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

One of my favourite Bible stories as a child was the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. It is also a great story to demonstrate the move from my childhood understanding of the Bible to a more adult understanding.

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector - Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.’

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.’

As a child, I was told that Zacchaeus was a short man who needed to climb the tree to see Jesus. As an adult, I understand the Jewish figurative language which also suggested that Zacchaeus was “small” in the eyes of his community, as he collected taxes for the Romans.

The other thing that always bothered me as a child was Jesus inviting himself to dinner at Zacchaeus’s house. This always seemed a little rude of Jesus. As an adult, I can understand that it was a common Jewish practice for a visiting Rabbi to invite himself to dinner with the town’s most important person. No wonder the crowd was angry that Jesus had bestowed this honour on someone that the community despised.

The continual challenge for all of us is to reach out to the “Zacchaeus” in our own communities – the outsider, the struggler, the unpopular and despised. This takes a great deal of courage, for it is far safer to seek out the company of the popular and well-regarded community members in the hope that this will rub off on us.

A few of the many great events and achievements of the past week include:

- Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition: Congratulations to our talented equestrians who took out 3rd place from the 59 schools. We also had two age champions: Gabe Crane (7th time as Age Champion) and Patrick Frohloff (3rd time as Age Champion).
- Sacramental program: Congratulations to those students who received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation on Sunday.
- Toowoomba Chess Competition: Mrs Burr and Ms Roberts took away some of our talented chess players to compete amongst 420 students. Most of our students took out more than half of their games.
- QCS test: We wish our Seniors all the best as they complete the final day of the QCS test today.
• Year 11 Leadership Camp: Mr Curran, Fr Nigel, Miss Cook, Mr Hutton and I took our Year 11s on a challenging and inspirational camp. The staff who went on camp were very impressed with the commitment and pride shown by our Year 11s as they prepare to be our 2015 Seniors.

• Lateisha Wilkins (Year 6) has just returned from representing Wide Bay in the Under 12 Girls’ Football State Championships in Mount Isa. She was named player of the match. This is a great achievement as it is only her second season playing football.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Student Vehicles
The following guidelines will assist students who obtain their licence during Year 12 and drive a car to school each day:

1. Drivers must give the Deputy Principal a note from parents specifying:
   a) The driver.
   b) Passengers allowed.
   c) Destinations allowed.
   d) Times allowed.

2. Passengers must give the Deputy Principal a note from parents specifying:
   a) Driver.
   b) Destinations allowed.
   c) Times allowed.

3. Cars must be parked in Fitzroy Street or Carinya Street.
4. Vehicles must not be accessed or used during school hours.
5. No student is to travel in a car with another student unless the parents or carers of both passenger and driver have given specific, written consent.

Pastoral Care News

Anti-bullying - Right Relationships

Right relationships are promoted as a part of our College ideology. Simple principles such as the right to feel safe and to learn are supported by a number of behaviour support processes and strategies within the college and are endorsed by the Pastoral Care (PC) team.

The PC team works alongside the Deputy Principal and other members of the leadership team in a supportive role. We aim to help staff, students and the wider College community in a number of ways including: staying up to date with contemporary issues of concern (such as cyber-safety) and the providing of strategies to minimise risks in such areas; ongoing opportunities for professional and personal development in skills that promote right relationships through proactive behaviour support, non-violent communications and reflective practices; and as facilitators of reconciliation processes where appropriate.

The PC team is also available directly to staff as a means of support both in and outside the classroom. The team offers a variety of support strategies based on sound educational and psychological theory such as: in class workshops, skill development for individuals or groups, mediation and resources. We encourage all staff and parents to raise issues of concern with a member of the PC team as early as possible so that strategies can be introduced promptly in order to help maintain a sense of safety and dignity for all members of our College community. All services facilitated by the PC team are aligned with the development of high quality staff-student relationships, dignifying both the student and the staff member.

Pastoral care Team members are:
• Mr Erwin (Deputy Principal)
• Mrs Radcliffe (P-6)
• Mr Toms (7-10)
• Mr Curran (11-12)
• Mrs Erwin (Indigenous support / ESL)
• Mr Hutton (Campus Minister)
• Mrs Bond (Indigenous Support Worker)
The College has a zero tolerance toward bullying. Please contact any of the members of our Pastoral Care team if you have any concerns.

Thank you
I would like to share a message from one of our staff members who was present at Jondaryan last weekend. It is wonderful to hear such wonderful positive comments regarding our students representing the College.

