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

This week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week during which we recognise its incredible contribution to our wider community. The first Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Brisbane was commenced by two lay people, Mary and Michael Bourke, in 1845 on the site of the current Myer Centre in Elizabeth Street. Since that time Catholic schooling has expanded its mission in the Archdiocese to teach over 74,000 students in over 150 schools. This year, Saint Mary’s celebrates its 85th year of Catholic Education in the South Burnett.

We have a number of Catholic Education Week celebrations this week including:

- Rock on Stage (last Friday night)
- Christmas in July local Catholic school staff function (last Saturday night)
- Parish school Mass (Sunday)
- Vocations visit (today)
- Catholic Mission performances (Wednesday)
- South Burnett Equestrian Event (Thursday)
- In class activities - across the week

I would like to congratulate all of the staff, parents and students who performed and supported our fabulous Rock on Stage evening, during which we raised $1937.65 to support the great work of the Good Samaritan Sisters’ Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines. I was absolutely amazed by the brilliant performances from all of our classes. On Saturday morning, at the shopping centre, I couldn’t walk more than a few metres without being congratulated by parents on our students’ amazing efforts. I am always glad that I am not a judge, as it would have been very hard to pick the winners.

There are many people to thank for this incredible night including:

- The extremely generous South Burnett businesses who sponsored our raffles.
- Our wonderful P&F for our food.
- The awesome MCs Gabe Crane and Cassi Firman.
- Our staff and parents for costumes and support.
- Mr Randall and the tech crew.
- Mr Perrett and Mr Hutton for organising our raffles.
- Mr Dalton and our judges - Miss Schultz, Miss Joseph and Mr Rutley.
- Mr Erwin for his background organisation.
- Miss Cook, Mrs Collins and Mr Scanlan for overseeing the evening.
- Our talented student, staff and parent performers and helpers.

I would also like to congratulate our wonderful whip cracking team for their appearance on Totally Wild yesterday. It is great to see them proudly demonstrating and sharing this important rural skill throughout South East Queensland. Many parents would have seen them perform before our Rock on Stage and many events earlier this year.

On Thursday, we will hold our 3rd annual South Burnett Equestrian Challenge at the Kingaroy Showgrounds. I would invite all in our community to come down to experience the high level of equestrian skills on show. Once again, our hard-working P&F will help with feeding our equestrian competitors and their families.

Uniform Update: Our uniform will not change until 2016 now as the uniform shop stocktake has revealed more than a year’s worth of old uniforms still in stock. I am particularly disappointed given the months of work and consultation put into the new uniform, but we cannot afford to throw away such a huge amount of stock. The old uniform will continue throughout 2015.
On Tuesday, August 12th our Seniors will hold our first community BBQ for the South Burnett’s struggling families and homeless. We will be rostered from 5.30pm on every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Kingaroy Uniting Church. We are working as part of the Kingaroy District Ministries (combined churches) group who already have a meal on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We are also talking with Kingaroy SHS about taking on the 4th Tuesday.

I would like to wish all in our community a happy Catholic Education Week.
Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Thank you
I wish to thank all staff and students for a massive effort last Friday night. It was a fantastic night of drama and song. The acts once again were lifted to a new standard. I would particularly like to thank Mr Scanlan, Mrs Collins and Miss Cook for their help and dedication in organising the event. I am sure that next year will probably be a bigger event (if that is possible) and the standard of acts will continue to amaze.

Uniform
This is a reminder that black leather or vinyl shoes must be worn at all times. Students are not permitted to wear canvas shoes due to WHS regulations and protection of their feet is very important. Canvas slippers are not acceptable and students will be removed from class for their own safety until the situation is rectified. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

ACA News

Rock on Stage 2014
The 2014 Rock on Stage was as usual a big night in the life of the College community. All 440 students aged from 6 to 18 years competed on stage in one of three sections, and of course, the annual teachers versus parents’ act was also a feature.
With an audience of over 1000 people, the night was also successful in raising funds for the Bacalod Kindergarten in the Philippines. This was made possible by the many local businesses who donated items and services for the multi-draw raffles between Rock on Stage items.

