Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary’s,

Today, at a special assembly, we congratulated our Term 1 Benedictine Award winners below. Our Benedictine Awards recognise two students in each class who have best lived out our College’s Benedictine values – ie. being respectful, responsible, safe, just and your best. We congratulate the following Term 1 winners:


I would like to congratulate Jaiden and Tennae Francis who went at the National Safari over Easter holidays. Jaiden won a total of 6 medals for his B Grade Junior division – one gold medal for the 5 day IFAA event; one gold medal for the two day 3D event; one silver medal for the two day ABA event; three gold medals were also won by his South East Qld Junior Team. Tennae placed fourth in the 5 day IFAA so did not receive a medal but placed second in both the two day 3D and two day ABA therefore receiving two silver medals for her C Grade cubs division.

We also congratulate three of our past students (Athina Cantle, Max Sutton and Sara Vinci) who also recently received USQ academic awards for their tertiary studies.

This week we will also celebrate ANZAC Day with a ceremony at 9am on Thursday in our Benedictine Square and marches across the district on Friday. I would encourage all families to join us at both of these events. We are hoping to have staff and students march at the following ANZAC Day marches. Students need to wear their full formal uniform and parents and family members are very welcome to join us.

For the past two years we have had equestrians at Kingaroy and then Yarraman. If any equestrians are available to ride at Cherbourg 8am and Murgon 9.50am, please contact Mr Nayler ASAP.

We are hoping to have Saint Mary’s representatives at the following marches:

**ANZAC DAY SERVICES (Staff supervisors)**

- Blackbutt 11:00am (Mr Nayler) Nanango 9:00am. (Mr Perrett)
- Kingaroy 11:00am (Mr Erwin) Wondai 10:00am (Mrs Davis)
- Murgon 9:50am (TBA) Cherbourg 8:00am. (Mr Nayler and Mrs Arrell)
- Kumbia 8.45am (Mr Dalton) Yarraman 10:45am. (TBA)

At 9am on Monday, May 5, we will have a Skype Science Question and Answer with renowned Science author and presenter, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. I encourage students to think of their most puzzling science questions for Dr Karl.

Over the holidays, I met with the Mayor and Council engineers about P&F concerns about drivers going through the Albert and Kent street give way signs without due care. I am pleased that we were able to negotiate: trees cleared around crossing to increase visibility; “Give Way” warning markings painted on road; “Take Care – Children” signs added to Albert Street.

I would like to thank our teaching and ancillary staff who took our students away on camps before the holidays. Over 48hrs, I drove around 800km and visited every camp. I was very impressed with the huge range of activities and experiences offered to our students. I would also like to thank Mrs Rowen, our Career and Employment Transitions Coach for visiting our Year 10s on Work Experience and congratulate all of our students for their outstanding behaviour and participation.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
**ANZAC Day Service**

Tomorrow the College will be commemorating ANZAC day at 9 am starting in the bottom court yard and proceeding silently to the Benedictine Square via the front of the College. There will be a short 15 minute service in the flag area. The Service will conclude at 10 am. Formal uniform must be worn.

You are encouraged to attend Friday Anzac services in your local community, as outlined on the front page. Please wear formal uniform if you are attending. Kingaroy students please meet outside the RSL at 10.45 am.

God’s blessings

**Sean Erwin**
**Deputy Principal**

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**APA News**

Students should have received their Term 1 reports by mail during the holidays. These reports reflect the first 8 weeks of the year only. A much fuller report will be issued at the end of each Semester and will contain much more detailed information about student results and achievements.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for Years Prep to Year 12 on Tuesday 29th April from 3:20pm.

Interviews will be of 10 minute duration.

The interviews can be booked using the Parent Teacher On Line facility. This booking system will be available and on-line from 9-00am Wednesday 23rd April (today) and closes at 4.00pm on Monday 28th April (the day before the interviews).

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

**Mr John Dalton**
**Assistant to the Principal**

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**Counsellor News**

**Volunteer Training**

Parents wishing to volunteer at the college are required to undergo Student Protect Training. Training will be held at the college on Friday 2nd of May at 9am. Please contact the college office on 41622011 if you are interested in attending.

Thank you

**Graham Turnbull**
**Guidance Counsellor**

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**Cross Country**

The College Cross Country is on this Tuesday 29th April.

