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

In September, 2012, we released our Education Brief, which was our 3-5 year plan. There have been so many amazing developments since then, that it seems funny to look back at this document now e.g. we had projected that our expected number of students would reach 431 by 2017. Of course, we started 2014 with over 440 students.

It is pleasing to see that the growth in student numbers and the hard work of our staff and parents has meant that we have met many of our targets (listed below), even before the end of the second year of the Education Brief.

**Education Brief Suggested improvements/implications**

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<td>14. Purchase of a 25 seater bus to assist students to access sporting, cultural, religious education activities despite on rural location.</td>
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<td>15. Access to timetabling and organisational matters, student behaviour and pastoral care, communications, first aid etc. via the student services desk.</td>
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<td>16. Access to a variety of portable technology devices including laptop program for Yr 9 - 12 students and all staff; sets of Mac laptops and iPads available for classes to borrow from the Resource Centre.</td>
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<td>19. Increasing numbers of students in Years 9 to 12 will mean a significant increase in the numbers of laptops required to be purchased.</td>
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Of course, the list above, largely contains largely infrastructure, IT and curriculum projects and doesn't even show the many wonderful new events and activities which were also developed in that time, just a few of which include: Equestrian events, Whip-cracking team, Bunya Dreaming Garden, Saint Mary’s Got Talent, Street Retreats and service projects, ANZAC Day parades, Book Week Campfire nights, Celebration of Learning breakfasts etc.

On top of this list, we hope to do an upgrade for our Prep and Year 1 classrooms this year as well. In 2015, we will have two Prep classes, so I would expect that our Year 1–6 will take over the entire honeycomb block (Rooms 11-17) for the first time in 2015.

I am very proud to see how far our community has come across these past two years and am very excited about our future projects which should bring even more opportunities for our students.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News
An Inspirational Prayer

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then.

Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: “The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him.”
- St Francis de Sales

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Parents and students are reminded to sign in and out via Student Services (Mrs Rutley) if you are late to school, leaving for a doctor's appointment during school hours or going home early during the day.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**QCS Practice today**

Thank you to all Year 7 and 8 students who stayed away from the bottom courtyard to allow Year 12 students to practise for QCS. Well done to all those students who are wearing hats on the ovals at lunch. We are a Sun Smart school and wearing hats is compulsory when out in the sun.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

**APC News**

Brisbane Catholic Education has passed on the following information to all BCE Secondary Schools.

It is a wonderful opportunity for secondary students to ask some challenging questions about Climate Change, and also possibly win the opportunity to attend the summit. Full details of this opportunity are below.

**Young people have the most to gain from solving the climate crisis - and the sooner the better.**

They didn't cause the issue, but they'll have to live with it for decades. And for far too long, they and their interests have been ignored by leaders who refuse to protect the planet.

On September 23rd, this is going to change when exceptional young people get a chance to put their questions to the world's decision-makers - to speak for their generation at the U.N. Climate Summit in New York City.

Today, we begin searching for the people who will ask their leaders the tough questions about global warming. We're collecting videos of young people ages 13 - 21 posing tough Why? Or Why not? Questions about the climate crisis. We'll choose the best to attend the Summit and demand serious answers from the world's leaders.

If you're between the ages of 13 and 21, submit a video. If not, encourage someone you know to submit a video of their own. Go to www.askwhywhynot.org

Why do we continue burning fossil fuels that cause climate change? Why not switch to clean, renewable energy?

The answers are out there, but we won't get them unless we stand together and demand them - and refuse to be ignored.

Thanks for your continued support,
Al Gore
Founder and Chairman

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

**APRE News**

What is your holy grail?

I was reading a column from the collection of Father Kevin Ryan, a very inspirational man who spent time here as parish priest for about 11 years from 1989. The column was about how the fast food giant McDonalds tried to win international favour by publishing, on its packaging, parts of the Koran, sacred Muslim text. There was worldwide outrage and the business was forced to stop the packaging and withdraw what was in stores.

