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

This week, we will celebrate our College’s many diverse cultures. On Monday we celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day and on Thursday we will celebrate Harmony Day. All reports from our P-6 St Patrick’s Day celebrations at school and from our St Mary’s Parish dinner were that it was an extremely successful day. For Harmony Day tomorrow, we are asking students to wear either clothing representing their culture, the Harmony Day colour – orange or some farming clothes. Students are asked to bring a Morning Tea to share with their class and a gold coin to donate to the “Buy a Bale” collection for our struggling rural community. There will be lunch time Harmony Day activity for all students.

Harmony Day is a good day for all in our community to reflect on our attitudes to our fellow Australians, whether they be Indigenous or migrants (both recent and all the way back to the First Fleet). As parents and carers, we need to be aware of the language and attitudes we display in front of impressionable young people. There is no place in modern Australia, or the world for that matter, for racism. Racism goes against our basic Christian value of “Love others as you love yourself”.

Last night, we held our P&F’s AGM at which Damien Martoo was re-elected as P&F President and Neil Mungall as Treasurer. We are still looking for someone to take on the role of secretary. I would like to thank all of our 2013 P&F committee and members for their great work, especially Fiona O’Kane who is taking a well-deserved break after many years of serving both our Board and P&F. I would also like to thank the P&F, parents, staff and students who put in such a huge effort at our first working bee for 2014. As always, they managed to get through a staggering amount of projects and saved the College thousands of dollars which can instead be used to benefit our students.

Our students are in the midst of a number of exciting Futsal competitions for both primary and secondary teams. There will no doubt be more on this later in the newsletter, but I am very grateful to Mr Toms and his staff and parent supporters for the great interest generated in this sport. The depth of local Futsal talent is amazing as we continue to beat schools many times our size.

Tonight at 7pm in the Multimedia Room, we will have our first information session for Yr 11/12 students interested in our East Timor Social Justice Immersion with St Augustine’s College, Springfield. I would invite any interested parents and students to come along.

I would also like to remind parents that we will be changing over to an electronic newsletter from term 2. Parents and carers need to make sure that we have correct email addresses and/or have advised the College if they need a printed newsletter for Early Years students who may not be able to remember to pick one up from the office.

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
Information packages for the 2014 camps and retreats have been distributed to students today. You should note that because all students are expected to attend our camps, there will be no Year 7-12 classes operating in the College from Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April. Students who do not attend the camps are not to attend school while the camps are on.

**IPods, mobile phones, cameras or other electronic devices:**
No student is to bring an iPod, mobile phone, camera, computer, or any other electronic device to any of our camps. If in the event that a parent needs to contact a student on camp, this can be done by phoning the College during office hours (41622011) or phoning the Deputy Principal Mr. Sean Erwin (0400 374 458) after hours. Mr. Erwin will then direct any calls to the camps according to need.

**Attendance and Fees:**
All camp fees have been included in the College fees and levies paid each term. Therefore, no additional payment is necessary. Camps and Retreats are a compulsory part of our College's curriculum and parents and carers have acknowledged at enrolment that their child will attend these events. Camp fees are calculated presuming that all students will be in attendance. Camp fees will only be refunded in extraordinary circumstances eg. significant illness when parents or carers provide a medical certificate. Camp fees cannot be refunded due to trivial reasons eg. students just not wanting to attend camp.

**Lollies and sweets:**
These are not to be taken on any camps. Students tend to overindulge on these items, and do so at inappropriate times. Some sweets will be available after the nightly meal on most camps. This will be at the discretion of the camp staff.

**Camp Code of Conduct:**
Camps that are successful rely on students entering into the spirit of the camp. This assumes that students follow directions, and maintain the highest standards of manners and co-operation. These are our Benedictine values. Students who do not follow these guidelines may be asked to leave the camp at parent expense. We are committed to the camp and retreat program, and the personal benefits they bring to students. This is evident in the whole hearted way in which our staff volunteers to conduct them as extra curricula activities.

Thank you for your support for our camp and retreat program.

**Year 7—12 Camp Information**

**Year 7—Thurs 3rd Apr - Fri 4th Apr**

Linville - Canoeing and Biking Expeditions

**Coordinator:** Mrs. Langford-Martoo

**Staff:** Mr Toms, Mr. Dalton, Mrs Burr

**Year 8—Wed 2nd Apr to Fri 4th Apr**

Alexander Headlands - Outdoor and Surf Education

**Coordinator:** Mr. Richard and Miss Tucker

**Staff:** Mr Dunbrack, Mrs Arrell (+1 teacher)

**Year 9—Wed 2nd Apr to Fri 4th Apr**

Coolum Surf Camp

**Coordinator:** Miss Cook, Mrs Collins, and Mr Scanlan

**Staff:** Mr. Median, Mr Byrne, Mrs Lutz

**Year 10—Mon 31st Mar to Fri 4th Apr**

South Burnett - Work Experience

**Coordinator:** Mr. Byrne

**Staff visiting employers:** Mrs Rowen

**Year 11—Wed 2nd Apr to Fri 4th Apr**

Emu Gully near Helidon - Hike and Anzac Experience

**Coordinator:** Ms. Robertson

**Staff:** Mr Ross, Mr Law

**Year 12—Wed 2nd Apr to Fri 4th Apr**

Bunya Mountains Retreat

**Coordinator:** Mr Cook

Ms. Radcliffe, Mr. Hutton, Have a good week

Mr John Dalton

Assistant to the Principal

**APRE News**

Lent is a time for preparation for the most significant part of the liturgical year – Easter. As we approach the third Sunday in Lent take time to reflect on your journey so far. Archbishop Mark Coleridge has prepared a “Lenten examination of conscience” in which the words of Pope Francis pose a few questions to ponder. “The great danger I today’s world…is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience” Am I conscious of some sense of sadness or anxiety in my life? In what ways am I complacent? What do I covet – not just desire but desire darkly? Do I pursue pleasure, as if the accumulation of pleasures will compensate for a lack of joy?

