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

Each year, we survey our parent and carers, staff and students to gauge the things that we are doing well and also the areas requiring improvement. This year we will look at four areas:

- Learning and Teaching of Religion (How well do we teach this important subject?)
- Student Well-Being and Pastoral Care (How caring are we for our students?)
- Work Culture (How is your experience of dealing with our staff?)
- Learning Environments (Are our classrooms and facilities of an appropriate standard?)

The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete and I would encourage every parent and carer to share their point of view. The survey is available at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SMCC_2014_Parent_Survey or by typing: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SMCC_2014_Parent_Survey into your address bar.

This week, we are holding our Senior Student Leadership speeches and ballots to decide the 2015 College Captains, House Captains and Committee Leaders. I would like to wish the best to all of those going for leadership positions. We have so many great students at Saint Mary's that it is a difficult task in choosing just a few for the roles.

Through their Leadership Camp, our Year 11 students have been made aware that:

- leadership is expected from all in Year 12, not just the official role holders
- leadership, as modelled by Jesus, is about serving the community and leaders are often called upon to challenge those around them and to risk making the right, but sometimes unpopular decision
- all enter into the leadership process understanding that they will abide by the decisions of their fellow staff and students and will offer their support for those who are elected to official roles.

The Year 11 students standing for election are: Cherie Baldacchino; Bridget Barkle; Richelle Bethke; Rory Browne; Rachel Davis; Hannah Depper; Nathan Dolan; Sean Newman; Kyle Raabe; Kimberley Ross; and Hayden Yesberg. All of these students gave very impressive speeches to the entire school on Tuesday morning.

Leadership roles will be announced to students later this week and all of the student leaders will be officially presented to the College community at Awards Night on Thursday, October 30.

I would also like to thank and congratulate our current 2014 Year 12 class on their leadership of our community throughout 2014. They have been a group that has worked really hard on community building and they will run another movie night for the College this Friday. I would especially like to thank Cassie Firman and Gabe Crane, our College Captains, for their leadership throughout this year.

Over the past week we had many great events and I would like to thank all of the staff and parent helpers who made these possible for our students:

- Relay for Life teams: I would like to thank Mr Perrett, Mr Cook and Mrs Collins and all of the staff, students and parents who helped to support this worthy cause.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 10-a-side Junior League competition: Thanks to Mr Medlen, Mrs Johnston and all helpers. The students came back buzzing from this day and very proud to have made the grand finals.
- Year 11 and 12 Drama excursion to QPAC: Thanks to Mrs Collins and Mrs Bond for this great day.
- Year 10, 11 & 12 Industrial Skills excursion to Toowoomba with Mr Byrne and Mr Richard.
- Year 8 Meandu Mine visit with Mr Connelly, Miss Tucker, Mr Erwin and Mr Hutton.
Student Free Day: Just a reminder that Monday, October 20 is a Student Free Day when teachers meet with teachers from other schools to compare students’ work to make sure that there is consistency across the state.

We wish Frank McGregor and Nakita Kirby all the best for the BCE Indigenous Graduation ceremony at St Stephen’s Cathedral this Friday and our whip cracking team all the best for their performance in Chinchilla this Friday night. Our whip crackers have also been invited to showcase their talents with the Crackup Sisters at the G20 parade in Brisbane on Nov 1. This parade will occur a fortnight before the actual summit and will showcase the cultures and things which make our state great.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Prayer for Patience

My dearest Jesus,

Teach me to be patient,

When all day long my heart is troubled by little,

But troublesome crosses.

Patience is necessary in so many situations, such as while waiting on a very slow line at the tuckshop; in dealing with relatives and co-workers; or in trying to find work in this troubled economy. It is also an important antidote to anger. Our faith recognises patience as the corresponding virtue to fight that vice, which is one of the seven deadly sins.

Keep in mind here, when we refer to anger we’re not saying that you should never feel displeasure when mistreated nor try to defend yourself or loved ones from injustice. It’s what you do with your anger that matters. Do you let it simmer? Does it cause you to relish harsh judgments? Do you nurse grudges, or can you, with God’s help and grace, let them go?