Fr Ryan asks the question: What is sacred in our life? I wonder what would a collective Australia guard as sacred or special and fight to preserve. I would be hesitant to say Christian scripture or the Bible would rate very highly, for numerous reasons, one being our increasing diversity and multiculturalism and a prominence of secularism. If I were a betting man, I would back family, leisure time, freedom that comes with democracy and the environment in the top ten responses.

For people of faith, it is hard to see these values and assets as not God-given. We are called to be stewards of these, but not for ourselves, for all. How well do we safeguard or preserve others’ families, leisure time, freedoms and look after our environment and the resources it provides? One doesn’t have to look globally to see the erosion of all of these, but perhaps we can also see the call to action.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

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Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile Awards!
Blue Award (3 books) - Riley Frank
Red Award (5 books) - Dane Andersson and Taylor Armstrong
Bronze Award (10 books) - Aidan Davis

Primary Chess Competition in Toowoomba
Two teams of students will represent our College at the Toowoomba and District "Primary School" Teams Chess Championship on the 2nd September. Excursion forms have been sent home and will be due back to the office on the 26th August please. The entry fee will be paid for by the College.

Book Week news
On Monday night we had our special Campfire Stories night to promote Book Week. We listened to poetry, a variety of stories read by different teachers and Mr Martoo and sang along to some very entertaining country songs. Milk and cookies were served at intermission and it was a welcomed treat. It was great to see all the smiling faces (young and old) in their pyjamas!
During lunchtimes this week, students will have the opportunity to listen to older students and teachers read shortlisted books at lunchtime, view displays of the shortlisted books in the library, and participate in activities!
Next week we will have all the exciting news about the wonderful Book Week parade which took place this morning.

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Sports News
Secondary Athletics
The Secondary South Burnett carnival will be held at Kingaroy State High School on Friday 22nd August. Permission slips etc. have been distributed to participating students. Please ensure these forms have been returned.

Vicki Wilson Cup
After a great season, our QISSN netball girls play their final carnival on Thursday in Gympie. The Vicki Wilson Cup is a round robin competition and the winner moves on to the State finals. Good luck ladies.

Wide Bay All Schools Touch
We are looking for players for the Wide Bay All Schools Touch competition. It will be held on Sunday 31st August at Murgon State High School. It is an all day event and has been advertised on the morning notices for some time. Any enquires please contact Mr Medlen.
Regards
Mr Allen Medlen
Sports Coordinator

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.
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. 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

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Thank you for your support.
Year 12 students

Whip Cracking News

Upcoming Events
- Jackie Howe Festival Performance - Jondaryan Woolshed - Saturday 30th August
- Crack up Sisters - Thursday and Friday 18th and 19th September
- Chinchilla Grandfather Clock Performance - Friday 17th October
- Warwick Gold Cup – TBA

Whip Cracking Morning Tea
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.
Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Classroom News

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.

Art and Home Economics Department
We are in desperate need of scrap material/fabric in both the Visual Art and Home Economics rooms please. In the Home Economics room we would like pieces of fabric or old sheeting. However it needs to be in fairly good condition so that it can be sewn into new products. For the Art room, rag-like material is preferred.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Art and Home Economics Teacher

It’s great to be back. Thank you for all the ‘happy returns’ I received. It has been exciting to work with Kumari Joseph our new Year 6 teacher. It’s exciting because it takes me back to my first year. Full of enthusiasm and self doubt. Kumari’s journey is just beginning – she has been here three and a half weeks. I wish her well as we work together in the afternoons exploring the Year 6 curriculum and helping her with some ‘tricks of the trade’ as she gets to know her students and her new surroundings.

