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

Last week, I mentioned that we would look to provide parents and carers with a night on better understanding child and youth sexuality. I have tentatively booked a parent evening from 7.00-8.30pm on Tuesday, November 4. It is hoped that the night will feature speakers from Brisbane Catholic Education’s Child Safety department and other local agencies.

Over the past few years we have continued to develop our Student Support Team to help our students who need extra assistance with their studies. Our Student Support Team includes:

- Mrs Radcliffe (Support Teacher Inclusive Education) & Mrs Kennedy (2 days)
- Mrs Erwin (2 days) and Mr Brown (1 day) – Indigenous Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Teachers
- Mrs Erwin (2 days) – English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher
- Mrs Bond (5 days) – Indigenous Education Support Worker
- Mr Williams (5 days) – Indigenous Teacher’s Aide
- Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Parfett, Mrs Molloy, Mrs Mazzer, Mrs Roberts – Teacher’s Aides

We welcome two Indigenous staff members back to Saint Mary’s:

- Mr Dallas Brown (ex-Year 6 teacher) returns to our staff one day per week.
- Mr Ryan Williams (ex-student) who returns after completing his studies in Brisbane.

It is with sadness that I let parents and carers know that the Your Tutor free online homework help that was offered through the South Burnett libraries has been discontinued. In talking with students, I found that only one student in Years 7-12 was using the system, so I understand why it has been cancelled.

Last week, we had a number of wonderful events demonstrating the breadth of talents of our students, staff and parents including:

- Book Week Campfire Stories Night and Parade: What an amazing week of stories and wonderful characters. Many thanks to Mrs Burr for organising this great week.
- Vicki Wilson Netball Cup: Our amazing Year 7–12 team played extremely gutsy netball against much bigger schools with mostly senior students. Thanks to Mr Medlen and Mrs Arrell for supporting the girls.
- South Burnett Athletics: Thanks to Mr Medlen and staff who supported our talented athletes.
- Parish School Mass: Thanks to Mr Perrett and all of the staff, students and community members who made this such a special Mass.
- Cats performance: Wow…this was an amazing display of our students, staff and parents’ incredible talents. The makeup was so good that I couldn’t even pick Mrs Collins out after her costume change in the second half. Still more performances this weekend.
- Year 11 Pastoral Care days: a huge thank you to Mr Curran and the guest speakers who presented many important topics to our students.
- Year 10 to 11 Parent Info Night: Thanks to Mr Dalton and staff who took our Year 10 parents and students with their subject and career options.
- Bangarra Dance performance: Thanks to Ms Cook and Mrs Roberts who took our senior dance students away for this amazing performance.
I would like to wish all of our students who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion this weekend. (Names listed in APRE Report). This is a wonderful step for these young people to make as they continue their faith journeys. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them all. Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Prayer for the sick
Dear Lord
We pray for the staff and students at our College who are suffering with ill health at the moment.
May they return to full health in the coming months and enjoy all that life has to give.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord
Amen

Morning Procedures
Upon arrival at the College students are to wait in the bottom courtyard.
After 8-20am (and not before) students are allowed to move to the top areas of the College and play.
Teachers are on duty from 8-20am.
At 8-40am a warning bell will sound and staff and students are to make their way to homeroom for morning roll and prayer.

Mobile Phones
Students are not to use their mobile phones during school time or while on College premises.
Phones and iPods are to be handed in to the office upon arrival at school and collected after 2-55pm upon departure.
If parents need to contact a student please ring the College office on 41 622011 and we will pass the message on.
Please do not contact your child by text as this just causes confusion and contravenes school rules.
Thank you for your co-operation with this.

ID Photos
If any students were not at school for Photo day and don’t have an ID, they will need to come to the court yard on Thursday morning at the beginning of Period 1 (9-00am).
Mrs Rutley will take their photo and then enter the photos into the school database.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News
Parents might have noticed that Naplan Tests are receiving a lot of attention in the media at the moment. This is because the results for individual students are expected in schools and then homes within the next few weeks.

The results for each student are in a two page booklet, and show in simple graphs how each student's results compares to the national average. These results are for spelling, persuasive writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

Parents should note that the individual students results will appear as a black dot and the national average will appear as an arrow. An example is shown alongside. The results for Saint Mary's students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be sent to parents once they are all received and copied. We expect this to happen next week.
Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

What asylum do you seek?
This week is the 100th Migrant and Refugee Week and the theme is “Towards a Better World”. The Holy Family, Mary Joseph and Jesus were themselves refugees; they lived in exile in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king. Women and children are the majority of international asylum seekers. Often, families are split while the fathers (modern day Joseph’s) take the most extreme risks to find a safe place for their family. Mary, Jesus’ mother, is also known as the icon for refugee woman. She is “contemplated as a living symbol of the woman emigrant” giving birth away from home and protecting her son while travelling long distances.