Lord, let us reflect on these words over the next week or two and let us be patient with each other every day.

Hats

Please ensure your child is wearing a hat at all times with his/her name labelled on it so we can return it if it is lost. The UV index is very high at present and it is essential that as a sunsmart school we are practising sun safe procedures.

Hands off

Students are reminded that mucking around physically, pushing and shoving is not allowed at all times.

Out of bounds

The area at the back of the Drama classroom and Mary Knoll is out of bounds from now on.

God Bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Equestrian News

Congratulation to Jayde Novak (Year 10) who represented Queensland in the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships during the holidays. The event was held at Werribee outside Melbourne and Jayde competed in the Advanced Dressage section of the competition. Jayde won the first event on her horse, Fletcher, and was then placed fifth in the second event, for an overall result of third in the Australian Dressage Championships (advance test). More significantly, Jayde was selected in the Australian Schools Equestrian Team.

SET Plans

This week the Year 10 students will be selecting subjects for Senior Schooling, and also completing the first draft of their Senior Education and Training Plan (SET). Next week the students will finalise their plans and subject selections during interviews with parents, the student and the student’s mentor staff member.

Regards

Mr John Dalton
APA

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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 (10 books) - Zac Brown
Red Award (25 books) - Olivia Davis

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Counsellor News

“The fears that assault us are mostly simple anxieties about social skills, about intimacy, about likeableness, or about performance. We need not give emotional food or charge to these fears or become attached to them. We don't even have to shame ourselves for having these fears. Simply ask your fears, "What are you trying to teach me?" Some say that FEAR is merely an acronym for "False Evidence Appearing Real."

From Everything Belongs, p. 143”
— Richard Rohr
Thank you
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Curriculum News

NAPLAN Reports
NAPLAN Reports were posted home a few weeks before the end of last term and should have reached Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 families by now. If you have not received your child’s NAPLAN report in the mail as yet, please notify the office ASAP and another one will be organised to be delivered to the school.

Date Claimers - Orientation Days
Current Year 6s and new Year 7s for 2015 – Wednesday 3rd December
Current Year 7s and new Year 8s for 2015 – Monday 1st December
Date Claimers – Rites of Passage Year 6s - Monday 1st December (6pm-7.30pm)

Detailed information about Orientation Days and Rites of Passage will follow in future newsletters.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Coordinator

Classroom News

Year 8 Home Economics
This week is a practical cooking lesson. Students need to bring their recipe planners, workbooks and a plastic container to bring their food home in.

Next week is a cooking demonstration. Students need to bring their workbooks.

Thanks
Mrs Angelique Arden
Home Economics Teacher
Music News
Come along and support our wonderful Instrumental Music program at the 2014 Instrumental Showcase evening. 
6:00pm next Thursday (23 October) in the Mary Knoll Centre
Entry is free!!!
Thanks
Mr Michael Scanlan
Music Teacher

Sport News
Proud to announce that another 3 students have made Wide Bay Regional teams. Renee Irvine, Lleyton Brown and Tom Carney were selected in Under 15 Cricket teams to go to State carnivals. We wish them well.

Last week 3/3 of our teams made finals of the South Burnett 10-a-side Rugby League carnival, held at Taabinga State School. Although all went down narrowly in their finals, they played very well all day. Thanks for the parent support. 2 students - Latisha Wilkens and Zac Brown were awarded, Best on Ground awards.

On Friday the 24th of October the summer primary Gala Sports Day will take place at various schools in various sports. Students will choose this week and receive consent forms and information sheets. Please get these back as soon as possible. You are most welcome to come and support. Transport will be provided and just sports uniform for the day.
Please be aware no 4-7 normal classes will run that day.

Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Active After School Sports
Thanks to those parents who have returned their children’s forms for AASS.
There are still some places available on both Wednesday for AFL and Thursday for Cricket
You will only be contacted by the College if your child has not been able to get a place in the activity of their choice.
Activities commence this week.
Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Coordinator

After School Collection of Students
All students who wait after school for someone to pick them up (not bus students) need to wait under the large trees in front of the school. Parents either access the Stop Drop or Go zone or they park down in the bottom gravel car park and wait for their child to come to the car. Students either enter their vehicle when the vehicles comes to a complete stop in the Stop Drop and Go zone or they recognise their car in the bottom car park and only then, walk across the crossing (with the crossing supervisor) to get to their vehicle.

If a student for any number of reasons has not been collected by 3.10pm then he/she needs to come up to the school courtyard. Parents then go to the front office or come to the courtyard to collect their child. Phone calls are then made to student contacts, from the office if a student is distressed for any reason.

No student is to wait by him or herself in the bottom gravel car park

Well meaning parents will sometimes call the parent/carer/Grandparent of the child who is still waiting and wait with that child at their car or in the lower car park or go for a walk etc. However, while this practice helps allay the child’s concerns and fears – which is great - It causes concern at the office as an office staff member tries to locate a student whose family member or nominated family friend has come to collect the child (unaware of a phone call from a well meaning friend) and the child is not in the courtyard.

To that end any student who has not been collected by a known adult by 3.10pm from under the trees, will then wait in the courtyard of the college to be collected by a parent or nominated friend or relative. No child P-12 is to wait in front of the College after 3.10pm.

Thanks
Pam Radcliffe
Stop Drop and Go

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The Peace Child
Wednesday 22/10 - 3:10 - 4:30 All Cast Members
Thursday 23/10 - 3:10 - 4:30 All Cast Members (This is a catch up session for the pupil free day on Monday)

If your child is going to miss a rehearsal please contact the College office or me.
Regards
Mrs Tamara Collins
Performing Arts Teacher

Tutoring News
The P&F Meeting is next Tuesday, 21st October starting at 7pm sharp. Come and have a cuppa and cake. Hope to see you there.
Regards
Mr Damien Martoo
P&F Meeting

Whip Cracking News
Upcoming Events
- Chinchilla Grandfather Clock Whip Cracking Performance - Friday, 17th October at Chinchilla Showgrounds, Please meet in front of the Cafeteria.
  An activity form will be handed out later in the week.
- G20 Celebration Parade - Saturday, 1st November at South Bank Brisbane.

Then it will be time for the team to hang up the whips and enjoy a well-earned rest until we commence again in 2015.

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
Hot Dogs with Cheese $3.50

Lunch Only
Cheese and Bacon Pizza Roundas $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.

The Tuckshop will be open on Tuesday, 21st October in lieu of Monday.

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

Year 12 Valedictory Scrapbooking Workshop
Unfortunately due to lack of RSVPs the scrapbooking workshop that was going the be held on the 18th October has been cancelled.
Celebration of the Arts

Thursday

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Saint Mary’s Catholic College – Mary Knoll Centre

Slip and Slide, Water Balloons and lots more.

Pupil Free Day 20 October 2014

This service is open for everyone not just Taabinga School Students. We’re a Child Care Benefit (CCB) approved service.

Taabinga State School
Ph: 0428 227 057 (leave a message) or 41 681 889
Email: taabingasac@pcyc.org.au
Open 7am to 6pm on the Pupil Free Day

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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The SBCO String Ensemble will be presenting two special spring concerts in October 2014.

Join us for an afternoon concert including tea and coffee at the Wondai Church of England Hall, corner Baynes & Bramston on Sunday 19th October at 3 pm.

Or for an afternoon of fine music, wine and cheese, see us at the beautiful gardens of Kingsfield House Nanango on Saturday 25th October at 4 pm. This is a licensed event. BYO chair or picnic blanket.

CONCERT COSTS:
$20 FAMILY
$10 ADULT
$5 CONCESSION STUDENT
All Kingsfield House Nanango $5 for glass of wine and cheese platter $10 NO BYO ALCOHOL ON FOOD.

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