"Yesterday, my husband & I were at the Festival at Jondaryan, & saw the kids from Saint Mary's participate in the Whip cracking. Wow! They were great. Congratulations to the kids, Paul Sims, their parents & Lauren Arrell for a great job! I heard several people in the crowd (not parents) comment on the talent, behaviour & the sportsmanship of all the children. Many comments were also made about what a great school we must have, to foster such diversity in education. By the way, the little ones were very cute!" Mrs Jenny Lutz

Thank you to Mrs Arrell, the parents and students who attended Jondaryan for their commitment and continued support of our team.

I would also like to congratulate the students who took part in the Equestrian challenge last week at Hervey Bay (see Mr Dalton's report). There were some outstanding performances from a lot of our riders and once again they did our College proud.

Congratulations to our Secondary athletics team who performed at a very high standard in atrocious weather conditions at Kingaroy State High School last Friday. Notable results included:

- Stephanie Ross, who was crowned Open Girls Champion after 3 wins in her throwing events.
- Clare Adcock who placed 1st in the 800m and 1500m and 2nd in 200m for 14 years girls.
- Rahab Murray, 16 years girls, who competed in six events, placing in all.
- Pacey Clegg winning his 200m and 800m in 14 years boys.
- Renee Irvine, 13 years girls, 1st in Discus and 3rd in 400m.

Mr Medlen will be finalising the nominations for Wide bay selection trials this week.

Congratulations to Lateisha Wilkins who has recently just returned from representing Wide Bay Under 12 Girls Football in Mount Isa for the State Championships. This is only her second season playing.

Parish Events
Last Saturday night, a number of staff attended the Parish Dinner Dance at Kingaroy RSL, raising much need funds for St Mary’s parish. Mr Richard, Miss Cook, Miss Joseph, Miss Saxton, Ms Sudull Mrs Rutley, Mr Hutton, Mrs Erwin and I all enjoyed a great night of food, community and terrific dancing. Funds raised will go towards various projects within the Parish.

Congratulations also to the children who made their first Communion and Confirmation on Sunday (see Mr Perrett's report). The choir led by Ms Sudull was magnificent. Thank you to Ms Radcliffe and Mr Undery for their preparation of all the students.

God Bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

EQA News
Two members of the Saint Mary’s College equestrian team have continued their unbeaten run of Champion Rider status. Gabe Crane and Patrick Frohloff were both Age Champions at the Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition, held in Maryborough.

The event features a wide range of horse events such as dressage, jumping, hacking, speed sporting races and a number of competitions relating to stock work. This year, 244 riders from 59 different schools competed over two days from August 28 to August 29th.

For Gabe, it was the seventh year in succession that he has been age Champion, and he elected to compete despite the looming OCS and other Year 12 assessment commitments. He and his trusty horse Commando have held the honour of Open Age Champion each year since he was in Year 6. Patrick is in Year 6, and has started his own run of successes, this year winning the Year 7 Age Champion. For him, it is his third year in succession winning enough individual events to succeed as overall champion.

Saint Mary’s sent their largest team ever to the competition with 14 riders lining up for the various events. The College team achieved 3rd placing in overall points out of the 59 competing schools, and between them, either won or placed in 63 different aspects of the competition.

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Congratulations to the team of: Bridget Barkle, Madison Wintour, Molly Wernacke, Naomi Baldacchino, Jayde Novak, Bonnie Winch, Meg Wernacke, Renee Irvine, Gabe Crane, Erin Newman, Patrick Frohloff, Cameron Teske, Lidia Penny and Cherie Baldacchino.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Confirmed and welcomed to table

Seven students received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Sunday at St Mary’s Church in a lively Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnegan and Father Nigel. Aidan Davis, Adrienne Howard, Rowan Sullivan, Jo Haak, Abby Perrett, Claudia Di Marco and Patrick Lenihan supported by sponsors family and friends were further initiated into the Catholic Church and the Christian tradition. It takes a village to raise a child and His Grace referred to the crucial role the parish and school community have in supporting our students in all aspects of life, particularly those exploring their faith in a time and place where there are many external drivers and material distractions.

The occasion was an uplifting experience made special by the personalised preparation of the candidates by Mr Peter Undery, Ms Pam Radcliffe and Mrs Sandra Ritchie and music carefully selected and performed by the choir led by Ms Romka Sudull and Mrs Moya Hayden.