A full house! A thousand people in the audience! More sequins than you can imagine! And the most energetic and imaginative set of student Rock on Stage performances imaginable. Lights colour, action!

The night began with the Prep students doing a Stone Age and Flintstone’s act. There were great impersonations of Fred and Wilma, and also references to the Ice Age and a terrifying T Rex. It’s always great to see these young students make their Rock on Stage debut.

Year 1 adopted a nautical theme, with a colourful set full of fish, happy crabs, pretty mermaids and charismatic pirates. To the tune of a calypso beat, you might have thought those jiving little kids were in the Caribbean.

Year 2 then took us to the other side of the Pacific. After a typical David Attenborough introduction, there’s was a stage set full of African animals, some of them never seen in public before. While the music suggested Hakuna Matata, the Year 2s did their rhumba dressed as little meerkats and leopards.

Many things make Australia great, and Year 3 set about summarizing them all in about three minutes. They enacted the First Fleet to the tune of Great Southern Land, then beach scenes to the tune of wipe out, sports like soccer and State of Origin segments to the tune of Common Aussie. Kylie Minogue got a guest appearance, as did a large jar of Vegemite. They then attempted to appeal to the sentimental side of the judges with a dance based on Old Man Emu, though it did look easier to be a galah, or an emu rather than a kangaroo.

After an introduction by Gandolph, the Year 4s used a Lego theme to really rock the house. There was Kung Foo Fighting, Good Cops, someone went ‘Bang-Bang, I shot you down’, an NBA star performed a few tricks, and then both boot scooting babies and guys in high vis work outfits did back bends.

Year 5s just had “A Minute to Win It” with gangnam styles, rappers, twisters, the Macarena, Nut Bush City Limits, and a Chicken Dance. No wonder they then finished up arguing with the judges. It was a very entertaining take on the TV show.

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The Sound of Music got a creative makeover from the Year 5/6 class. As usual the nuns were late for prayers in the Chapel, and there was traditional Swiss dress for the ‘going on seventeen’ scene. The final part was the ‘so adieu’ scene with one little nun who just would not go to bed or leave the stage.

The final act in the P-6 section was the Year 6 class, who did a modern update on the Grease musical. It was a classic interpretation of the original, with lots of great dance moves, a few summer nights, boys enjoying being in leather, and girls twirling in their bobby socks. In the end, the boy gets the girl, the girl gets the boy, and Year 6 were the winner of the first section.

After interval, the Year 7-9 section got underway with the Year 7 students being animals at a birthday party. With lots of action on stage, they also looked like Year 7s at a birthday party. There were some pretty interesting fashions at the party, and much dancing to ‘The Eye of the Tiger’, and ‘What Does the Fox Say’.

There is nothing quite like the Blues Brothers to get the crowd going, and so the Year 8 class exploited this inherent weakness in the judges, with lots of shaking of tail feathers and the energy of a full blues band.

Year 9 dared to imagine what it would be like if school was just a musical performance. Some poor teachers tried to teach a class to spell supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, put the class into a Rocky Horror time warp with their hair slicked back, then they all did a jump to the left.

Well done to the Year 8 Blues Brothers who won the Year 7-9 section.

Finally, the Year 10-12 section got underway with the Year 10 class adopting a theme of Star Crossed Lovers. Think Romeo and Juliet, followed by Leader of the Pack, Dirty Dancing and a Preacher’s Daughter. They danced to additional tracks such as ‘A Time of our Lives’, and ‘Foot Loose’. It was a very energetic and varied performance, with a high level of dancing.

The Year 11 performance started out innocently enough. A little boy going to bed with his teddy bear. We don’t know what TV shows the little fellow had been watching before bed, but his dreams that followed were full of terror and zombies. To the tune of Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’, the dancers filled out the details of the poor little kid’s worse nightmare. It ended with him waking up screaming.

The night ended with the Year 12s adopting a very sporting theme that enabled them to be both sporting stars and dancers. In a very tightly choreographed sequence, they blended these two themes together and seemed to really enjoy their final Rock on Stage as Seniors.

