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

- **2015 Enrolments:** I would ask that **any families who already know that they will be leaving Saint Mary’s at the end of 2014 to contact the office ASAP.** We have strong interest in places for 2015 and currently have families on waiting lists for next year. If families find out that they will be leaving during Term 4, we would appreciate a phone call ASAP so that we can offer other families places for next year. Our numbers are looking strong for 2015 and at this stage I am expecting around 480 – 490 students, given that we will have extra classes in both Prep and Year 7 next year. For most of this year, our numbers have hovered around the lower 440s.

- **Annual Awards Night:** Just a reminder for parents and carers to keep 6.00 – 9.00pm Thursday, October 30th free for this wonderful celebration of our students’ achievements.

- **Understanding Child and Youth Sexuality Parent Evening:** All parents and carers are invited to this evening from 7.00 - 8.30pm on Tuesday, November 4th. This evening is aimed at helping parents and carers to better understand their child’s stage of sexual development. I have experienced this presentation at a Principals’ meeting and can thoroughly recommend it to all parents and carers.

- **Year 6:** we welcome back Mrs Jenny Foody-Versace from maternity leave. Jenny will take our Year 6 class until the end of the year.

- **Good news:** There has been so many good news stories over the holidays. Just a few of the many people we need to congratulate are:
  - Marty & Lisa Perrett on the birth of Lucy Jean; Mrs Angelique Arden (nee Cook on her marriage; and Mr Graham Turnbull on becoming a grandad.
  - Jayde Novak who placed third in the Australian Interschool Dressage Competition and was named in the Australian Interschool team.
  - Richelle Bethke on being named as the Nanango Mardi Gras princess.
  - Nathan Brandon, Jon Budgen, Marissa Murray, Tyler Dowell, Miranda Blackman, Olivia Frahm and Hannah Depper whose wonderful photos were recognised in the Australian Catholic University’s high school photographic competition. A huge thanks to Mrs Langford for her work in promoting Visual Art.
  - Jackson Kelly and Matthew Patroni who had a very successful week in TAFE in Dalby over the holidays. They completed a course sponsored by the mining companies to encourage young people into engineering. The students manufactured a trailer and learned many new engineering skills.

- **I would like to remind all parents and carers about the Student Free Day on Monday, October 20th where teachers meet with other schools to ensure the consistency of marking and work standards across the state.**

- **I would like to thank the Boehringer Ingelheim group who have provided some small one-off scholarships to support some of our rural and Indigenous families with the costs of schooling. I know that the families who received this extra assistance have expressed their gratitude, particularly as the drought has made life tough for so many rural families.**

Yours in Christ,

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
Prayer for the new school term

Father,
We thank you for the opportunity
to begin this new school term,
and we ask that you bless the students, staff, and student families
that make our school a great place.
We pray that you will guide us in all ways,
so that we will seek Your will in everything that we do.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

DVD Collection - Rock on Stage
We still have 11 DVD’s that have not been collected.
If you ordered and paid for one please come and collect it immediately from the office.
We will ring families next week if they are not collected.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Presentation night - October 30th
I would like to remind parents that the annual P-12 presentation of awards
will occur Thursday 30th October (week 4).
Award winners will be notified in the next couple of weeks.
All awardees are expected to attend as they will be acknowledged on the night.
There will be a student rehearsal during the day regarding organization for the night.

Year 8 Excursion next Monday
All Year 8 students will be going to Meandu Mine next Monday, 13th October. I would like to thank Mr Connelly for making this happen. It will be a great experience for all students involved. Mr Hutton and I will be driving a bus and Miss Tucker and Mr Connelly will be supervising. Permission forms are due now. We do not want to be seeking permission Monday morning from parents. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

God Bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

SET Plans

In Year 10, all Queensland schools will work with students and parents/carers to develop a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan.