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It is a time to develop our understanding of global migration and the rights of refugees. For Catholics, our obligation to asylum seekers is not only to protect (as stipulated in the Refugee Convention) but to welcome and offer hospitality so that they may not feel isolated because of intolerance or disinterest. Perhaps look at your family history and trace the travel and location of the birth of loved ones. For many today in many parts of the world, a safe birth is only a luxury; they flee imminent persecution and death regardless of their gender or age.

Prayer of Faith and Hope:

God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob,
We, pilgrims of faith and hope, entrust our prayer to you.
Look upon those who travel in search of a better future for themselves and their loved ones.
Look upon those who are forced to flee away from their home because of hatred and persecution.
Look upon your pilgrim people in whose hearts “faith and hope are inseparable”.
Hear the cry of the people who “lack essential goods, are victims of natural disasters, wars and social unrest”.
Hear the cry of those whose journey has become an ordeal undertaken for the sake of survival.
Empower our Nation to be a land of welcome and love, a place where “faith and hope” find true meaning.
Mary, Mother of migrants, accompany us in our pilgrimage towards the encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reign forever and ever.
Amen.


_Saints for our time: the importance of education and the faith of a mother_  
This week the feast of two incredible Saints is celebrated. Saint Monica and her son, Saint Augustine are remembered on Wednesday the 27th and Thursday 28th respectively. Their relationship reads a lot like a contemporary son and mother relationship might today. Augustine has been described as a lazy naughty boy and his mother, a patient person consumed by love for her son. Monica prayed for Augustine’s conversion and her dedication was eventually rewarded when Augustine, later in his life, took up scripture and read it (’tolle lege’ - take up and read). Augustine’s curiosity for the love described in scripture inspired him to write a series of theologically influential pieces called ‘confessions’ where he wrote about his fruitless search for love and fulfilment in all the wrong places.

The story of these Saints resonates with me on a few levels. Their feast days are a day apart. My five sisters went to the Catholic girl’s school, Saint Monica’s and I attended Saint Augustine’s Marist College in Cairns. Like most of us, parenthood challenges and tests me and this in turn can test our belief and faith. The message of Saint Monica’s life is one of patience, persistence, love and incredible faith in a loved one and in her God. Please read the very ordinary stories of two extraordinary people and be open to the hope it gives all families.

Family Mass

On Sunday, we had numerous students, staff and family members involved in the weekend Parish Mass. Rhani Lucas, Abby Perrett, Claudia Di Marco, Adrienne Howard were assisted by Mrs Moya Hayden, Ms Romka Sudull and Mr Michael Scanlan in leading the hymns. Samuel Erwin and Samuel Perrett read and Jaymee and Lynn Van Dyk took up the offertory. Every person connected to the college is welcome to take part in any of the family masses, if you wish to be involved please contact me at the college. The college usually has its turn on the last Sunday of every month.

_Configuration and First Holy Communion this Sunday_

This Sunday, five students from our college, with two students from other schools will receive two important sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Confirmation is a sacrament where the candidate confirms or recommits to their faith, the one they accepted in baptism. Obviously for many we don’t remember our baptism, so confirmation gives a person the decision based on a level of discernment and exposure to their tradition. To accept and strengthen faith, the Holy Spirit is called on to act as an agent of change and as a fire to inspire.

First Holy Communion is the chance to formally join the millions of other practicing believers ‘at table’, remembering and fulfilling the request of Jesus at the last supper, to take bread and wine and eat and drink it in memory of him. It is the ultimate invitation to be part of a special thanksgiving for the life of Jesus and steeped in hope for all of us given by his resurrection.

Saint Mary’s students receiving the sacraments are Adrienne Howard, Jo Haak, Aiden Davis, Claudia Di Marco and Abby Perrett. Bishop Brian Finnigan with Father Nigel will officiate at the ceremony and it promises to be a fitting occasion. Mrs Moya Hayden with Ms

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Romka Sudull has again established a choir for the mass and the celebration continues with the sharing of a meal and refreshment after Mass provided by the parish.
Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they attempt to deepen their faith and relationship with their God.
Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Library Corner

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile Awards!
Bronze Award (10 books) - Maddison Sansby
Silver Award (25 books) - Kaitlyn Ritchie, Cooper Moller and Darcy Brady

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 were due back to the office on the 26th August. The entry fee will be paid for by the College. Participating students will receive a tuckshop menu from the hosting school should they wish to take advantage of this.