We had Mr Lorin Nicholson visit our school today and the P-6 was fortunate to be part of his ‘See Sharp Performance’. Mr Nicholson came with his father who helps him with the show. Lorin has been blind from birth and he spoke with the students about never giving up and told them stories of his life and had them laughing and being reflective about the trials he experienced when he was at school. A big thank you to Year 6 and Miss Joseph who gave Lorin Nicholson a thank you card written in braille. Mr Nicholson was very touched by this gesture and he was quite emotional. He said in the 1300 schools he has visited over the last 15 years or so no one had ever given him such a thoughtful gift. So thank you Miss Joseph.

It has been a trip down memory lane as I begin working with Mrs Fiona Greenslade. It’s been four years or more since I worked with Fiona at the school. Welcome Fiona. As you probably know Fiona is working with both Sarah McCarthy and Shelly Weier as they alternate taking their Long Service Leave.

Under 8s Day. Usually celebrated in May but that’s a busy time for all the Emergency Services as they are in high demand with all the kindergartens, day care centres and early years primary classes. Ours will be held in September here at Saint Mary’s with the Emergency Services coming up to the oval and our Year 6s helping out with activities. I’ll keep you posted with the date.
Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Early Years Curriculum Coordinator

Afternoon Pick Up Of Students
Just a reminder that the students cannot access a vehicle while it is in motion nor can they access a vehicle that is parked in the middle of the street as they run across parked cars to get to the car. Also, more importantly, please observe the road rules and to avoid

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blocking the intersection of Kent and Carinya streets at the crossings. Please wait before entering the intersection rather than wait in the intersection as cars move up to the Stop and Go zone.

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:

Morning Tea & Lunch
Cheese and Bacon Pizza Roundas - $3.50

Lunch Only
Hawaiian Baked Potatoes with sour cream - $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
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

Thank you from the Lang Family
We would like to sincerely thank you for your kindness, help and support in regards to our motor vehicle accident on 13th July 2014 in Nanango. "We are so blessed to have family and friends like you who are always there and who are always true. We would like to say a HUGE thank you."

Kind regards
Jason, Steph, Caitlin (& Scrooge) Lang

Sacramental Program
A reminder to the students at our school who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist, this will be celebrated on Sunday 31st August with Bishop Finnigan and Father Nigel Sequiera at 10.00am Mass, Saint Mary's Catholic Church Kingaroy.

The next activity afternoon is Saturday 23rd August 2014. This will be in the hall of Saint Mary's Parish. Mr. Peter Undery will be there to help the children prepare for their sacraments and Mrs. Moya Hayden will be there towards the end of the session to practice for the children's song during the Mass.

The sacrament of Reconciliation for 2014 will be commencing shortly. Children need to have made their Reconciliation before they can finalise the sacraments of initiation – Confirmation and Eucharist. I'll keep you posted with the dates.

Counsellor News

“Just as life is made up of day and night, and song is made up of music and silence, friendships, because they are of this world, are also made up of times of being in touch and spaces in-between. Being human, we sometimes fill these spaces with worry, or we imagine the silence is some form of punishment, or we internalize the time we are not in touch with a loved one as some unexpressed change of heart. Our minds work very hard to make something out of nothing. We can perceive silence as rejection in an instant, and then build a cold castle on that tiny imagined brick. The only release from the tensions we weave around nothing is to remain a creature of the heart. By giving voice to the river of feelings as they flow through and through, we can stay clear and open. In daily terms, we call this checking in with each other, though most of us reduce this to a grocery list: How are you today? Do you need any milk? Eggs? Juice? Toilet paper? Though we can help each other survive with such outer kindnesses, we help each other thrive when the checking in with each other comes from a list of inner kindnesses: How are you today? Do you need any affirmation? Clarity? Support? Understanding? When we ask these deeper questions directly, we wipe the mind clean of its misperceptions. Just as we must dust our belongings from time to time, we must wipe away what covers us when we are apart.”

— 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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**St Mary’s Parish News**

**Working Bee**
A working Bee to prepare for Spring will be held at St Mary’s Church on Saturday, 23rd August from 8.30am to 12noon. There has been a fair amount of frost damage, so pruning needs to be done. If you can help please bring some tools that would assist with the pruning task.