Students aged 5 - 9 years will run after NAPLAN practice at 12 .00. They can come to school in house colours to be ready straight away. Students will assemble in the Primary play area. Home class teachers will help assemble age or class groups. Students 10yrs and over, will compete after lunch. The age group they run in, is the age they turn this year.

Students aged 10 years and above must come to school in normal school uniform, then get changed at lunch into house colours. Students will run after lunch.

- Every student who competes will receive House Points.
- The first four runners in each group in the afternoon session are automatically eligible for South Burnett Trials.

**ORDER FOR AFTERNOON**

1.15 PM—Warm up / stretches
1. 1.25 pm 16 yrs and Open (Boys) - 2 laps of open course (6km)
2. 1.35pm 14, 15 yrs (boys and girls) 16 yrs and Open (girls) - 1 lap of open course (3km)
3. 1.40pm 11, 12 & 13 yrs (boys and girls) - 1 lap of open course (3km)
4. 1.45 pm 10 yrs (boys and girls) - 2 laps of campus course (1.8 km)

2.30 pm Presentations

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**NAPLAN Reminders**

All students in Years 3,5,7,and 9 are expected to participate in tests, however there are a number of reasons why parents might withdraw students from all or part of the testing program.

- Students who are unable to sit the test as the result of an accident or mishap may be recorded as absent.
- Parents /carers may withdraw their student/s from the testing program if they have religious or philosophical objections to the testing program.

Please contact the College for an appropriate form for signing if you wish to activate any of the above reasons for withdrawal or adjustment.

All withdrawals and adjustments need to be discussed with the Mrs Burr or Ms Radcliffe and forms signed by the 8th May.

A practice test will be held on April 29th, April 30th and May 1st. A catch up test day will be held on Friday 2nd May. The NAPLAN tests are held across Australia in May of each year. This year the tests will be held on 13th, 14th, and 15th May. A catch up test day will be held on Friday 16th May.

**Student Requirements:**

- Students are reminded that mobile phones or other forms of technology are not permitted in the test room.
- Students are not to bring multifunction or internet accessible devices
- No rulers are permitted
- No pencil cases will be allowed in the testing rooms

The students will require the following items in a clear plastic bag:

- Two 2B or HB pencils (no novelty attachments)
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser (not novelty erasers)

- Years 7 and 9 will need the calculator listed on the college booklist. Students have been working with these calculators in classrooms and are most familiar with them

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**The Cherbourg Ration Shed**

is conducting a Reconciliation Fun Run/ Walk from Murgon to Cherbourg on Sunday, 27th April commencing at the Murgon Showgrounds at 8am and ending up in Cherbourg for a day of fun, entertainment and family activities.

Cherbourg is keen to welcome their neighbours and regional communities in the name of friendship,
reconciliation and future possibilities. We also aim to celebrate the Cherbourg community, its culture and achievements while raising both funds and awareness of the Ration Shed and the range of cultural education programs and facilities. More detailed information and online registration can be found at www.rationshed.com.au/funrun. Nomination forms are available at the College office.

**Year 3 News**

On Tuesday 29th April at 6.30pm there will be an information session for the Violin Immersion Program. The time allotted for the information session clashes with part of the Parent Teacher Interview times. Please be aware that if you are making appointments to see teachers that they are made out of this time slot for the Violin Program.

**From the Science Department**

WANTED : If anyone has an old freezer they no longer need the Science Department would benefit greatly from it. It only needs to be a small freezer. It is needed to store science experiment materials to keep them fresh. If anyone can help with a small unwanted freezer please contact the office.
Welcome back to Term 2. What a busy time we have ahead of us. Our next P & F meeting will be on Tuesday the 29th April at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along and have a cuppa with us. This weekend I travel to Cairns for the Bi-Annual P&F State Conference. This is a great opportunity to discuss the work of our P&F with other Catholic Schools from Qld. On Thursday May 1st the P&F will be catering the Cow Horse challenge in Nanango. If anyone can help by donating ingredients or cooking time and help on the day please phone or text me on Mobile: 0408068485 or email: drbmartoo@yahoo.com.au to register your interest then we can allocate jobs from there.

Blessings
Damien Martoo