The SET plan will help students:
- structure their learning in Years 11 and 12 around your abilities, interests and ambitions
- think about their education, training and career options after Year 12
- set and achieve their learning goals in Years 11 and 12, and beyond
- include flexible and coordinated pathway options in their course of senior study
- communicate with parents/carers or teachers/careers counsellors about post-school plans
- select Year 11 and 12 subjects that help students achieve their stated goals

Year 10 students will soon have a letter home with more detailed information about SET plans. This letter will outline the process to be followed in completing these SET plans. Essentially, this will involve students completing a draft form of the SET plan with their mentors next week, and then each student, mentor and parent / carer will have a meeting the week after to finalise the plan. Subject selection for Year 11 and 12 will be a part of this process.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

October - Month of the Rosary
The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571.
Several primary classes will be involved in making rosary beads and learning more about this fabulous devotion to Mary.

**Relay For Life**
About 25 students will be taking part in the annual Relay for Life this weekend. The event is hosted by the Queensland Cancer Council and raises money and awareness for research and assistance for cancer sufferers. Teams must keep a baton moving around a track for 18 hours. We have two teams entered - one captained by Lucy Frecklington and one by Cassie Firman. Lucy has raised over $500 herself and has been a real motivator for the cause this year. I would like to thank her for her attendance at all the community meetings and for her enthusiasm. More next week about how we went and how tired we are!
Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

**Office News**
Term 4 Fees Statements were sent to all families over the holidays and are payable by the end of Week 2 – 17th October. If you are unable to pay by the due date, please contact the Office to make a payment arrangement.
Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

**Library Corner**

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

- Blue Award (3 books) - Preston Brown
- Red Award (5 books) - Angus Pace

**Reading Program**
Take Home Reader and Lexile have begun this week. Prep – Year 3 students have received their packs on Tuesday. Please assist us by ensuring that packs are brought back on time (every Tuesday). This assists in the efficient management of readers for all students. Take home readers are meant to be read by students several times during the week so that they benefit from the repetition of sight words.

**Assessing reading for the Take Home Reader Program**
At Saint Mary’s, we use PM Benchmark Reading Assessment to assess students for the Take Home Reader Program. This is only one method of gathering data on your child’s reading progress. Their class teachers can offer much more insight and feedback about their reading progress. The PM Benchmarking has been designed to explicitly assess students’ instructional and independent reading levels using unseen, meaningful texts. It provides in-depth support for the analysis of retelling, reading behaviours, fluency and comprehension strategies. At Saint Mary’s, PM Benchmarking is managed in a consistent and organized manner by trained staff. To this end, your child will be benchmarked once a term. Depending on each child’s retelling, fluency and comprehension, jumping a few levels might occur at certain stages of their development whilst for other children this might take a little longer. This is perfectly acceptable. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this program. Please contact me to make an appointment.

Please note that due to varied events and activities this term, only selected students will be benchmarked, as needed, to manage the program.

Lexile Readers can be borrowed from our library as well as local libraries. Student have been shown hot to check for quizzes this way. Please see me if you would like further information about this.

Yours in Reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian
Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.

— Richard Rohr

Thank you
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Curriculum News

NAPLAN
By now all parents and carers would have received their child’s NAPLAN results. Some have been surprised by the discrepancies between their child’s NAPLAN results and their child’s Semester One report card.

Report cards are given out twice a year - end of Term 2 and end of Term 4. Reports Cards allocate a standard to a particular subject from BE – Below Expected to WA - Well Above Expected. How the standard is determined is based on all the work a student has completed over two terms. It is summative. Determining a child’s standard is based on many varied pieces of assessment using many different formats. The type of assessment differs depending on the specifics of the Australian Curriculum and the learning needs of the child.