This Sunday’s Mass 23rd March – is the college parish Mass starting at 10.00am. Year 5 and Year 10 are leading the celebration. All are most welcome. This Sunday’s readings – First Reading - Book of Exodus 17:3-7; Second Reading - A letter from St. Paul to the Romans 5:1-2,5;8; Gospel – John 4:5-42.

A commissioning of all teachers and staff will take place at this mass. Harmony Day is this Thursday Mrs Collins had a wonderful presentation at assembly yesterday so the students are looking forward to joining in the celebrations. The day is also combined with the ‘buy a bale’ fundraiser. Free dress on Thursday 20th March with a Gold Coin (or more) donation proceeds going to help support our local farmers with feed for their animals. Just a reminder that all free dress clothes need to conform to the Sun Safe Policy and students must wear closed in shoes.

CARITAS dance is Friday 28th March I the Maryknoll Centre. It is for Prep to Year 12. See the notice on the back of this newsletter. The year 12s are leading a very merry band of helpers from the SRC committees. Thank you year 12. Gold coin (alms) entry is appreciated in support of our Term 1 charity Project Compassion. Also on that evening of the 28th March starting at 7.00pm is the first meeting for the women’s group. Women meet from all over Kingaroy and districts are invited to meet once a month in the Home Economics room of Saint Mary’s Catholic College – drive in to the grounds. The evenings have come about as many women are busy during the day with home duties or workplace duties that there is little time for themselves and the opportunity to meet other ladies in our district. These are meant to fun evenings ranging from cooking to movie nights to pizza night – just conversation and laughs. Please contact Julia Byrne on 0458 636 0421 for more information.

The date for Confirmation and Eucharist is getting closer to being confirmed. Bishop Finnigan will be here on the 24th or 30th August. Preparation for these sacraments will begin shortly after the holidays. It will start with a parent information session 1.30pm repeated at 6.00pm both sessions here at the college. Dates to be confirmed next term. Thank you for your patience. The children who received their reconciliation last year will be receiving these sacraments. If there are other children who have received their reconciliation and would like to be part of these celebrations please contact Ms Radcliffe here at the college.

Thank you

Ms Pam Radcliffe

Acting APRE

**Prep—Year 6**

A big thank you to the parents and families who came to the Celebration of Learning on Friday. Each year we order more food who came to the Celebration of Learning. A big thank you to the parents and families who came to the Celebration of Learning on Friday. Each year we order more food who came to the Celebration of Learning. A big thank you to the parents and families who came to the Celebration of Learning.
then come back to collect your little ones. It’s in the Maryknoll Centre on Friday 28th March.

God Bless
Ms Pam Radcliffe

Preschool News
Preschool is in need of magazines for activities. If you have any you could donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week.
Ms Megan Saxton
Preschool Teacher.

Counsellor News
Kindness and suffering are wordless teachers, ready to bend us and soften us until we accept that we are here; that, try as we will, we can’t build our way out of existence or dream our way out of being human. Once opened in this way, we come to realize that the only way out is to love being here. Mark Nepo

Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Futsal News
The under 14’s Futsal players traveled to Oxley last Friday to contest the knock out round of the South East School Titles and represent the school. The boys were yet again the smallest school at this level and the quality of futsal was high. The first challenge was Macgregor SHS (2000 students) and after a slow start began getting their runs and passes working. Before long the score was 7-0. Late in the game Macgregor scored a consolation goal before Saint Mary’s replied. Final score 8-1. Progressing through the boys then came up against Murumba Downs College and in a tight game won 2-1. Now in the final eight the boys played Groves College who had a high skill level and incredible accuracy, giving Ben Brooks some work to do in goals. By the end the score was 4-0 to Groves and our players took a lot away from the game. A big congratulations to the players, their supportive families and the quality of futsal played.

Wade Toms
Cheers,

Assignment

Extensions and Non-Submission Process: I would like to draw your attention to the Assignment Extensions and Non-Submission Process within our College’s Year 7-12 Assessment Policy. This process has been explained to students by their teachers and will continue to be reinforced throughout the year. All assignments are to be ready for submission at 8:45 am on the due date. However, depending on the daily timetable, they may be collected at any time of the day. If students are planning to use college printing facilities, this must be done prior to the due date.

When this action for non-submission has occurred, the teacher will contact the parent by phone or email to inform them that this process to ensure submission has been completed. Loss of student work due to computer malfunction is not a valid excuse for non-submission. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that assignments are backed up to reliable alternative sources such as a USB or self-emailing of a copy. Where a student is absent due to a planned school activity or excursion, and an assignment is due on that day, prior negotiation with the teacher is the responsibility of the student.

Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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Year 7-10 Curriculum Coordinator

Tuckshop News
This Friday Tuck Shop Specials are as follows:

- Spaghetti Jaffles—Morning Tea and Lunch—$3.50
- Potato Bake—Lunch only—$3.50

A reminder that meat is not being sold during Lent. This includes chicken and ham.

Thank You
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P & F News
Hello and welcome to another wonderful week at Saint Mary’s Catholic College. Last night we held our 2014 AGM and elected our new committee. Unfortunately we do not have a secretary. If you feel you would like a small job we will assist you in this role. Please contact me on 0408068485 or my email drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au.

I will have a full list of committee members next week.

Blessings
Damien Martoo
P & F President
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**21st March 7pm**

**Where:**
Rendezvous Design, Kingaroy St, Kingaroy

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School Dance

**Theme: A Night At The Movies**

**Friday 28th March**

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