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

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 ‘Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25: 31-40

As a Catholic school, sometimes our values can come into conflict with the world's views. When we look at an issue like equality we do not see it as ‘giving everybody exactly the same thing’. We look at people's individual needs and try to give them an equal opportunity to succeed. We support families who are struggling financially (e.g. our farming families, families on low incomes); students who need extra help to meet basic educational standards (e.g. Special Needs, Indigenous and English as Second Language students); students who cannot afford lunch, uniforms etc.

Our understanding of equality is that if you have 10 students and two of them don't have lunch, then you make the two hungry students a vegemite sandwich to feed them. This is also true of extending students who have a particular hunger or interest. Saint Mary's is always looking at extending those students who have a hunger for events such as equestrian, whip cracking, dance, art, music, academia etc. We do our best not to have a one size fits all approach.

The world sometimes has a different view of equality believing that equality is where everyone gets exactly the same thing. We stereotypically see this in the old US medical system where if you don't have the money or insurance to receive medical treatment then you don't get treated, i.e. the kids who don't have a sandwich just miss out. The other stereotypical alternative is the Communist model where you give everyone the same thing. We stereotypically see this in the old US medical system where if you don't have the money or insurance to receive medical treatment then you don't get treated, i.e. the kids who don't have a sandwich just miss out. The other stereotypical alternative is the Communist model where you give everyone the same thing. We stereotypically see this in the old US medical system where if you don't have the money or insurance to receive medical treatment then you don't get treated, i.e. the kids who don't have a sandwich just miss out. 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Over the past week we have had many wonderful events including:

- Understanding Child and Youth Sexuality. Thanks to the parents and carers who joined us for this valuable session. I have included some of the resources our presenter sent through below:
  - Sex Education Forum UK [http://www.sexeducationforum.org.uk/resources/curriculum](http://www.sexeducationforum.org.uk/resources/curriculum)
  - Sexuality Resource for Parents - [http://www.srcp.org/for_all_parents/development.html](http://www.srcp.org/for_all_parents/development.html)
• Celebration of the Arts evening: Thanks to our talented students and amazing Arts teachers for this evening. This was the biggest and best art showcase yet. I am always astounded by our students’ incredible depth of talent.

• P&F Working Bee: Thank you to all of the parents and carers who helped at our working bee. I stupidly pulled a back muscle lifting a chair and was left being the Morning Tea person and general supervisor.

• Remembrance Day: Thanks to Mr Perrett for organising a moving Remembrance Day liturgy in the College’s Benedictine Square.

• Interschool Chess Competition: Thanks to Mrs Burr and Mr Hutton for running our inaugural Interschool Chess Competition on Tuesday. It was amazing to see our students in the midst of their 20 minute battles for chess supremacy.

We welcome two new staff members who are filling in for the remainder of the year:
• Brian Bird who will be our counsellor while Mr Turnbull is on long service leave.
• Malcolm Lee who will fill in for Mr Byrne who is on sick leave.

I would also like to congratulate Patrick Frohloff (Year 6) who is just back from a week of competition in horse events at Tamworth. Patrick and his Welsh Pony ‘Beemer’ came away with so many Championship wins that he was declared Supreme Champion rider of the Royal Show.

His impressive list of wins and placing included 5 individual wins and 5 Championships:
• Champion Open Ridden Welsh Pony
• Champion Child’s Ridden Welsh Pony
• Champion Ridden Welsh Pony Hunter
• Overall Res Champion Welsh Hunter
• Champion Open Child’s Pony

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

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Prayer for Rain

Dear Lord
Please send forth nourishing rains that will allow our region to flourish
Water is the source of life and our community is suffering at present
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord
Amen

End of Year arrangements

Week 7 - Last week for Year 12, finishing with Mass and farewell Morning Tea next Friday, 21st November
Week 8 - Last week for Year 10 and 11, Year 11 on Work Experience, Year 10 at school until Friday, 28th November
Week 9 - Last week for Prep-9, finishing Friday, 5th December at 12-30pm

If parents wish to pick their child up from school on the last day, you may sign them out from the office after 12-30 (lunch).
Students who cannot be picked up will be supervised until 2-55pm. Buses will run as normal.

Prep to Year 6 Swimming Day

Prep to Year 6 Swimming Day is on Tuesday, 2nd December at the Kingaroy Aquatic Centre. Students come to school as normal. Students will travel by bus down to the pool once rolls are marked. The carnival will run from 9am to 12noon. An assembly will be held at 2pm in the bottom courtyard when they return.

God Bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Essential Arts

A Celebration of the Arts, Saint Mary's Catholic College Thursday 6th November 2014

The night was titled “A Celebration of the Arts” for good reason.

Let’s get the statistics over with first. Over 100 students performed for an audience of near 300, and 350 individual works of art were displayed.

But what those numbers mean is far more important. It means that the arts are alive and well in Saint Mary’s, and that the importance of the Arts is recognised and celebrated.

realise your dignity
Those that appreciate the arts know why they are important. All civilisations, old and new, have used various forms of the arts to express how we feel, define who we are, and recall the past.

On our night to present the arts to our Saint Mary's community, you could see a satirical political play and a humorous family vignette all on the one night. Yes, it was the short version. You could hear a modern love song that was heart wrenching, listen to a classic slim Dusty tune performed with a soul jazz reinterpretation, or hear a classical instrumental performed with panache.

Or if you prefer dance, you got to see it done in its many forms, from modern right back to classical. It was full of colour, grace, rhythm and expression of the moment.

For those of us whose visual senses are a source of expression, the paintings, installations and pieces of art of all types were there in numbers. Abstract art by young students; artistic photographic recollections of a sporting trip to London; a portrait of a beautiful woman, and a challenging statement about being black or white.

In all these productions and pieces are an expression by the artist and performers to convey a story, express an issue or a passion, to amuse or just delight us. Those that are open to the experience will tell you that after such a night, your senses come alive, your imagination is engaged, and a sense of clarity prevails.

Congratulations to the students, who took the nerves between their teeth, took a deep breath and walked on stage or courageously displayed their work. Some like to exit the stage bowing while the last note was still ringing, while others liked to linger in the spotlight a little longer. Typical of a Saint Mary's event, everyone had a go, and every effort was appreciated.

Thank you to our teachers of the Arts: Mrs Langford-Martoo, Mrs Arden, Mrs Collins, and Mr Scanlan. Not everyone can keep 20 teenagers in a room, let alone get them to perform the musical piece, dance in time, express rage on stage, or capture the curve of a chin in charcoal.

And well done parents who supported these students. On more than one occasion on the night, a parent spoke to staff of their student who loves their instrument, their paints or the spotlight, and really comes alive when engaged in their love of some form of these forms of art. A beneficial therapeutic effect becomes evident.

And that is why we celebrate of the arts!

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Remembrance – the significance of armistice
It is fitting that the denouncement of war, the promotion of selflessness and a life-saving armistice are the distinguishing features of a Saint’s life, recognised on Remembrance Day.

Yesterday the college observed a minute’s silence to remember the lives lost in war and celebrate the armistice. The occasion is not lost on many of the students who have been well informed through their classes and by teachers as to what the day represents.

Yesterday was also the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours. He was a soldier in the Roman army as was his Father, at a time when Rome was not persecuting Christians. Before compulsory service at 15 he requested to become a catechumen at the local Christian Church.

Two important events shaped him early in life and his legacy began. He once gave a beggar who was freezing some of his cloke only to receive jeers and jauts from his countrymen, a very courageous counter cultural act for a man of his position and stature. He also refused money offered him to him as a soldier as was the custom. His refusal of the money and to be drawn to battle made his superior furious. Martin asked to be put out in front of the army without a sword to be a sacrifice of peace and his wish was granted. It was actually an armistice that prevented him from being killed that way.

Martin was forced from home when he denounced his parents’ beliefs and became an ascetic and despite his popularity and even great pressure to become Bishop, Martin lead a very eventful life, but one of humility and detachment. He placed his God and others before himself, just as Jesus did.

Yesterday’s college response in the litany of prayers at our Remembrance ceremony is very pertinent in a global context. As we watch and wait to see what common sense comes out of G20 and world leader talks and what influence that can have on terrorism, oppression and the atrocities of war that scar humanity, we can only pray;

Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayers.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE
Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

Blue Award (3 books) – Leonard Potgieter
Red Award (5 books) – Molly Wernecke, Larnah Buckle, Bailey Buttsworth, Martin Penny
Bronze Award (10 books) – Addisen Hawks

Textbook Returns Process – Year 11 & 12
All outstanding Year 11 & 12 resources are due back by this Friday. Thank you to those students who have let us know that they still need these for exams this week. Letters will be posted home to families next Monday 17th November.

Library Borrowing
Please note that library borrowing including the Lexile and Take Home Reader program has concluded for the year in preparation for end of year processes. All library books and readers are due back immediately please. Some Lexile students will be notified by their classroom teacher and granted permission to continue borrowing in order to achieve their last certificates for the year.