The judges however were not caught up in the nightmare theme of the Year 11s, whom they awarded very worthy winners.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

CARE News
Catholic Education Week 2015 – ‘Live life in all its fullness’

Vocation
This week at the college, the senior students have had the opportunity to experience several initiatives, designed to challenge them in the place they find themselves.

On Monday, Adam Burns and Matthew Ransom, from Vocations Brisbane, came and spoke with all the Year 11 and 12 students about the concept of vocation. The focus was not on priesthood, it was more on our call to be the best people we can be and to use the gifts we have. The visitors spoke with conviction and passion about the place they find themselves and how they came to be doing what they do. Both shared personal stories that were interesting and challenging.

The theme of their visit was based around three questions; ‘Where am I in my life? ’ ‘Where am I going? ’ and ‘Where is God in all of this?’

The students responded very well to the speakers. I am confident they took something away from the hour. Please ask your children what they thought of the presentation and discuss the concept of vocation with them. What really resonated with me were the words:

‘Jobs you can leave, careers can end, vocations follow you around’

Where is my home?
Today, students were exposed to the underbelly of the big issue of refugees. This issue divides and unites and is one with no simple solution. Village Space performs as part of the Catholic Mission Organisation, promoting the rights of people and exposing injustices in our world. The performance included several budding stars from our college, who certainly rose to the challenge to convey a very serious message.

The Australian Catholic Bishop’s Conference has declared the 25th-31st of August, as Migrant and Refugees Week. Pope Francis

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acknowledges the growing phenomenon of human mobility and its failures but also its opportunities. His underlying message is that respect for difference by attitudes of acceptance and hospitality will promote social justice. The major cause of this phenomenon is actually the hope for a better world: not just to have more, but to become more. It might be that the migrations that usually steal the headlines internationally and to which we should be aware of, blind us from the micro-migrations happening all around us in our own state, regions and towns. These are caused by realities, some of which we can have influence on.

Again I ask that if your student did see the performance today, you discuss their thoughts and feelings with them.

**Thank you, businesses!**

To all the generous business houses that donated prizes for our monster raffles at Friday night’s Rock on Stage, thank you. I would also like to mention that there are some businesses that were not approached who would have been more than happy to contribute to our sister school in the Philippines. Since the college has grown, so has our contact list. I appreciate the offer from several businesses to be included in the future.

Last week I received an email from the Principal, Sister Leonie Duenas, and below is part of what she communicated to me. I feel honoured to have received the email on behalf of all of you. Her words always remind me of the significance of our concert and our communities kindness.

_Hello Martin_

As always, I am deeply moved by your care and support for our little ones here. A big thank you, too, to your school community and donors for your “faithful partnership” with us. We are able to do the work that we are doing because ‘you are with us’ in our endeavours. You are doing a great job for us. Thank you. I am hoping to send new photos of our school soon.

_Thanks for your prayers for the Filipino people. We are picking up our lives from one typhoon to another._

Kind regards and best wishes to all. Loving prayers are with you always.

Sister Leonie

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

.Library Corner

**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

**Red Award (5 books)** - Zac Brown

**Rapid Readers**

Sammi Rix, Jade Jacob and Sam Schmidhauser are now Rapid Readers!

**Bundaberg Regional Chess Competition**

Please return all permission slips to the office asap. Please note that the school is paying for the entry fee so no money needs to be brought in by students.
**Book Week**

This year, Book Week will be celebrated during **18th-22nd August**. The theme is ‘Connect to Reading’. There will be fantastic displays in the library of the shortlisted books, created by P-6 classes. We will begin celebrating this year’s Book Week with a Campfire Stories Night, similar to last year. This will be held on **Monday 18th August between 6.30pm-7.30pm**. Pyjamas are optional! We will have a dress-up parade for P-6 students **on Wednesday 20th August from 9am** followed by a reading event afterwards. Students, parents and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and bring along their favourite book to share with their buddies after the parade. During Book Week, there will be many exciting activities and competitions in the library, including guest readers, colouring-in and various games.

**Regards**
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

**Uniform Shop News**

The uniform shop will be closed next Wednesday, 6th August. It will reopen on Thursday, 7th August from 8am to 11am.

