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

Pope Francis has brought a sense of hope to our Catholic community as we face up to the horrors of child sexual abuse and an ever-changing world. In an interview for the Argentine weekly Viva on July 27, Pope Francis listed his Top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one’s life: (http://catholicleader.com.au/news/latest-interview-pope-francis-reveals-top-10-secrets-to-happiness)

1. Live and let live.
2. Be giving of yourself to others.
3. Proceed calmly in life.
5. Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because “Sunday is for family”, he said.
6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.
7. Respect and take care of nature.
8. Stop being negative. “Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem”.
9. Respect others’ beliefs.
10. Work for peace.

Pope Francis also spoke about the importance of helping immigrants, praising Sweden’s generosity in opening its doors to so many people, while noting anti-immigration policies showed the rest of Europe “is afraid”. Pope Francis continually reminds us as a community that our mission as a Church is to the poor and marginalised in our communities.

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Education Week with many great events. This week finished up with our wonderful South Burnett Equestrian Challenge. It was a great privilege to witness nearly 90 competitors from across the South Burnett and from as far away as Laidley and Gayndah celebrating their remarkable equestrian talents. I was even conned to get on Mr Linnane’s horse. I haven’t been on a horse since I was a teenager and even then it was only for a horse-riding activity at youth group. I would like to thank Mr Dalton and all of the staff and parent helpers, our judges, P&F and competitors for this great celebration of rural life.

We have so many students who achieve across many different fields. Just a few of the latest good news stories are that we congratulate:

- Carmen Sowden who won the cattle handling section at the Schools Junior Handlers Competition at the Ekka. Carmen was competing against 80 other students from across Qld & NSW.
- Bridget Barkle and Richelle Bethke for making the finals of the Creative Generations Art Competition in Toowoomba. Both pieces are currently on display at the Wondai Gallery.
- Jayde Novak who will compete in dressage for the 2014 Australian Interschool Championships later this year.

On Tuesday evening, August 12, we will hold our first community BBQ for struggling individuals, families and street people from the South Burnett region. After returning from the Street Retreat, a number of staff and Year 12 students were keen to help the poor and marginalised of our local community. Our BBQ is part of the wider work of the Kingaroy District Ministries group which has representatives from all of Kingaroy’s churches. These BBQs will happen every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Kingaroy Uniting Church (opposite Woolworths). There may be opportunities for parents and carers to be involved particularly across the holidays or by providing supper, soups etc. Any families who would like to provide supper or soups etc should contact Mr Hutton, our Campus Minister.
We look like having two Prep classes for the first time in 2015, which will hopefully begin a second stream across our primary classes. I would encourage families with students in Prep or Years 7 & 8 to book their 2015 enrolment interviews as soon as possible with Alice Haurtz in the office.

Each year, ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) collects statistical information for its MySchools website. No individual student’s name is either collected or used in this data. There is a notice later in the newsletter for any parents who may not wish their child’s information to be used. Again, I would stress that individual students’ names are not part of this data.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Prayer for Leadership
God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude all those in Leadership positions in Australia. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Life Training
Thank you to Mr Perrett and all the teaching staff who attended training in our new online learning management system, LIFE. I have seen first-hand the wonderful array of resources teachers have been gathering for use by students to enhance their learning. This will be of great benefit to our whole community over the coming years.

EKKA Holiday
School resumes Tuesday 12th August. This will be a whole school assembly. Formal Uniform is to be worn, including leather or vinyl black shoes.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

GPA News

South Burnett Equestrian Challenge
Thursday 31st July 2014

This year’s event attracted 80 riders from as far away as Gayndah and Laidley, and of course all the regular South Burnett Schools. At the end of a day of fierce competition, the riders from Goomeri P-10 State School came out on top with the best percentage, and were presented with the perpetual shield. Congratulations to all the riders from Saint Mary’s, who all rode well on the day, and some of them were riding in their first ever competition.

