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From the Principal

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Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have already contributed to our annual survey. The survey is still available at for parents and carers at:


or by typing: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SMCC_2014_Parent_Survey into your address bar.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

A Prayer for the Day
This prayer for the day is a perfect way to start each day, asking for God’s guidance throughout morning, noon, and night. For Catholic and other Christians, prayer is the only way to ensure a day will go well!

Lord,
May all that we do this day,
from morning until night,
begin with your inspiration,
and continue with your powerful help.
May our work this day
be rooted in love and mercy,
that we might love you,
and love our neighbours,
as perfectly as you love us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen
David Bennett

Did you know that traditionally Catholics and other Christians have prayed at different times of the day on a set basis?

This prayer has been called the Liturgy of the Hours, the Divine Office, among other names.

It is an important part of Christian tradition.

Presentation Night
Letters have been sent out regarding Thursday, 30th October. It is expected that award winners stay for the entire night, particularly if you are receiving a major award. Some students in P-6 may not be able to do this but we ask that you try. The night will run from 6 - 8.30pm in the Mary Knoll centre. It is a wonderful celebration of many aspects of College life and a chance to acknowledge our Academic, Sporting and Cultural award winners.
If for any reason you cannot attend, please contact the office or me. For those that do attend (and that is many students!), please bring a plate to share after the event. Formal Uniform must be worn, including ties for boys in Years 10 - 12.
A more detailed program will be sent out next week.
God Bless
Mr Sean Enwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Academic Awards
Many of the awards that will be presented at the Annual Awards night on Thursday 30th October will of an academic nature.

Below is a summary of each to assist you in understanding how these awards are determined.

Academic Excellence: Years 1-6: Awarded to the student who achieved the highest academic performance in that year level.

Academic Excellence: Year 7-12: Awarded to any student in any subject where the students is either Well Above expected level (Year 7-10) or achieving an "A" level (Years 11-12).

Dux: The Year 12 student with the highest academic performance. This is determined by aggregating the results of each subject

Academic Competition Awards: For the most successful student/s who compete in the various academic competitions.
Academic Competitions House Competition: Students achieve various points for their results in the many academic competitions throughout the year. When results are tallied for students in their Houses, the overall highest number of points is awarded to the winning house.

Carroll Award for Diligence: Students are nominated by their teachers of each subject for the student’s demonstration of effort to achieve. Diligence is the sustained application to hard work, and is not conditional on the student achieving high levels of attainment. It is awarded purely on diligence.

USQ Overall Academic Achievement (Years 10 and 11): This new award is to acknowledge the students in Year 10 and 11 who demonstrate the highest level of academic achievement as expressed in the various subjects.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

Library Corner

Textbook Returns Process
Students in Years 10-12 have been given a printed record of all their current loans so that they are aware of what is still outstanding in their names. Please note Years 10 & 11 students do not need to return their laptops (it appears on their list for their information only). Year 12 students will be notified of the end-of-year laptop process shortly.

For the remainder of the term, first, second and final reminders will be given to all students in Years 7-12.

Please refer to the timeline for textbook returns below:

Monday 7th November – All outstanding Year 11 & 12 resources due back

Monday 13th November – Letters posted home Year 11 & 12

Monday 14th November – All outstanding Years 7-10 resources due back

Thursday 20th November – Overdue letters posted home - Year 10

Monday 24th November – Overdue letters posted home – Year 7-9

Overdue letters, as per the Textbook Hire Scheme Process, communicated to all students and parents over the course of the year, will be sent out after numerous attempts to retrieve outstanding resources. It gives students and parents the opportunity to discuss overdues with library staff. Should outstanding resources still not be returned after 7 days of the date the letters are sent (or explained to library staff), invoices will be sent to the Business Manager. Please note that no refunds can be given once invoiced, even if the books are found.

It is very important to follow these strict deadlines for returning resources as library staff have to ensure adequate resources are available in good condition for all students at the beginning of 2015. Please support us by assisting your child to return all their textbooks on time.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Counsellor News
"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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Indigenous News
Last Friday, Nakita Kirby and Frank McGregor attended the Brisbane Catholic Education Graduation in St Stephen’s Cathedral. Each year, BCE recognises the Indigenous students graduating from all its schools; this year it was in the region of 170 students. Congratulations to Nakita and Frank on completing Year 12 and we wish you all the best for the future.