**Regards**
Mrs Amanda Jensen
Uniform Shop Coordinator

**Year 12 Sausage Sizzle**

The Year 12 students will be holding a sausage sizzle at Lunch time to raise money for their Valedictory Dinner. Please note that this will occur next Thursday, 7th August and then resume back on Tuesdays as normal for the rest of the term. Prep to Year 6 order slips will be sent home and Years 7 to 12 students purchase theirs from the Maryknoll Centre Canteen.

- Sausage on bread - $1.50
- Popper - $1.50

Thank you for your support.
**Year 12 students**

**Classroom News**

**Year 8 Mathematics**

Mathematics homework is assigned every Monday and is due on the final lesson of the week. This is Thursday for 8B and Friday for 8A.

**Thank you**
Miss Kaitlyn Tucker
Classroom Teacher

**Sport News**

**Saint Mary's Primary School Athletics - 2014**

Next week, those Primary students that have met qualifying standards will participate in the South Burnett trials for Athletics. Congratulations. It is not compulsory, but an opportunity to achieve at a higher level.

The carnival will run over 2 days at Taabinga State School. On Tuesday 5th August, the 10, 11 and 12 year old students will do their Track and Field Program. On Wednesday 6th August, the 6, 7, 8, and 9 year old students will do their track program.

I will inform students of those events that they have qualified.

A bus will run both on days for students’ departing at 8.40am from the college. It will get students back for school runs. If you wish to take your son/daughter to and from the carnival yourselves, please let me know.

Students will bring home a permission slip which must be returned by the 4th August 2014. Please indicate transport method by circling the appropriate words.

A canteen will be available on both days, if needed. We will have a College tent cover available. First aid will be on site.

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Mrs Johnston will manage the team on both days and I will be officiating on both days. On the Tuesday, there will be another couple of school officers supervising as well.

Students are encouraged to take this opportunity.
Regards
Mr Allan Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Curriculum News

Geography
This term, students in P-10 have begun units of study in Geography. History was undertaken in Semester One. The Geography curriculum uses an inquiry approach to assist students to make meaning of their world and helps them to develop a sense of wonder, curiosity and respect about places, people, cultures and environments throughout the world. It provides an opportunity for students to learn new skills and build on their capabilities as learners.

The focus topics this term for Years 7-10 are:
Year 7 – Water in the World
Year 8 – Landforms and Landscapes
Year 9 – Biomes and Food Security
Year 10 – Environmental Change and Management

Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Competition
This competition has now closed. Thank you to all the students who participated this year. Each week, I will include one or two poems which were entered.

A Rainy Day
Plants are happy, their leaves are wet
they’re happy with the water they get,
My dog runs about crazy outside
looking for a good place to hide.
I’m in my blue gumboots ready to play
wearing my raincoat all through the day,
Mum’s clothes on the line gets washed again
Water on the roof falls into the drain,
But most of all I love a rainy day
because it makes me feel a special way!

Written by Noah Burr, Year 2

The Magic Box
I will put in my box
the greenest piece of tall grass,
the smell of perfect circular mints,
a slice of soft cotton.
I will put in my box
tears from my brother,
pain from my dad
and happiness from my mum.

I will put in my box
the laughter of my friends,
the smiles of my cousins
and the happiness of my family.

I will put in my box
a plane ticket to America,
a slice of chocolate
and a white puffy cloud

My box is fashioned from shivers, sweetness and the smell of the morning.
The shivers from a cold stormy night,
the sweet taste of hot chocolate in the morning,
the smell of the morning when you first walk outside.

I shall swim in my box
sparkling blue waves crawled over me,
while I was swimming in the bluest seas.

Written by Darcie King, Year 7

Counsellor News

“...one key to knowing joy is being easily pleased...”
Mark Nepo
So many of us have been trained to think that being particular about what we want is indicative of good taste, and that not being satisfied unless our preferences are met is a sign of worldliness and sophistication.

Often, this kind of discernment is seen as having high standards, when, in actuality, it is only a means of isolating ourselves from being touched by life, while rationalising that we are more special than those who can’t meet our very demanding standards.