Curriculum News

Year 7 (Wednesday 3rd December) and Year 8 (Monday 1st December) Orientation Days
Orientation day events for Year 7s and Year 8s in 2015 have been planned for Monday, 1st and Wednesday 3rd December. These events include new Year 7s and 8s to the college in 2015 as well as our present Year 7s and 8s. The day will provide opportunities for students to socialise and meet some of their classmates and teachers. Students will participate in activities for the day including sport, science, workshop, art and drama in various specialist rooms. Detailed information via a letter has been sent home earlier this term, including a program for the day. Please contact the office if you have not received the letter and program.

Year 6 Rites of Passage Ceremony
The college will host another Rites of Passage ceremony for our Year 6s on Monday the 1st December at 6pm-7.00pm. This event will commemorate students’ transition from one phase of learning into another by celebrating an important milestone within their schooling i.e. Year 6 moving into a new Teaching and Learning Community. An invitation will be sent home to families this week.

Warm regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher-Librarian

Year 8 Home Economics News
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 to class.

Thank you
Mrs Angelique Arden
Classroom Teacher

Arts News
Last Thursday was the annual Celebration of the Arts evening at Saint Marys. The night began with a arts display followed by a range of different dance, drama and music performances. It was really great to see so many supporters from the school and local community!

Thank you
Mrs Angelique Arden
Performing Arts Teacher

Indigenous News
A reminder to parents/carers that our annual Indigenous Certificate Presentation is next Monday the 17th of November. We need RSVPs to be emailed or rung into the school ASAP so we can organise the food and drinks for the night.

Hope to see you all there.
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker
Music News

Congratulations to all the Musicians who performed as part of the ‘Celebration of Arts’ evening last Thursday night. All of the students did a fantastic job, with a wide array of different instruments being performed. Well done!

Instrumental Tuition News

Enrolment forms for 2015 Tuition will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please return these as soon as possible to the office or Mr Scanlan.

Instrument Hire Forms

Those students who are currently hiring instruments from the College will also have a hire form sent home for 2015 hire. Please note: no instruments will be issued without a signed Hire form. If you are interested in hiring an instrument from the College in 2015, please contact Mr Michael Scanlan through the office.

Regards
Mr Michael Scanlan
Music Teacher

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

It’s almost Christmas and Saint Vinnies Christmas appeal is on once again! Collection baskets have been placed in each of your children’s classrooms, so if you have any spare non-perishable items or want to donate Christmas presents or decorations, you’ll be helping over 2,000 Australian households that will be doing it tough this Christmas. Christmas presents however cannot be wrapped. Thank you in advance from the year 9s. No one should have to miss out on Christmas!

The Peace Child

Rehearsals
Monday, 17th October - 3.10pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday, 19th October - 3.10pm to 4.30pm

It is important that all attend. This is our last full week of rehearsals. We only have three more afternoons left for rehearsals.

Regards
Mrs Tamara Collins
Performing Arts Teacher

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Hot dogs - $3.50

Lunch Only
Potato Bake - $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.

Volunteer
Friday, 14th November - Jessica Langley
Monday, 17th November - Volunteers needed
Wednesday, 19th November - 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 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 food and time.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

realise your dignity
Hi everyone. I would like to start this week by thanking everyone - parents, teachers and students - who were able to attend our Term 4 working bee. I know it is a busy time of year. So much was achieved with gardens around the library being prepped for some new planting. The irrigation system in these areas was also audited and will soon be in working order again. The bank behind the Maryknoll is slowly coming under control with some ideas being looked at for weed suppression. The office entrance also looks a treat thanks to Miss Schultz and Ms Radcliffe.

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR RAFFLE

**P&F ULTIMATE SANTA RAFFLE**
Want to win a week at the beach? A yummy treat? You can, with the P&F's last 2014 fundraiser. Look for the green ticket sheet in your kids' school bags! Why not sell them at your work? A big thank you to our families who donated the prizes for this raffle.

Until next week

Blessings
Mr Damien Martoo
President

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**FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY**
This year The Management of Ringsfield House Nanango, have decided to offer access to the house and gardens for formal photography for a fee of $20.00 per couple.
Please pre book by telephone: 41633345 or email: admin@ringsfield.com.au
Payment on the day.

**LOST**
Missing from Hodgeleigh (Nanango)
Desexed female dalmation, no collar or chip.
Please phone Graham if you find her on 0427 140 619

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