To educate is one of the highest aspirations of humanity. It goes beyond the classroom and is ultimately about the search for truth in all things we do. The truth I speak of can be in any ‘light bulb moment’ or in the hurt or pain of loss and suffering, but as humans and Christians we have to look to the lesson and truth, that life experience can teach us because of the hope Jesus gave all humanity in His resurrection.

A few years back a family member had the privilege of hearing the Dalai Lama. One message that resonated with him and I can’t forget, was a saying full of positivity, that speaks to the idea of faith and hope;

“If you have a problem you can fix, why worry? If you have a problem you can’t fix, why worry?”

Hopefully the children who recently received the sacraments, and all our students, will eventually see in themselves the ability, with faith in self, others and God, to be people of hope and positivity. It is our job as educators at school and at home to ‘educate’ or equip them with tools to enable this ability.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

Thank you to those families who have attended to their Term 3 fees or been in touch with us to arrange a payment plan. The fees and levies collected at Saint Mary’s are essential in providing quality Catholic education for all enrolled students. The final fees statement for 2014 will be issued at the beginning of Term 4 and will be payable by the end of week 2. Families with confirmed payment arrangements in place are reminded that 2014 fees must be paid in full by the end of Term 4. Please contact Briony Hoare, Finance Secretary at the College office should you require a copy of your Fees Statement or if you are having difficulty in making your required payments.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Library Corner

Lexile Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile Awards!

Red Award (5 books) - Austin Kelly and Lannah Sowden
Bronze Award (10 books) - Nicholas Erwin and Caitlyn Carney

Primary Chess Competition in Toowoomba

Two teams of students represented our College at the Toowoomba and District “Primary School” Teams Chess Championship yesterday. Many of these students had never competed at this level before, so it was so wonderful to see their effort and enthusiasm on the day. The students played seven games each and did very well.

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
Thank you for your participation in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This competition has now ended and I have submitted the data from classes in order to receive our certificates. I am very pleased to report that our College has attained a 100% completion rate i.e. every single Prep – Year 7 student has met this challenge. This is no easy accomplishment and I congratulate the students, parents and class teachers for such a tremendous achievement.

Yours in Reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 News
Things are moving along at a cracking pace in the Prep to Year 6 area. Preparations are well under way for the upcoming Under 8s day. There will be a letter to go home next week. Also the final preparations for excursions are taking place for Year 4 and Year 1.

Thank you to Mrs Arrell and Year 5/6 who are spearheading the activities in the middle session of Under 8s day on Friday the 12th September. The children in Prep, Year 1, and Year 2 will be visited by the emergency services – assuming there are no emergencies on that day! Police, Ambulance, Fire and SES have all agreed to come up to the top oval in the morning.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Early Years Coordinator

Curriculum News
Year 8 Maths Challenge
Tonight, two teams of students will represent the College at the South Burnett Year 8 Maths Challenge. This is being held at Kingaroy High School Hall from 6pm. The night will see students exercise their mathematical brains, practise their teamwork skills and compete against other students from local schools. I am looking forward to being a part of this great experience with them. Stay tuned to hear more next week!

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Middle School Curriculum Coordinator

UNSW ICAS COMPETITION
These are the current results:

SPELLING:
Participation: Dane Andersson, Tom Currin, Lachlan Dolzan, Nick Elliott, Nicholas Erwin, Samuel Erwin, Louisa Frahm, Joanna Haak, Jacob Haydon, Adrienne Howard, Jade Jacob, Kathleen Janz, Sam McCarthy, Ryan Maudsley, Kaitlin Richie

Merit: Madison Crane
Credit: Emily-Rose Clancy, Khyla Thompson

Distinction: Caitlin Lang

WRITING:
Participation: Dane Anderson, Gabriel Crane, Josee Currin, Nicholas Erwin, Samuel Erwin, Adrienne Howard, Monice Hurlbutt, Jade Jacob, Kathleen Janz, Fiona McNamara

Merit: Madison Crane

Credit: Emily-Rose Clancy, Kaitlin Richie
Distinction: Clare Adcock, Caitlin Lang, Thilini Ranasinghe

Congratulations to our students.

Regards
Mr Gary Curran
Senior School Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator

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Active After Schools News

“Active After Schools” is finishing this week. It will resume in Term 4.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
AASC Coordinator

Futsal News

On Thursday, 14th August our College hosted a group of futsal players from Burnett College. On the day some of our College team captains and team leaders ran professional detailed coaching sessions. Burnett College are just starting out with their futsal program and the day helped their players get a feel for the game. To make the games fair the teams were mixed up slightly for the friendly matches. The Burnett College coach Chris Rodwell would like to extend a further thanks for the day. I would also like to thank the players for their behaviour as well as the well-run training sessions.