The team of 21 riders was our biggest ever team for one competition, and was made up of:

Lilly Bredhauer  Lily Langley  Gracey Langley  Yakira Prettle
Molly Wernecke  Martin Penny  Isobel Bredhauer  Meg Wernecke
Patrick Frohloff  Lydia Penny  Katie Bredhauer  Tayla McCarthy
Erin Newman  Harry Bredhauer  Madison Wintour  Madison Watson
Renee Irvine  Bonnie Winch  Bridget Barkle  Gabe Crane
Jayde Novak

A special congratulations to the following student who were awarded Age Champion:

- Lilly Bredhauer  8 Years  Reserve Age Champion
- Isobel Bredhauer  11 Years  Age Champion
- Katie Bredhauer  12 Years  Age Champion
- Renee Irvine  13 Years  Reserve Age Champion
- Gabe Crane  16-18 Years  Age Champion

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Jayde Novak in Qld Equestrian Team
Congratulations to Jayde who this week confirmed her nomination to compete in the Australian Titles in Melbourne as a part of the Queensland Schools Equestrian Team.

For the past year she competed at events for both interschool and pony club, and during the recent holidays, she qualified for the National Titles by placing 2nd in Queensland in the Advanced Section.

Well done Jayde and best wishes for the Nationals and thank you to the College P and F for sponsorship to attend this event.

Caption Competition

Mr Nayler attended the Equestrian Competition and was photographed as he talked to Patrick Frohloff while sitting on Mr Linnae's horse.

However, the facial expression of the horse seemed to be disputing whatever Mr Nayler was saying.

Students are invited to come up with a caption as indicated by the photograph attached. The best caption wins a $5 tuckshop voucher.

All entries to Mr Dalton by this Friday 8th August. Watch the newsletter next week for the winning entry.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News
Where is my home?

Last week, Village Space, a group of actors working for Catholic Mission presented a dramatic performance that detailed the plight of various types of refugees in various parts of the world. The message was clear and well received by the 130 students who watched the play. Australia is a UN signatory that declares we are place persons seeking asylum can come but don't typically welcome.

Twelve of our students kindly and bravely volunteered to perform with the touring company and they did a great job. With only 30 minutes' preparation with the crew, our students were given lines and actions, costumes and personas and performed with confidence and conviction. Congratulations.

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The students were: Cherie Baldacchino, Richelle Bethke, Rory Browne, Nathan Dolan, Jackson Langford, Briana Wintour, Hayden Yesberg, Rhiannon Budgen, Gabe Crane, Alex Firman, Megan Irvine, Ellen Nixon

Regards
Mr. Martin Perrett
APRE

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile Awards!
Blue Award (3 books) - Asha Sparkes, Angus Pace and Taylor Armstrong
Red Award (5 books) - Maddison Sansby
Bronze Award (10 books) - Tiffany Kerkow

Bundaberg Regional Chess Competition - Tuesday 12th August
To get there on time, we will be leaving at 6am sharp. We aim to return around 6pm. Students are to wear their formal uniforms and bring morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. As it is a long drive there and back, they can bring a pillow or a good book to read. They are not to bring their laptops or iPads please. We might be making a quick stop at McDonalds prior to heading back home. If students wish to buy something there, they will need their own money. This is best kept in a wallet in their bags. Please contact me via the office should you prefer your child picked up/dropped off from either Wondai or Murgon around 6.30am/5.30pm.

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 read with their buddies after the parade. There will be many exciting daily activities and competitions in the library including guest readers, competitions and various games.

Uniform Shop News
We have primary girls maroon tights available in sizes 4-6, 7-10 and 11-14. These will be $11 per pair and available at the College Uniform Shop on Wednesdays from 8am to 11am.

Saxophone For Sale
Messina Alto Saxophone with reeds and carry case in good condition, $300. Please phone 4163 1319 or 0455 791 506.
The Year 12 students will be holding a sausage sizzle at lunch time to raise money for their Valedictory Dinner. This will occur each Tuesday. 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

Whip Cracking News
Saint Mary's Whip Cracking Team will be selling Morning Teas every Thursday from the Maryknoll Canteen.

Hot Milo, Soup and Home bake will be available for $1.

EKKA Performance
On Saturday, 9th August our Whip Cracking Team will be performing at the Stockman’s Bar and Grill.

