From the Principal

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

2015 will be a huge year, not just because of our 50th and 25th Anniversaries, but also because of our exciting new building program. We have received confirmation from both the State and Federal governments that our request for funding to build eight new secondary classrooms (including two P-12 student support rooms) and a new purpose built music room has been approved. We will also build an extra P-6 classroom ourselves. The College will take out a loan to pay for part of the building program, but we are very grateful to the state and federal governments for meeting the bulk of the costs.

We will try to limit the effects of this new building program on our students, but it will mean that we will have to convert a couple of our rooms into classrooms next year. Room 2 which has been a student support room will become a classroom again and the Multimedia Room in the library will also become a classroom for smaller classes. There may be other changes as the building program gets underway mid-year.

Our enrolments look like being around the 500 mark next year. This will bring us three or four extra teachers and possibly even a Head of Primary to assist with overseeing P-6 as part of our Leadership Team. We have been interviewing this week and have had nearly 60 applicants for our 2015 positions. With extra teachers, we hope to be able to provide even more opportunities for our students. I would hope that we could provide even more sporting opportunities as this was a request from our students in the recent survey.

Next year, we will also have 10 new Middle Leadership positions to support our students:
- 3 x Student Wellbeing Leaders – P-6; 7-9; 10-12.
- 3 x Teaching and Learning Leaders – P-6; 7-10; 11-12.
- 2 x Sports Coordinators – P-6; 7 – 12.
- Vocational Education Leader.
- Information and Communications Technology Leader.

One of our most generous staff members, Kaitlyn Tucker has accepted a position at St Eugene’s, Burpengary for 2015. I am very grateful for Kaitlyn’s great efforts with her classes, and I am especially grateful for Kaitlyn’s support of our QISSN netball team and for her help with after school weekly study lessons. We will miss Kaitlyn, and I wish her all the best for her future.

Last week, Saint Mary’s Kingaroy won two out of five of the inaugural Catholic Leader Community Leader Awards. Pam Radcliffe won the major award for Community Leader of the Year for her selfless service to our Parish and College. I was very humbled to be named School Leader of the Year at the same ceremony.

Last week, we celebrated our 2014 Seniors’ Graduation and Formal. Our Formal arrival was almost rained out, but our ever resilient seniors continued to smile and look glamorous in spite of the rain. This incredible spirit is one of the things that I love most about our community. We also experienced a beautiful Graduation Mass on Friday, where the whole College farewelled our Seniors. We wish our seniors all the best for their futures. I would like to congratulate all Seniors and their families and all of the staff who helped us to celebrate this milestone.

Last week, I also joined our 2015 Seniors for an end of year luncheon at the RSL. While they have big shoes to fill, I am very confident that we will have another awesome group of Senior Leaders in 2015. Thanks to Ms Robertson and our 2015 Seniors for organising this lunch.

On Sunday, we celebrated a beautiful Parish College Mass. I am very grateful to Mr Perrett, Ms Radcliffe, Mrs Sudull, Mr Scanlan, Mr Richard, Mr Hutton and all of our wonderful students who contributed to this beautiful Mass.

There are lots of amazing events before the end of the year, just a few of them are:
- Monday, Dec 1: 9am Peace Child Matinee & Year 8 Orientation Day
  6pm: Year 6 Rite of Passage Ceremony celebrating their move into secondary education.
- Tuesday, Dec 2: 6pm Peace Child Performance
- Wednesday, Dec 3: P&F and College Board Committees Christmas Dinner. A huge thank you to the Crane family for organising this dinner and to our wonderful P&F and College Board committees for another great year.
- Prep and Year 7 Orientation Day.
- Thursday, Dec 4: 6pm P-6 Christmas Carol Evening at the Maryknoll Centre.
- Friday, Dec 5: 9am P – 9 Christmas and End of Year Mass at St Mary’s Church.
School finishes at 12.30pm on Friday, December 5. Bus students and students who cannot get home will be supervised until 3pm.