Regards
Mr Wade Toms
Coach

Sports News

We are still awaiting confirmation of the South Burnett secondary athletes however the Wide Bay trials will be held at the Burnett State College in Gayndah on the 15th and 16th of September. I will pass on permission slips and details as I receive these.

Very happy to report that Nick Madden from Year 4 has been selected for Wide Bay primary athletics in the 200m. Ned came a very close 3rd. He will now go to the State Titles next term.

Congratulations to Lateisha Wilkins in Year 6. Lateisha is only in her second year of rugby league and just represented Wide Bay in the State u/12 carnival in Mt Isa. She also won a player of the match award. Well done

Just a reminder to parents and students please make sure you have hats for sport or HPE classes. We are a sun safe College.

Regards
Mr Allen Medlen
Sports 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 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
- 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

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Congratulations to Claudia Di Marco, Abby Perrett, Aidan Davis, Adrienne Howard and Joanna Haak from Saint Mary’s and Patrick Lenihan and Rowan Sullivan from the surrounding districts. We welcome you as a full member of the Catholic faith. Reconciliation will commence next term (dates to be advised when Father Nigel has confirmed dates) as a precursor for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2015.

**Tuckshop News**

*Friday specials are as follows:*
- Morning Tea & Lunch
- Cheesy Garlic Bread - $3.50

*Lunch Only*
- Mediterranean Meatballs - $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, 5th September - Amanda Hetherington
- Monday, 8th September - Volunteers needed
- Wednesday, 10th September - Kelly Burnage

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

**Counsellor News**

“But compassion is a deeper thing that waits beyond the tension of choosing sides. Compassion, in practice, does not require us to give up the truth of what we feel or the truth of our reality. Nor does it allow us to minimize the humanity of those who hurt us. Rather, we are asked to know ourselves enough that we can stay open to the truth of others, even when their truth or their inability to live up to their truth has hurt us.”

— 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

**St Mary’s Parish News**

**Multicultural Mass**

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

Thank you
Fr Nigel Sequeira
Parish Priest
Looking for a Summer sport?
Come Play Softball!!

Burnett Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming summer season.

Sign on Day: Saturday 6th September 2014 9am-1pm
Where: Nanango Sports grounds – 18 Burnett Street, Nanango
Season Commences: mid-October 2014
Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters
Competitions available: Juniors (week-day afternoon) Seniors – (mid-week night comp)
Contact: Karen 0422204661 or secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com

Your child may be eligible for the State Govt’s Get Started voucher – valued up to $150.
Round open now. Register ASAP to avoid missing out on this opportunity!!


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Kingaroy Junior Cricket Association
Milo, U10, U12, U14 sign on will be in the Kingaroy Shoppingworld on 6th September from 8:30am to 3pm and at Lyle Vidler Oval on 13th September from 9am to 12noon.
Milo is $85
U10 to U14 $130 ($120 if paid before 1st November)

Symphony In The South Burnett
4th and 5th October, Kingaroy

Open to musicians of all ages. Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion sections will be tutored by specialist tutors on Saturday, then Sunday sections will come together for a full orchestra workshop followed by a concert.

All musicians welcome whether you are playing currently or haven’t dusted off your instrument for years. This is a great opportunity to pick up some new skills and enjoy the thrill of playing with a large group of musicians.

Dates - 4th and 5th October 2014
Venue - Uniting Church Halls, Cnr Youngman & Alford Street
Times - 8.30am Registration at Uniting Church Hall Workshop will run from 9am to 5pm
Free Concert 4pm Sunday, 5th October Uniting Church Hall

Cost - SBCO Members $10, Non-Members $20 (Includes Music, Morning and Afternoon Tea)
Bring - Your own musical instrument, pencil, notebook and water bottle
Further Details - Email: sbcorchestra@hotmail.com, Website: www.sbcoco.com.au, Facebook: www.facebook.com/sbcorchestra

South Burnett Community Orchestra
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Fraser Coast Equestrian

Whip Cracking

P-6 National Comps.

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Year 12 Valedictory Fundraiser

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

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

12x12 Canvas $20
Turn papercraft into a home décor piece as a keepsake. Photo can be added after completion.

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