Some dates to keep in mind over the next couple of weeks:
• 30th October is our Awards Presentation Night. Among other awards, the Aunty Daisy Carlo Deadly award will be presented to an Indigenous student who has worked with tenacity to achieve their best.
• 17th November is our Indigenous Certificate Presentation Ceremony at the Ration Shed, Cherbourg. This is Saint Mary’s annual ceremony to recognise the achievement of all Indigenous students, from Prep to Year 12, in completing the year of schooling. Everyone is welcome to attend and the BBQ will be from 4.30pm.

Every Blessing,
Mrs Amanda Erwin,
on behalf of the Indigenous Support Team

Curriculum News
Swimming lessons Prep to Year 6
The swimming lesson timetable has been sorted (barring any last minute changes) and by now all students should have had a letter home about the swimming with a tear off section for parent help and information about their child if applicable etc. Also the students received a list of what to bring.

Swimming lessons start for Prep Monday 27th October, followed by Year 1 to Year 6 Tuesday to Friday. This is then repeated the next week with Prep on Monday 3rd November. Swimming lessons conclude Friday 7th November. Prep experience water familiarisation rather than swimming lessons. A qualified swim coach Mrs. Jennifer Lutz runs all sessions.

The P-6 swimming carnival will be held at the pool on Tuesday 2nd December – last week of school. More information will be going home regarding the swimming carnival closer to the date.

Prep Orientation
Prep orientation starts Wednesday 19th November. This is a day for parents and children to come to Saint Mary’s and meet the teacher and each other for an informal get together with morning tea provided. Two weeks later on Wednesday 3rd December parents and children return for a more formal session. Parents and their children are in different rooms as parents listen to some information sessions and the new preps experience some of the activities they will be doing next year. Wednesday 3rd December is also when each class P-6 move up for a morning session to experience some of the work and activities they will be involved with in 2015. It is also the Year 7 orientation day.

Peace Child
Students involved in the Peace Child performance should have all their information and be practicing their lines etc. Please contact Mrs. Tamara Collins if you have any questions regarding this performance. We look forward to the matinee performance in a few weeks.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Congratulations to the fourteen children who have signed up for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next Saturday/Sunday 25th and 26th October the children will be invited up to renew his/her Baptism promises. Also at the end of the Liturgy or Mass children will be asked to come up to sign their names on the register, if they haven’t been able to sign on last weekend.

Christmas Concert – Prep to Year 6
The Prep to Year 6 Christmas Concert will once again be in the Maryknoll Centre with raffles, food, icy pops etc. on Thursday 4th December – second last day of school. The evening starts at 5.15pm with a BBQ, drinks, raffles and the concert starts at 6.15pm. There will be raffle draws throughout the night. The evening usually concludes around 7.30pm.
Year 6 Rite of Passage
There will be more information going home in a letter to the parents of year 6 students. This will be in the Maryknoll Centre on Monday 1st December starting at 6.00pm. Students are to be in full and correct formal uniform.
Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Early Years Coordinator

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 Economic News
This week is a cooking demonstration students need to bring their workbooks to class.

Next week is a practical cooking lesson students need to bring their recipe planners, workbooks and a plastic container to bring their food home in.

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
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 sports uniform is required on the day.
Please be aware no Year 4-7 normal classes will run that day.

Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Annual Awards Night
Could any staff, families and friends who have nice big pot plants and fresh flowers please bring them in to the canteen area of the Maryknoll Centre next Thursday ready for Awards night. We need flowers to be brought in named buckets or containers that do not need to be returned. We would appreciate nice greenery as well. Pot plants should be named as well if possible.

Thanks
Mrs Bronwyn Martoo and Mrs Jenny Mazzer

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Rehearsals
Rehearsals this week will be:
Monday, 27th October - Sotongi Tribe and Reporting Crew 3:10 - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 29th October - Wannakekee Tribe 3:10 - 4:30pm

Students know what tribes they are in.

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

Whip Cracking News

Crackup Sisters Workshop
This workshop was a huge success with the students involved in a full day of performance skills, whip cracking techniques and public speaking. The Crackup Sisters were very impressed with the students’ performance skills, positive attitude and respect for each other. We look forward to working with the Sisters again in 2015.

Chinchilla Grandfather Clock Campdraft
Saint Mary’s Whip Cracking Team amazed the crowds once again with their skills and talents at Chinchilla Grandfather Clock on Friday Night.