The devastating truth is that excellence can’t hold you in the night being demanding or sophisticated won’t help you survive. A person

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Round 21

Name:

Roosters vs Dragons
Cowboys vs Titans
Raiders vs Warriors
Sharks vs Eels
Sea Eagles vs Broncos
Bulldogs vs Panthers
Rabbitohs vs Knights
Tigers vs Storm

dying of thirst doesn’t ask if the water has chlorine or if it was gathered in the foothills of France.
Yet, to be accepting of the life that comes our way does not mean denying its difficulties and disappointments. Rather, it means that joy can be found even in hardship, not by demanding that we be treated as special at every turn, but through accepting the demand of the sacred that we treat everything that comes our way as special.

Still, we are taught to develop preferences as signs of importance and position. In fact, those who have no preferences, those who are accepting of whatever is placed before them, are often seen as simpletons or bumpkins. However, there is a profound innocence in the fact that sages and children alike are easily pleased with what each day gifts them.

The further I wake into this life, the more I realise that God is everywhere and the extraordinary is waiting quietly beneath the skin of all that is ordinary. Light is in both the broken bottle and the diamond, and music is in both the flowing violin and the water dripping from the drainage pipe. Yes, God is under the porch as well as on top of the mountain, and joy is in both the front row and the bleachers, if we are willing to be where we are.

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday specials are as follows:**
Morning Tea & Lunch
Chicken and Gravy Rolls - $3.50

Lunch Only
Chicken Enchiladas - $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.

**Tuckshop Orders**

Paper bags are available from the tuckshop for 5c. It is not ideal to be putting tuckshop orders into plastic bags, as the hot food could melt the bags.

**Cookies**

Cookies are no longer egg free. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Donated Items**

A big THANK YOU to all those people who have donated dry goods.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

**A Message from Mrs Cross**

To all the students at Saint Mary’s,
Thank you all for your good wishes for my retirement. I loved the beautiful pages you made for my book. I will be checking the Facebook page, the school newsletter and the local newspapers for reports of all the great things you will be doing in the future.

HAVE FUN! BE GOOD! BE HAPPY!

May God bless you always
Mrs Jenny Cross

**P&F News**

The P&F working bee has been postponed. The new date will be published in the coming weeks.

Until next week

God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
President

**Saxophone For Sale**

Messina Alto Saxophone with reeds and carry case in good condition, $300.

Please phone 4163 1319 or 0455 791 506.

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Parish Pastoral Dinner Dance

The Parish Pastoral Council is holding a Dinner/Dance as a fundraiser to purchase a new organ or keyboard for the Church.

- **Date:** Saturday 30th August - 7.00pm
- **Venue:** Kingaroy RSL Club
- **Cost:** $40 per head, Children Under 14 $10
- **2 course alternate drop meal**
- **Entertainment by‘Body & Soul’**

Bookings are essential and payment required at time of booking.

Tables of 8 are able to be booked.

Tickets purchased at the Parish Office, Saint Mary’s College and after Mass/Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.

**RSVP:** Friday, 22nd August

Any dietary requirements please mention at time of purchasing tickets.

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### Raffle Prizes

1st Prize - Bottle of Dom Perignon Champagne Valued at $250.00

2nd Prize - $50.00 Meal Voucher from the Kumbia Hotel, Bottle of Seppelt Salinger Brut Sparkling Wine and Bottle of Squealing Pig Pinot Noir

3rd Prize - $50.00 Fuel Voucher from Rykes

Tickets $2 each.

Tickets are available from the Parish Office, The College Office and after Mass/Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.

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Burnett Softball Association

**Have a Go Day and Sign-on**

- Saturday, 6th September, 9am to 1pm
- Burnett Softball Grounds, 18 Burnett Street, Nanango
- For more information please contact Karen 0422 204 661
  secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com
  www.burnettsoftball.org.au

Tea, coffee, cakes and raffles come visit Nanango Post Office on 31st July from 10am for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

Nanango Post Office and Staff wish to support this great cause for Cancer Council’s mission to defeat cancer and help those affected by this devastating disease.

For 20 years, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea has helped fund world class research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. We are proud in helping Cancer Council raise over $1000 last year help us make this year even bigger.

We look forward to seeing you come in and say hello at Nanango Post Office on 31st July from 10am
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