Book Week Parade
Book Week Parade was a great success again! So many students and staff in awesome costumes everywhere! They dressed up as their favourite book characters. Among the dress-ups were Huckleberry Finn, Darth Vader, Sleeping Beauty, Superman and Minions. Students shared a book with their buddies afterwards. Thank you to everyone who assisted to make the Book Week Parade so enjoyable.

Premiers Reading Challenge
All Premiers Reading Challenge forms are due back to classroom teachers by this Friday please. The challenge ends on this day for our College. Data will be collated and entered on Monday 1st Sept to be received by organisers on time. Thank you for your support and encouragement of this reading challenge.
Yours in Reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Sports News

Vicki Wilson Cup Netball Report
What an awesome effort from our girls today at Gympie. They played 7 games over the day with a little break. Their commitment and behaviour were excellent. We took away by far the youngest team, due to a couple of seniors not being available due to other commitments.

Team:
Captain-Cassie Firman - Year 12
Bridget McCarron - Year11
Cherie Baldacchino - Year 11
Rahab Murray - Year10
Kiara Wright - Year 10
Georgia Reeve - Year 9
Renee Irvine - Year 8
Diedre Murray - Year 8
Rochelle Saltner - Year 8
Stephanie Arrell - Year 7

Our new young ladies developed their skills over the day. Well done to them all. This side may produce something even more special down the track.

Results:
Game 1 - won over Gympie SHS - 10-9

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Game 2 - lost to St Pats (Gympie) - 11-7
Game 3 - lost to Nanango SHS (eventual winners of the competition) - 13-8
Game 4 - lost to James Nash SHS - 12-10
Game 5 - lost to South Burnett College - 12-10
Game 6 - won over Victory College (Gympie) - 13-12
Game 7 - lost to Kingaroy SHS - 16-10

The girls were competing all day. The Carnival organizer (a state league and Wide Bay development officer) summed it up best at the presentations-" this has been the best represented Cup so far-there were no blow outs like other years-the standards have certainly improved and I identified a heap of young talent"
She asked me about Renee and Deidre. When I said that they were in Year 8 - she said ‘Wow’.

I would like to thank Mrs Arrell for her help and assistance today. Thanks also to our captain Cassie Firman for doing the rotations so efficiently.

I would also like to thank Rob Firman (coach of our QISSN girls) and Anne Baldacchino (manager of our QISSN girls) - for the development of the team efforts and harmony that I saw in the team today. Much appreciated.

South Burnett –Secondary Athletics Report 2014
In extremely cold, wet and trying conditions, about 42 of our athletes competed in the South Burnett Athletics trials at Kingaroy SHS. All were chasing Zone selection for the upcoming Wide Bay trials.
Some events were not run - high jump and relays were deemed unsafe or not necessary.
Generally students who gain 1st, 2nd or 3rd are selected for South Burnett, but there are also qualifying standards. I have not received notification of these at this stage, but will pass on information as soon as possible. With high jump, we have been asked to send in school results for consideration.

Saint Mary’s Catholic College came 4th overall and 4th in the aggregate. Stephanie Ross won the 18yrs age champion. Well done!

The following results will probably make the team:
Hayden Yesberg - 2nd discus
Clare Adcock - 1st 800m, 1st 1500m, 2nd 200m
Carissa Jensen - 2nd long jump, 3rd 100m
Erin Newman - 3rd 100m
Stephanie Ross - 1st shot put, 1st javelin, 1st discus
Renee Irvine - 1st discus, 3rd 400m
Rahab Murray - 1st javelin, 2nd discus, 3rd shot put, 2nd high jump, 2nd 200m, 2nd long jump
Ryan Jacobs - 2nd 400m
Rochelle Saltner - 2nd 200m
James Gilmore - 3rd shot put
Diedre Murray - 1st 200m
Pacey Clegg - 1st 200m, 1st 800m
Matt Patroni - 1st 800m

Well done everyone.
Regards
Mr Allen Medlen
Sports Coordinator

Year 12 Sausage Sizzle

There will be no sausage sizzle next Tuesday, 2nd September due to QCS Test. Sausage sizzle will resume on Tuesday, 9th September 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 can purchase theirs from the Maryknoll Centre Canteen directly.

Sausage on bread - $1.50
Popper - $1.50

Thank you for your continued support.
Year 12 students

Whip Cracking News

Upcoming Events
• Jackie Howe Festival Performance - Jondaryan Woolshed - Saturday 30th August
   Performance Times 10am to 12.30pm

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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 Tea every Thursday from the Maryknoll Canteen.