We wish our Year 10 and 11 students and families a Happy and Holy Christmas and wonderful New Year as they finish up this week.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Peace Child Musical times
Dear parents and carers
Due to yesterday’s sudden illness, Mrs Collins will have to postpone the Peace Child performances to:
Matinee - Monday 1st December, 9am in Maryknoll Centre
Full Performance - Tuesday 2nd December, 6pm in Maryknoll Centre
Thank you for your understanding in this matter

Orientation days Week 9
Monday 1st December - Year 8, 2015
Please meet in the bottom courtyard
Parents will go to the media room with Mr Erwin and Mrs Burr
Students will attend various activities throughout the day and finish in the Maryknoll Centre approximately 2-40pm in time for buses

Wednesday 3rd December - Year 7, 2015
Please meet in the bottom courtyard
Parents will go to the media room with Mr Erwin and Mrs Burr
Students will attend various activities throughout the day and finish in the Maryknoll Centre approximately 2-40pm in time for buses

Last Day of term
On Friday, 5th December, there will be a College mass at 9am in the Maryknoll Centre.
Normal classes will run in periods 3 and 4.
At lunch (12-30pm) students may be picked up from school.
If students cannot be picked up at this time, they will go to the Art room where they will be supervised until 2-55pm.
Normal buses will run at 2-55pm North and South to Murgon and Blackbutt.
If you have any queries please contact the College office.

God Bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APN News
Thank you Curriculum Team!
At this time of year, it is a good opportunity to thank those who have contributed to ensuring the Learning and Teaching at Saint Mary’s is well organised, complies with government requirements, and is delivered to students in the classroom in the best possible way.
The College Curriculum Team performs that task, and meets every week to discuss the range of issues that have to be considered.
Thank you to Ms. Pam Radcliffe (P-6 Curriculum Coordinator) who brings a wealth of expertise to her role. Many people also know Ms. Radcliffe as a Learning Support Teacher, and know that she brings her wonderful understanding of student to her other role as Curriculum Coordinator. She seems to naturally understand the hearts and minds of young students.
Thank you to Mrs. Melanie Burr (Year 7-10 Curriculum Coordinator) who is also our Teacher Librarian. Like Ms. Radcliffe, Mrs. Burr has much experience as a classroom teacher, is a person dedicated to resourcing the learning of other teachers, and also conducting the Naplan Testing. She is renowned for the great service she brings to her students, and also for her administration of the Resource Centre.
Thanks you to Mr. Gary Curran (Year 11-12 Curriculum Coordinator) whose experience in the classroom and passion for science has helped us fulfill all the complex issues associated with the Qld Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and all the judgments that are made about senior studies and student levels of achievement.
We are fortunate to have this team of energetic, experienced and dedicated educators to guide our Learning and Teaching at the College.
There have been times when a half dozen lamingtons and a cup of tea were necessary to get us to all agree on difficult issues or just make it to the end of our meetings.

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On behalf of all the students who benefit from your work and wisdom, thank you Curriculum Team!

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Graduation Mass

On Friday we farewelled our Seniors at a Mass celebrated by celebrated by Father Nigel and Father Michael Carroll, the parish priest from Murgon. The Gospel was about the seed that fell on rich soil. In many ways seed is more valuable than fruit. There is untold potential of seed and its success can be exponential, whereas the fruit is a beautiful and useful product but once consumed is gone.

A good education can be the seed and the rich soil the community that brings that seed to life. It would be selling our seniors short to believe they are fruit as they leave our College, their journey of growth and influence is only just beginning, they are seeds. We hope that we have provided the rich soil, the environment, that has helped the seed start to yield and we pray that they continue to grow their talents and gifts, to realise their full potential and at the same time help others do the same.

As the College witnessed the Seniors thank their parents, carers and friends at the Mass I was reminded of the aspiration of a Marian education, to develop young individuals that, like Mary the Mother of God, have strong minds and gentle hearts, this was plainly evident in the tears of gratitude that flowed.

