From the Principal

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

Firstly a huge thank you to all of our students, parents and staff who supported our ANZAC Day marches this year. I am aware of Saint Mary’s groups at marches and services at: Yarraman, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Wondai, Proston, Hivesville, Murgon and Cherbourg. Unfortunately, we had students lined up to bring their horses to Cherbourg, but we had to call this off at the last minute due to concerns about some roaming dogs in the area. Next year, I hope that we can have our equestrians out again next year at a new service. So far we have been at Kingaroy and Yarraman, so it would be great to look at Murgon or Wondai in 2015.

I would like to thank David Pomereneke, one of our parents, for his work in helping to improve our top oval which was in desperate need of attention. David brought in his earth moving equipment to aerate, top dress and reseed our oval. I would like to thank David, Catherine and Poms Grader Hire for this work. We have also had our Maryknoll Centre resurfaced and remarked as the initial work was not up to standard and the original company had gone out of business.

I would also like to announce that Trish Jensen who has served our community as a Finance Secretary will resign at the end of her current Long Service Leave. I would like to thank Trish for her dedicated work for our community. We will have a staff Morning Tea to wish Trish all the best in the coming weeks. Briony Hoare who has been filling in for Trish will continue in her role.

I would like to congratulate Clare Adcock who has returned from the UK where she represented the Australian schools team in Futsal. I am pleased to report that Clare’s team completed the entire tour undefeated. This is an incredible effort in a country that is football mad. Well done to Clare and all who have supported her. Please remember that Pacey Clegg is still raising money to go to the UK later this year in the Australian Futsal club side. I would encourage all in our community to continue supporting Pacey. I would like to thank our P&F and other organisations who have supported these students. It is an exciting week this week with a number of events happening:

- Cross Country: I would like to thank Allan Medlen and his staff, parent and student helpers for a great Cross Country. It is wonderful to see our students out running and enjoying themselves.
- Rural Connect Delivery: On Tuesday, we had the first delivery of around 70 large bales of hay, 1 tonne of supplements and 400kg of dog food to help support some of our most struggling local farmers. I would like to thank all in our community who supported our Harmony Day appeal which raised over $1000 toward this.
- NAPLAN practice tests: students in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 will have a trial run of their upcoming NAPLAN tests to ease them into the actual tests which occur from May 13 – 15. I would stress to all parents that NAPLAN results are one of many indicators of our students’ progress. You have probably seen the concerns raised in the media about those schools who put huge emphasis on NAPLAN work at the...
have changed the world for so many of us. These great humans lived with conviction but also the courage to do something about it, their moral purpose became moral action or efficacy.

In this Easter period, we are called to be courageous, just as Jesus’ followers and friends were inspired to be on seeing Jesus after his triumph over death. In our own circles of influence, we are called to advocate for what is right, to be courageous and step up. Fr Nigel reminds us in his Sunday reflection of the Gospel, that Jesus’ first words to his nervous followers after his resurrection were ‘peace be with you’. He had reason to be angry, frustrated or even dismissive of them, but these words gave his followers the chance to step up knowing they were forgiven.

College Feast Day
On Friday 23rd May we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Mary, who our college and parish is named after is also the Patron Saint of Australia, more on that in future bulletins. The College will celebrate this with a Mass at 9am in the Mary Knoll Centre followed later that day by a whole school concert.

Next Family Mass
On Sunday 25th May, the college will lead the 10 am Mass at St Mary’s Catholic Church. I will be inviting students to be involved as usual, however if your child would like a special part in that Mass they can see me as soon as possible.

ANZAC Day
I attended the Nanango ANZAC march on Friday and was touched to hear New Zealand’s national anthem played. On Thursday morning the college paid respect to the fallen in Gallipoli but also all our service men and women that have fought to protect our freedom. It was an honour to have Mr Barry Hayden and Uncle Eric Law, both Vietnam Veterans, to be with us and to address the college. Mrs Langford-Martoo provided the college and guests with a fantastic pictorial/historical walk which has been a much loved tradition. This display is being enriched every year by the inclusion of more photos of relatives and friends who have served our country. It was so heartening to see the level of respect our entire student body showed during that ceremony and for the rest of that day. The level of spiritual involvement was very tangible.

God’s blessings
Marty Perrett
Deputy Principal

APA News
Cow Horse Competition
This is being held tomorrow (Thursday 1st May) at the Nanango Show Grounds. 20 students from our College will be amongst the 98 riders nominated to compete. Thank you to the College P and F for operating the canteen once again this year.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all parents, students and teachers for taking the time to discuss student progress for Term 1. A total of 334 individual interviews took place, with the last teachers still talking to parents at 8-00pm. Many teachers have commented on the benefits of being able to personally discuss matters of academic and pastoral care directly with parents. These nights also allow parents to know teachers on a more personal basis, which in turn establishes very beneficial relationship and a stronger school community.

NAPLAN Reminders
Practice for the Naplan test began yesterday (Tuesday 28th).
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 with a language background other than English, who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year may be exempted if parents contact the College and sign appropriate forms.
· 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.
Killingsworth says. “In fact, how often predictor of people’s happiness,” Science. “These traditions suggest that a wandering mind is an unhappy mind.”

This new research, the authors say, suggests that these traditions are right.


Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Wide Bay Touch Football
Last Wednesday and Thursday the 23rd and 24th of April seen Kingaroy host the 2014 Wide Bay Under 12’s touch football trials. The days ran without a hitch thanks to the ever helpful convenor Mr Bill Johnston. There were six zones that represented at the carnival including our very own South Burnett boys and girls teams. Saint Mary’s was very lucky to have had five of our talented girls represent the South Burnett girls side consisting of twelve local school children.

Congratulations to: Lannah Sowden, Mackenzy Moller, Carmen Sowden, Madison Crane, Lateisha Wilkins and the others girls from local schools. See attached photograph to view the team. Thank you to Mr Cavagnaugh (KSS) for coaching the girls and Mrs Johnston for coaching the boys side.

Regards,
Mr Collier

ANZAC - Yr 8 - 11 Student Gallipoli trip multimedia competition
Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington is urging South Burnett secondary students to enter the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize for their chance to experience the historic Anzac Day centenary commemoration at Gallipoli next year.

Mrs Frecklington said it would be great to have local high school students among the 70 young people from across Queensland who attend next year’s 100th anniversary of the Anzac campaign at Gallipoli.

“The 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize presents a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students to attend the centenary commemorations and learn a little more about our Anzac history and their ongoing legacy,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“Students from Year 8 to Year 11 are eligible to enter the competition and must submit an original two to five minute multimedia presentation on how the Anzac tradition has shaped the nation, why it is still important and how future generations can keep the spirit alive.”


Entries opened on April 20 and close on September 19.

REMINDER
The College Newsletter is available on the College Website from each Wednesday afternoon.
Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:

Meatball Subs - Morning Tea & Lunch
Chicken & Macaroni - Lunch
Only

$3.50 each
There are NO pies, party pies or sausage rolls sold on Fridays!!!
Donations of baking ingredients especially self raising flour and caster sugar would be greatly appreciated.
A little reminder: if you order a toasted sandwich, it costs .50c to be toasted.

Regards
Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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