Hot Milo, soup and home bake will be available for $1 and $2
Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Classroom News
On Thursday, 21st of August 2014, eight Senior Dance students along with Carissa Jensen and Isaiah Mimi (year 9) had the opportunity to experience Bangarra Dance Theatre’s performance of Patyegarang in Brisbane at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. Based in Sydney, Bangarra is Australia’s leading Indigenous performing arts organisation with the vision to respect and rekindle the links between traditional indigenous cultures of Australia and new forms of contemporary artistic expression.

After the breathtaking performance, these students were lucky enough to be involved in a Q&A with the artistic director Steven Page and the entire cast of the performance, including Leo Mickelo from Cherbourg. This experience was invaluable for students, as it enabled them to gain an understanding of Australian Contemporary Dance and Indigenous storytelling styles as well as inspiring and expanding their performance repertoire.

Regards
Miss Angelique Cook
Senior Dance Teacher

Art and Home Economics Department
We are in desperate need of scrap material/fabric in both the Visual Art and Home Economics rooms. 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

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

Tuckshop News
Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Hot Dogs with Sauce and Cheese - $3.50
Lunch Only
Mac’n’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, 29th August - Jessica Langley
Monday, 1st September - Cathy Gartner
Wednesday, 3rd September - Volunteer required

Volunteers are also welcome, even if it just for the morning (until morning tea) or middle session. Thank you to the parents who have

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been able to donate their time to volunteer in the Tuckshop.

**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

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**Counsellor News**

“We work so hard to get somewhere, to realize a dream, to arrive at some destination, that we often forget that though some satisfaction may be waiting at the end of our endurance and effort, there is great and irreplaceable aliveness in the steps along the way.”

*Mark Nepo*

Thank you

Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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**P&F News**

Last week the P&F met for our August meeting. After such a busy couple of months, it was nice to see the fruits of all the hard work our parent volunteers put in, come to fruition. The P&F raised $900 at Rock on Stage which will be donated to Bacalod Kindy, $539.81 at this year’s Equestrian day and $2000 from the chocolate drive. A huge thankyou to everyone who played a part in raising this extra money for our school.

The P&F is in a good financial state at the moment so we have decided to fund some exercise equipment for our senior school. More discussion has yet to take place on a final decision about what we would need to purchase (either outdoor gym equipment or a proper weights area) but something will happen very soon.

The new Saint Mary’s supporters shirt samples have arrived. I will try to get one up in the office this week. We will be ordering shirts from Small to XXL very soon, and they will be available for purchase from the uniform shop. These shirts are to show your support for our College and are very classy!

Gods Blessings

Mr Damien Martoo
President

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**St Mary’s Parish News**

**Yarraman 5th Sunday 31st August**

12.30pm Mass with Catholic Community luncheon to follow. All welcome, bring family and friends. Numbers please to Wayne and Marie 0414 594 480 or Margaret 4163 8236.

**Multicultural Mass**

You are all invited to join us to celebrate our Multicultural Mass at St Mary’s Church, Kingaroy on Sunday, 7th September 2014. Please bring slices/cakes for our morning tea.

Thank you

Fr Nigel Sequeira
Parish Priest

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**Curriculum News**

**Year 11 Guest Speakers**

Saint Mary’s Catholic College endeavours to provide our students with a rich and diverse holistic education, both academic and practical. The latter involves life skills and to this end Year 11 students gained valuable insights from a number of guest speakers over two days last week while the Year 12 students sat a practice QCS test.

The speakers were:

**Tuesday 19th August**
- Mr. Curran & Mr. Turnbull: Careers & Work Issues
- Senior Sergeant Duane Frank Old Police Service: Legal issues and a visit to Kingaroy Police Station and Courthouse
- Mr. Curran: Yr. 11 Leadership Camp
- Mr. Erwin DP: Beyond Yr. 11: Issues and Possibilities
Wednesday 20th August
- Mr. Turnbull: Relationships to avoid, eating disorders and mental health issues
- Mr. Peter Janz, Accountant: Finances, loans and credit cards and what can go wrong!
- Mr. Leo Geraghty of Clifton Motors: Buying a second-hand car

Students were able to ask questions and gain valuable knowledge from the speakers about a range of real life issues. The life experiences of the speakers were shared with our students who hopefully are more aware now of some issues they are likely to face when they leave school. St. Mary's Catholic College sincerely thanks our guests for their generous time and advice given to our students.

Regards
Mr Gary Curran
Senior School Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator

Seasonal Influenza - Queensland Health
Seasonal influenza season has started with one third of all flu cases this year (as of 11 August 2014) reported in the last two weeks. Ongoing attention to prevention and control measures is essential to minimise the spread of this infection. Information regarding the flu is available at www.health.qld.gov.au/flu.

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Congratulations to the Science, Computer and History Competition Awardees

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

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