Some children with learning difficulties can often use discourse with the teacher or peers (with the teacher observing) to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a topic or subject area. There are many forms of assessment – written expression is only one of them. Some students might use multimodal means to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

NAPLAN on the other hand is one test at one point in time using the ‘written’ form as the only way of demonstrating their knowledge and understanding. NAPLAN as a data-gathering tool does have its uses when used to track one student’s results over several years or from one test to the next. That trend in the data may inform the teacher and parents discussions. NAPLAN results are heavily influenced by the state of flux in students that attend the schools. No two whole school NAPLAN results can be reliably compared. Thus, NAPLAN data might appear different to your child’s report card and should not be a cause of concern.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Early Years Coordinator

Assessment
Year 7 to 12 assessment calendars will be sent home early next week. Please ensure this is readily available and accessible by your child through the term. Early organisation is key to keeping on top of assessments. Student have been reminded not to leave assignments to the last minute.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Coordinator

Classroom News

Year 8 Mathematics
A unit outline for the term, detailing the content and course details for mathematics for Term 4 has been given to your student. Please ensure they refer to this during the term.

Best regards,
Miss Kaitlyn Tucker
Classroom Teacher

Year 8 Home Economics – Term 4 update
This term, the Year 8 students will be working on a practical unit that will teach them about basic cooking techniques and how to create everyday meals.

Starting in Week 1, students will watch a cooking demonstration every second week (week 1, 3, 5 & 7) and will need to bring in their workbooks and student diaries to class. Every other week (week 2, 4, 6 & 8) students will take part in a practical cooking lesson and will need to bring in a plastic storage container to take their food home in. To ensure that students are learning to take responsibility for their organisation during cooking this term, students who do not bring in the correct equipment for their practical lesson will not be allowed to participate in the cooking lessons. They have been reminded to see me prior to the lesson if they do not have the required equipment so that we can find a solution together.

Please note that most of the cooking lessons will be designed for students to make a meal for approximately 4 people, therefore no food is expected to be consumed at school. All cooking is expected to be taken home to families.

realise your dignity
During practical sessions most base items (ingredients) will be supplied. At least one week before the task students will receive confirmation of optional extras that they may wish to bring in. These are only optional and are not required if you do not wish to supply them.

Additional information about the weekly lessons will be added to the school newsletter and will also be written in student diaries.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Angelique Arden
Classroom Teacher

Australian Catholic University's Annual Photography Competition
Students from Saint Mary’s entered into Australian Catholic University's annual photography competition, The Pixel Prize. The results are in, I am so pleased to announce the following:

Nathan Brandon – Finalist QLD certificate, Winner Digital Darkroom certificate
Marissa Murray – Finalist QLD – Highly Commended Award for Digital Darkroom certificate
Jon Budgen – Finalist QLD certificate
Tyler Dowell – Finalist QLD certificate
Miranda Blackman – Finalist QLD certificate
Olivia Frahm – Finalist QLD certificate
Hannah Depper – Finalist QLD certificate

Congratulations to these students and to all of the students who entered.
Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Visual Art Teacher

Academic Competition Results
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Mathematics Academic Competition:
Participation: Clare Adcock, Todd Binding, Josee Currin, Tom Currin, Nicholas Erwin, Samuel Erwin, Jared Gossow, Louisa Frahm, Joanna Haak, Kimberley Haydon, Adi Howard, Jackson Langford, Khyla Thompson, Kaitlin Richie, Massimo Villani,
Merit: Alen Gartner, Chris Janz, Fiona McNamara
Distinction: Lachlan Dolzan

Active After School Communities
AASC will start back next week with notes going home this week. Please remember to get these in quickly so we have an idea on numbers. The sports for this term will be Cricket and AFL, with the coaches Rhiannon Budgen and Christian Sutton. If there are any questions after the notes have gone home please call me.
Kind regards
Mr Wade Toms
Coordinator

The Peace Child

Rehearsal Schedule
Week beginning 13th October 2014

Monday, 13th October - 3.10pm to 4.30pm - All Students
Wednesday, 15th October - 3.10pm to 4.30pm - All Students

There will be more specific and needed students in Week 3 rehearsals. Please check the newsletter each week to get the next weeks schedule.
Regards
Mrs Tamara Collins
Performing Arts Teacher

Tutoring News
Tutoring will recommence on Thursday, 16th October.
Regards
Miss Sonia Robertson
Class Teacher
Upcoming Events
- Crack Up Sisters Workshop - Wednesday, 15th October at Saint Mary's Catholic College Oval, 9am to 1pm
  Activity Form will be handed out later in the week for this workshop
- Chinchilla Grandfather Clock Whip Cracking Performance - Friday, 17th October at Chinchilla Showgrounds, please meet in front of the Cafeteria
  Activity Form will be handed out later in the week

Whip Cracking Morning Tea
Saint Mary’s Whip Cracking Team will be selling morning tea every Thursday from the Maryknoll Canteen.

