please make sure that you confirm your vote for it to count.

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**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.

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

**RSVP:** Friday, 22nd August

Any dietary requirements please mention at time of purchasing tickets.

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**Raffle Prizes**

1st Prize - Bottle of Dom Perignon Champagne Valued at $250.00
2nd Prize - $50.00 Meal Voucher from the Kumbia Hotel, Bottle of Seppelt Salinger Brut Sparkling Wine and Bottle of Squealing Pig Pinot Noir
3rd Prize - $50.00 Fuel Voucher from Rykes

Tickets $2 each.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, The College Office and after Mass/Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.

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**Burnett Softball Association**

**Have a Go Day and Sign-on**

- **Date:** Saturday, 6th September, 9am to 1pm
- **Venue:** Burnett Softball Grounds, 18 Burnett Street, Nanango

For more information please contact Karen 0422 204 661
secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com
www.burnett.softball.org.au

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**Health Seminar**

**Dr Peter Dingle - Speaker, Motivator and Sustainable Health Advocate**

- **Date:** Monday, 4th August - 7pm for 7.30pm start
- **Venue:** Church in the Marketplace, Cnr Youngman and Ivins Street
- **Entry Fee:** $5

Enquiries/Seat Bookings: Please phone Paul 0428 457 873

In 1 short talk you will learn how to **Reverse** Diabetes, Clogged Arteries, High Blood Pressure, Psoriasis, Alzheimer’s and Regain your Energy & Health

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Tea, coffee, cakes and raffles come visit Nanango Post Office on 31st July from 10am for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

Nanango Post Office and Staff wish to support this great cause for Cancer Council’s mission to defeat cancer and help those affected by this devastating disease.

For 20 years, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea has helped fund world class research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. We are proud in helping Cancer Council raise over $1000 last year help us make this year even bigger.

We look forward to seeing you come in and say hello at Nanango Post Office on 31st July from 10am.
COLOUR for KIDS
for BOQ’s
Banking on our
Kids appeal

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!

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