End of Year Mass

On the last day of school, Friday the 5th of December at 9 am, you are invited to join the rest of the College as we return to Saint Mary's Church on Albert Street to celebrate our end of year Mass. The reason we don't have all our liturgies and Masses there is because we just don't fit anymore, however, with the senior classes gone, it will be a fitting end to the school year. We have a presentation to make to the local community as well which will be done down there.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Library News

Library Borrowing
Please note that library borrowing including the Lexile and Take Home Reader program have concluded for the year in preparation for end of year processes. All library books and readers are due back immediately.
Letters will be sent shortly to parents of students Year 7-10, regarding any outstanding text books.
Mrs Burr

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 Rite of Passage Ceremony
The College will host a Rite of Passage ceremony for our Year 6s on Monday 1st December at 6pm. 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

Classroom News

Prep to Year 6
We are getting to the end of the year and it is becoming very hectic. This week students are busy finishing off various projects including some Christmas presents for parents. This week also sees the start of children bringing home their books and the wonderful projects they have been working on in the various subjects. As I wait out the front in the afternoons with the Stop Drop and Go, it is a delight to see all the creations heading home across P-6. There are some amazing robots and there was one amazing Solar System on a hoola hoop that caused

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quite a stir. It was rewarding to hear that student explaining the solar system to the little Year 1 and 2 students who loved the colour and size of this project.

This Friday 28th November is Free Dress Day to donate items for the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please wear sun safe clothing, sensible shoes and remember a hat and don't forget to bring the item/s for the appeal.

Next Monday 1st December, is the Year 6 Rite of Passage. This is a small liturgy and presentation to the current year 6 students. It is not a graduation ceremony but rather a celebration of finishing their first phase of learning and moving into their second phase of learning known as the Middle Years. And in turn the Senior Years. The invitations to parents and family and friends will have already been sent out. It is always a fun night of memories and ceremony.

It is also that Monday morning 9.00am sharp that the students in P-6 get to be part of the matinee of the Peace Child Performance.

Next Tuesday 2nd December is the Celebration of Learning with the Swimming Day at the town pool. Children start at school and the roll is marked and then children are bussed down to the pool to begin the activities. The day finishes up at around 12.30 and the children return to school for lunch. There is an assembly later that day when the children receive their certificates for their participation in the Swim Block and Mrs. Lutz hands out the special awards to each year level.

It is also that Tuesday evening at 6.00pm sharp that we experience the much-anticipated Peace Child performance. Mrs. Collins is on the mend so we look forward to that special evening.

Next Wednesday the 3rd December starting at 9.00am is the Prep Orientation morning. It is the final morning when the new Prep students get to work with their teachers and the parents meet with me in the media room to go through the final ‘nuts and bolts’ of what it means to be a student at Saint Mary's Catholic College. We finish off with a light morning tea at 10.00am.

It is also that morning that the current students in Prep to year 5 move up a year level to experience some of the curriculum and expectations for 2015. It's a chance for the children to dabble in the delights of their 'next year' year level. It's just a tantalising taste finishing up at 10.30 morning tea. The current year 6 will be with their Prep buddies and Year 1.

Next Thursday 4th December is our annual P-6 Christmas Concert. This is over in the Maryknoll Centre. There will be a sausage sizzle for $1.00, Zupa Doopas for 50c , free tea and coffee and cordial. As mentioned in previous newsletters there are 10 prize raffles. The students of Year 6 are responsible for the organization of these raffles – wrapping presents, organizing the selling and recording of the raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are $2.00 a sheet. The evening starts around 5.00pm with the concert commencing at 6.00pm. The prizes will be drawn throughout the evening with the final draw at the end of the night. Please bring a blanket and cushion for the littlies, chairs will be in the Maryknoll centre for the adults and older children.

There is a lot of activity as the children help with the task of cleaning the classrooms and the furniture ready for the next class. Children take pride in having everything just right - ready for the next class and I think some of them may lament a little at leaving their little haven for the past 12 months.