Whip Crackers please arrive at the Stockman's Bar and Grill at 9am.

If there are any other families attending the EKKA come and support the Whip Cracking Team who will be performing between 10am to 2pm.

Upcoming Events
- Jondaryan Woolshed - Jackie Howe Festival Whip Cracking Performance - Saturday, 30th August
- “Crack Up Sisters” Performance Workshop - 18th and 19th September
- Chinchilla Grandfather Clock Campdraft Whip Cracking Performance - Friday, 17th October at 5.30pm

Looking forward to a great weekend with a talented group of students.
Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Classroom News

Wondai Art Gallery Inter-school Art Competition - 2014
Saint Mary’s has competed very successfully in the bi-annual inter-school competition hosted by the Wondai Art Gallery. Six of the region’s high schools compete in this competition and Saint Mary’s has had six winners.

In the Junior 2D section we had Kyara Lillico and Jocelyn Dolan gain High Distinctions and Lucy Frecklington receive second place overall. In the Senior 2D section we had Emily Faulkner receive a High Distinction with Bridget Barkle getting overall second place. In the Senior 3D section we were so happy to hear that Hannah Depper won the division with her sculpture of a stunning head dress.

Congratulations to the girls for their outstanding achievements.

The exhibition will run for the month of August at the Wondai Art Gallery at the roundabout. It is well worth a drop in to see the standard of the competition. Our students certainly compared favourably with other students of their age at the other school in the region.

Creative Generations Finalists
Two of our students have made the final of the Toowoomba region for the annual Creative Generations Art competition.

This is what used to be called the Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Art. It is a huge comp that tours around the entire state for the year after starting at GOMA in South Brisbane. The 2 students are Bridget Barkle for her piece Earth Twiggy and Richelle Bethke for her piece Golden Queen. Both of these pieces are currently hanging in Wondai Gallery. If you would like to go along and have a look at them they would love that. This is a huge achievement for the girls. They have done really well.

Thank you
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Prep Parent Helpers
Prep are looking for parent helpers to help with their Prep rotations on Fridays between morning tea and lunch. If you are able to assist please contact Miss Saxton at the College.

Curriculum News

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.

Nelson Mandela
There was a man named Mandela
Thou he was quite a fella
What a special Man he must be
Jailed for right that is wrong
He made a jewel to the opponents
He changed the African rule
He had one kind heart
Loved by Millions
He Changed lives and minds
It even rhymes
He said "I learned that courage was not
absent of fear
But the triumph over it.
The brave man is not, he who does not feel afraid but he who
conquers that fear"
By Isla Airs, Year 6

My Home Town
Away from the city, where the sunset is pretty, is a town that they
call Kingaroy.
It's a very small town so there's not much around, but the people
are sure to bring joy.

We're very big on livestock, small crops, peanuts as well,
And if you've heard of my home town, nuts are sure to ring a bell.
The thing about this country life, it's bound to make you smile,
and if you're awfully tempted you'll decide to stay awhile.
Sometimes I wonder if there's any other town like mine.
I could just live in the city but that's all too high and fine.
I think that there is more to life than working in a bank,
so when I'm rich and famous, I'll have Kingaroy to thank.
As I write down my last sentence on this poem full of words,
I'll remember when I woke up to the sound of tweeting birds.
I just love Kingaroy, and I hope that you do too,
for all the words I've written down are all completely true.
By Abby Perrett, Year 4

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle Years Curriculum Coordinator

Counsellor News

"Each person is born with an unencumbered spot, free of expectation and regret, free of ambition and embarrassment, free of fear and worry, an umbilical spot of grace where we were each first touched by God. It is this spot of grace that issues peace. Psychologists call this spot the Psyche, Theologians call it the Soul, Jung calls it the Seat of the Unconscious, Hindu masters call it Atman, Buddhists call it Dharma, Rilke calls it Inwardness, Sufis call it Qalb, and Jesus calls it the Center of our Love.