Mulching needs to be done as well as a general tidy. If you have a trailer that we can use please let Kay know. Smoko will be provided. Please contact Kay Dove if you have any queries on 4162 4214.

**Donation for Raffle and Mini Cent Auction**
To help raise much needed funds we will be having a raffle and holding a mini cent auction at the Parish dinner dance. Therefore it would be greatly appreciated if each family of parishioner could donate a prize to go towards the raffle or cent auction. Items to be donated could be: non-perishable food items, wine, garden tools, linen, bales of hay for gardens, or any item that would be suitable for a raffle or cent auction. Items may be left at the Parish Office, the Church or Saint Mary’s College and will be collected by Friday, 22nd August.

Thank you
Fr Nigel Sequeira
Parish Priest

**Dorothea 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 that were entered.

Regards

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**Tragic Times**

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<td>Driving along, so happy, laughter in big bouts, around the corner then BAM lights out.</td>
<td>The sweet on his brow is mixed with mud</td>
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<td>Mummy lay asleep, not saying a word, then helicopter sounds were heard, chop, chop, chop, chop, chop, chop, the mummy and daddy were laid atop.</td>
<td>As the colour drains from his face</td>
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<td>The little girl lay in agony for her legs felt dead, in the ambulances bed, when they go to the hospital, they checked her out and without a doubt, both legs were broken and nothing was spoken.</td>
<td>The tree wants to give him a warm embrace</td>
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<td>The recovery was a rollercoaster of emotions, sometimes the pain felt like mini explosions. Eventually they were all able to walk, this definitely gave them the time to talk.</td>
<td>But his mate shouts and runs towards him</td>
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<td>In the end everyone was okay, but it took them a long time to recover from that sad day. A baby was lost, which was a devastating shock, from which they all wish they could turn back the clock.</td>
<td>As the light is fading dim</td>
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By Bridget McDonald, Year 8

**Tree on the Battlefield**

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<td>As a sapling the tree was planted here</td>
<td>The trees mind still echoes that awful sound</td>
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<td>A little bird lay beneath her roots</td>
<td>Did soldiers make it to cover before the blinding sensation?</td>
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<td>While the wind slowly howls and hoots</td>
<td>Her heart lingers with hope and desperation</td>
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<td>But a battle field she soon will see</td>
<td>Or did they crumble and wither as weary souls</td>
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<td>A curse will break the harmony</td>
<td>With their bodies laid in deep dark holes</td>
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<td>Blood and pain washed through the soil</td>
<td>With one last breath the tree says a prayer</td>
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<td>As the wounded bodies start to spoil</td>
<td>And her everlasting love is spread to those that care</td>
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<td>And her sad expression starts to fade</td>
<td>By Lydia Penny, Year 8</td>
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<td>As a soldier rests in the shade</td>
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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:** Saturday, 23rd August

Any dietary requirements please mention at time of purchasing tickets.

**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.

**How many lollies can you see?**

Our Year 12 Students are holding a lolly guessing competition.

50c per guess

Come and see Mrs Rutley at Student Services if you would like to participate.

Winner will be announced at the Benedictine Award Assembly on Friday, 19th September.

All money raised will go towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

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Year 12 Valedictory Fundraiser

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Card making $15
Create 2 cards by cutting, stamping and adding embellishments

Double Scrapbooking Page $20
Use some school photos (bring along if you wish) to make a creative double page as a keepsake.

Base & Bling Jewellery $25
Using different bases, photos (bring along if you wish), embellishments, ribbons etc create your very own unique piece of jewellery.

18th October 2014
1pm
Saint Mary’s Catholic College Maryknoll Centre
Kent Street, Kingaroy

Please call Amanda on 0429538930 to RSVP

$5 from each workshop as well as 10% sales and $10 for each workshop booking goes towards fundraising for the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK

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