Hot Milo, soup and home bake will be available for $1 and $2

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Tuckshop News
**Friday specials are as follows:**
- Morning Tea & Lunch
- Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls - $3.50

Lunch Only
- Chicken Rice Noodle Salad - $3.50

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

Students are asked not to bring $50 notes to the tuckshop, as we don’t always have enough change.

**Volunteers**
- Friday, 10th October - Jessica Langley
- Monday, 13th October - Volunteers Needed
- Wednesday, 15th October - Volunteers Needed

**Tuckshop Orders**
Paper bags are available from the tuckshop for 5c. It is not ideal to put tuckshop orders into plastic bags, as the hot food could melt the bags. If possible can you please not sticky tape or staple your orders as it is difficult to remove them from bags without tearing them.

**Donated Items**
Donations of self raising flour, castor sugar, tinned or crushed tomatoes would be greatly appreciated. Thank everyone for their kind donations of good and time.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

**Rock on Stage DVDs**
If you have not collected your Rock on Stage DVD, can you please collect it from the Student Services counter as soon as possible.

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Please join us to celebrate St John’s 25th Anniversary by attending our Simply Silver Trivia Night

Saturday 25th October 2014 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
St John’s School Hall, Ivy St Kingaroy

Teams of 8 ($10 per person)
Raffles/Lucky Door and Games throughout the night.
(P&F fundraising for the school’s ICT program)

BYO alcohol and food
RSVP & enquiries: sjlspf@gmail.com or 4162 3988
Sacramental Program

The time is at hand to start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 2014. Children are asked to participate in the parish Mass over several weekends to be part of Saint Mary’s Parish family and experience the Mass. The Mass events occur over several weekends at either the 6.00pm Liturgy/Mass on the Saturday evening or the 10.00am Mass on Sunday morning. The first date is an information session. At this session you will receive the schedule and dates for participation and the actual Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday 14th October
Sacramental Orientation and Reconciliation Parent information Session. This is essential if your child is to proceed with the sacrament.
1.30pm Saint Mary’s Catholic College – Media Room in Resource Centre
Repeat of earlier session – 6.30pm ‘Biscuit Tin’ behind Saint Mary’s Parish hall.

Please contact Pam Radcliffe at the college 4162 2011 or email pradcliffe@bne.catholic.edu.au

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe

Year 12 Valedictory Scrapbooking Workshop

Unfortunately due to lack of RSVPs the Scrapbooking Workshop that was going to be held on the 18th October has been cancelled.

Catholic Awards

The Catholic Leader has initiated a national awards program to recognise excellence in community leadership.

The Community Leader Awards will recognise outstanding achievements among Catholic professionals, youth, school leaders, volunteers, as well as parishioners.

Catholics can nominate themselves or someone else for Professional Leader of the Year, Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year or Community Leader of the Year. Nominations will close on October 31.

The Catholic Leader will present the awards at an official ceremony on November 19 at the Francis Rush Centre in the St Stephen’s Cathedral precinct, Brisbane CBD.

Nominations can be made online at www.catholicleader.com.au/awards2014 or by contacting The Catholic Leader Awards Team on (07) 3336 9100 for an application form.
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 17th October 2014
at
3.30pm
in the
Maryknoll Centre
previewing
Lego Movie

Items available for purchase:

- Movie Size Popcorn $2.50
- Fairy Floss $2.50
- Snow Cones $2.50
- Slushies $2.50

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