There are many excursions for students Prep to Year 9 happening this week and next week as classes celebrate the end of another school year. Many classes are going together to share the costs but more importantly it is an opportunity for the students to get to know their teachers in a less formal environment. This helps build relationships for the next year. It helps teachers see another side to their students, which is always a delight.

There are many other little things happening in your child's class and across the school. Please keep in touch with their teacher and read the many notes heading home as children experience the various activities of excursions, in class specials e.g. cooking etc.

Nearly there and don't forget to breathe.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Curriculum Support Teacher Prep-Year 6

**Year 8 Home Economics News**

*This week and next week are both practical cooking lessons. Students need to bring their recipe planners, workbooks and a plastic container to bring their food home in.*

Regards
Angelique Arden
Home Economics Teacher

**Music News**

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who performed at their “Year 3 Violin Concert” on Thursday last week. All of the students did a fantastic job, with many positive comments from the audience and teachers.
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 Scanlan through the office.

Regards
Mr Michael Scanlan
Music Teacher

Whip Cracking News

2015 Whip Cracking Team - Save The Date
- Sunday 8th Feb - Clifton QLD Whip Cracking Titles
- Saturday 7th March - Proston Show Whip Cracking Competition & Performance
- Saturday 14th March - Oakey Show Performance

Reminder
Thank you to the students who have handed in the blue whip cracking shirts, if you have forgotten could you please do so by next week.
Kind regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
It's almost Christmas and Saint Vinnie's 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!

Friday: Free Dress - Dress Standards apply: no singlets, thongs or inappropriate outfits. Please bring a can of food - NOT a Gold Coin
Friday: Colouring in Competition announcement

Kind regards
Michael Scanlan + Angelique Arden
Year 9 Religion Teachers

Homework Club / Tutoring
Homework Club has concluded for this year and will resume next year. To all those who attended over the course of the year, thanks and see you all in 2015.
Regards
Ms Sonia Robertson
Homework Club Supervisor

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:

- Chicken Goujons (5) - Morning Tea & Lunch
- Spaghetti Meatballs - Lunch only

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. As we come to the end of Term 4 we will be running stock low for the Christmas holiday period. Thank you to the families who have donated items throughout the year.

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Volunteers Roster
Friday 28th June - Jessica Langley
Monday 1st December -
Wednesday 3rd December - Melanie Pongi

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.
Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P & F News

P & F Ultimate Santa Raffle
Now to be drawn on Tuesday 2 December at Peach Child performance. Fill out your green tickets for a chance to win: A week at the Beach, Dry as a Bone jacket, A Shaving kit, Brumbies voucher, S & J hair cut voucher: over $1000!!! Be in it to win it!!

Blessings
Mr Damien Martoo
President

Graduation Dinner 2014
Kingaroy Christmas Carnival
11th December 2014
5pm - 9pm

- Hosted by Corry & Shaz from Crown FM
- Starts 5pm to 9pm
- Rides & slide for the kids from $2 each
- Bounce the Bear and other costume characters
- Face Painting available for the kids
- Pony rides
- Loads of food and craft stalls
- Raffles and prizes to be won!

Affordable night out for the family!

Free Entertainment 6.30pm to 9pm
Free animal farm

See Santa at 6.15pm
And get your free photo taken
(Cnr Holy and Kingaroy streets)

Want to know how you can help?

Holding such a fantastic event each year requires funding to cover insurance and submarine rates and entertainment. If you are interested in providing sponsorship for this great community event please contact Tisha Tomsic, "Sponsorship Project Leader" on 0427 702 675 or Will Johnson, "Carnival" Project Leader 0418 810 269. All donations are greatly appreciated.

www.kingaroychristmascarnival.com

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Seeking Past Staff and Students of Holy Cross Primary School

Since 1890, Holy Cross School has fostered a Catholic learning community that educates and inspires, through embracing our motto – “With Dole for Others”.

Past staff and students - please register your contact details to keep informed of our 125 year celebrations.

We are also seeking school memorabilia (documents, photos etc.) to display throughout the anniversary year.

Please join us to celebrate 125 years.

Register your details with Madeline Barbour on:

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