To know this spot of Inwardness is to know who we are, not by surface markers of identity, not by where we work or what we wear or how we like to be addressed, but by feeling our place in relation to the Infinite and by inhabiting it. This is a hard lifelong task for the nature of becoming is a constant filming over of where we begin, while the nature of being is a constant erosion of what is not essential. Each of us lives in the midst of this ongoing tension, growing tarnished or covered over, only to be worn back to that incorruptible spot of grace at our core.

When the film is worn through, we have moments of enlightenment, moments of wholeness, moments of Satori as the Zen sages term it, moments of clear living when inner meets outer, moments of full integrity of being, moments of complete Oneness. And whether the film is a veil of culture, of memory, of mental or religious training, of trauma or sophistication, the removal of that film and the restoration of that timeless spot of grace is the goal of all therapy and education.

Regardless of subject matter, this is the only thing worth teaching: how to uncover that original centre and how to live there once it is restored. We call the filming over a deadening of heart, and the process of return, whether brought about through suffering or love, is how we unlearn our way back to God"

Mark Nepo, The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have
Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Savoury Mince Rolls - $3.50

Lunch Only
Spaghetti Bolognaise with Parmesan Cheese - $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, 8th August - Amanda Hetherington
Monday, 11th August - Show Holiday: No Tuckshop

Volunteers are also welcome, even if it just for the morning (until morning tea) or middle session.

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.

Donated Items
Donations of dry goods, as per back of the Tuckshop Menu, would be greatly appreciated. A big THANK YOU to all those people who have donated dry goods.
Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News

Hi all. I hope everyone is well. It has been a very busy couple of weeks for the P&F with Rock On Stage and last week the Saint Mary’s Equestrian Challenge. I wish to once again thank everyone who volunteered their day to help feed all the parents, teachers, staff, judges and riders last Thursday. This year we raised $500 which is a great bonus for the school.

READ ALL ABOUT IT! READ ALL ABOUT IT! Do you still have chocolate fundraiser money outstanding. Don’t forget if you have all you monies in by this Friday 8th of August you will go into the draw to win the HUUUUUUUGE 1kg Toblerone.

Our next monthly meeting will be on next Tuesday the 12th of August at 7.00pm in the board room. I hope to see everyone there.
Until next week
God bless
Mr Damien Martoo
President

Indigenous Teacher’s Aide
(30 hrs per week term time – Semester 2, 2014)

Saint Mary’s Catholic College, Kingaroy is seeking an Indigenous Teacher’s Aide to work in class to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
Position closes – 3pm, Friday, August 15.
To apply, please go to the Employment section at: www.bne.catholic.edu.au.
For more information: phone 41622011 or email pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au.

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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.burnett.softball.org.au

Army Reserve

**Information Evening**

7pm Tuesday, 5th & 12th August

Army depot

Bramston Street Wondai

Contact Andrew Sampson 0408 623 621

The local Army Reserve unit is again recruiting; the information sessions will provide general information about joining the Army and will concentrate on the requirements for Reserve service.

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Mr B’s Professional Tennis still has spaces remaining. We are at the Kingaroy Town Courts Tuesday til Friday from 3.15 pm til late. We have just begun lessons on a Thursday afternoon!!!

Or at the Nanango Town Courts on a Monday Afternoon. From ages 4+. Offering a range of programs such as group lessons, private lessons and cardio tennis. If interested please call Mr B (Brad) on 0409895527. Or find us on Facebook.

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NRL Stars of the Future

Sunday Football 2pm this Sunday 10th August

Wynnum Manly vs Tweed Heads Seagulls

2 local A grade games

Children U15 free, Gates open 10.30am

Curtain raiser at 11.45am

Adults $10
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, School Year level, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status with Visa sub-class number and arrival date in Australia, residential address, parental occupation, parental education and main language of parents.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.
The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society is excited to be presenting:

![Image of cat's eyes]

Cats

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Based on “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats” By T.S. Eliot

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Friday 22nd August 2014 @ 7.30pm, Saturday 23rd August 2014 @ 7.30pm
Sunday 24th August 2014 @ 2pm, Friday 29th August 2014 @ 7.30pm
Saturday 30th August 2014 @ 2pm and 7.30pm

(Tickets on sale at Kingaroy Office Central, Haly Street, Kingaroy)
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All Matinee Tickets $15

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