The kids performed in the Cut Out Camp under lights in between the Bare Back Cut-outs Finals.

The crowd was impressed with the team’s whip cracking, aerobatics and performing arts skills during the 15 minute routine.

The President of the Chinchilla Camp Draft Committee has asked the team back to perform again for the crowds at next year’s event.

Thank you to all the committed parents and families who attended this event.

Warwick Gold Cup
Unfortunately we have had to decline our invitation to perform at Warwick this Thursday night, due to the students’ commitment to the upcoming G20 performance. However we will hopefully perform there in 2015.

G20 Parade
The Crack Up Sisters have asked the team to perform with them at the G20 Celebration Parade to be held on the 1st November at South Bank (fortnight before the Summit).
Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Chicken and Gravy Roll $3.50
Lunch Only
Fried Rice $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, 24th October - Jessica Langley
Monday, 27th October - Volunteers needed
Wednesday, 29th October - Volunteers needed

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**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 please do 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 or beetroot would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for their kind donations of good and time.

Regards

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

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**P&F News**

Good day to all our wonderful parents and carers. Last night the P&F met for our second last meeting of the year. I feel last night was the best meeting we have had. Over the past year or so there have been many discussions surrounding playgrounds, physical equipment and other sporting areas for students and teachers to use. The committee did not just want to throw money at projects that would not be beneficial to everyone so last night a very large project was voted on to help fund. The P&F will put $30,000 from this year's budget and a minimum of another $10,000 from next year's budget, depending on final costs, to build outdoor multi purpose courts. This will be a fantastic project that we are very excited about and will give our students more opportunities to take part in physical activities.

Another project that was funded was the purchase of a class set of robotics kits which was requested by Mr Richards adding to the fantastic technologies our students get access to at Saint Mary's. 2 years ago the P&F funded a science experiment and activity trolley and due to the popularity a request to increase its activities was also approved allowing the growth of students' scientific knowledge.

**Date Claimers**

- Sunday, 9th November - Working Bee, 7am start
- Saturday, 31st January 2015 - Saint Mary's Family Picnic
- Tuesday, 17th February 2015 - P&F Calendar Planning Meeting

Next week I will discuss all the upcoming events in more detail.

**College Newsletter**

If you wish to have your College newsletter in hard copy please contact the College office.

God's blessing

Mr Damien Martoo

P&F President
Celebration of the Arts

Thursday

NOVEMBER 6 2014

Saint Mary’s Catholic College – Mary Knoll Centre

6pm Doors open
6-8.30pm Art Gallery Display
8.30-8.50pm Music, Drama & Dance Performances

Come along and support the amazing talent on showcase at Saint Mary’s!

KINGAROY BLUE LIGHT DISCO

31st Oct 2014

Dance and costume

Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be brought

Start: 6.00pm
Finish: 8.30pm
Glendon Street

Parents must collect their children from inside the hall and may at any time throughout the night.

Come dressed in your favourite Halloween costume for a chance to win great prizes.

Kingaroy Town Hall
Friday 31st October 2014

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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

Concert Costs
$20 Family
$10 Adult
$5 Concession/Student

At Ringsfield House–Wine $5 per glass and cheese platters $10. No BYO Alcohol or Food.

More Information
E– sborchestra@hotmail.com
F– www.facebook.com/sbcorchestra

Spring Strings
Wondai Sunday 19th October Nanango Saturday 25th October

KINGAROY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Sponsorship and Volunteers needed

The Kingaroy Christmas Carnival is on Thursday 11th December 2014 from 5pm to 9pm.

It costs just over $20,000 each year to run the carnival and believe it or not, on the night, we generally have between 50-60 helpers.

This includes the committee (12), SES staff on rotating shifts (up to 15), ticket stall helpers (8), raffle ticket sellers (6), costume helpers (6). We have volunteers who blow up our balloons, members and other volunteers who help with setup and pack-up, all our entertainers are volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please give our Project Coordinator Will Johnson a call on 0408 644 460 or email the committee sbyoungeaders@live.com.au

If you can assist with sponsorship by way on monetary donations, gift vouchers, products or know someone who can help, please call Tina Torrens on 0417 010 292. More details on our website.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on at the Carrolee at 6pm - 9pm, 11th November 2014 in the meeting room.

Visit our website for further information www.kingaroychristmascarnival.com

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