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

Amongst the myriad of events over the past week, a few of the major events were:

- Farewelling, Ms Kumari Joseph, our Year 6 teacher who will return to Brisbane for family reasons. She will be replaced for the last two weeks of term by Mrs Kim Sparrow, who has been working in our Student Support Department. Next term, we welcome back Mrs Jenny Foody-Versace who will take our Year 6s on until the end of the year. I would like to thank Ms Joseph for her time with our community.
- The Cats finale at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough: I would like to congratulate all of the students, staff and parents who were involved with this sensational production.
- Multicultural Mass: Thanks to Fr Nigel and St Mary's Parish for this beautiful Mass featuring a Filipino choir, prayers in many languages, flags of the world, action songs, kids up dancing, a beautiful Irish hymn & Fr Nigel's Pink Panther joke.
- Local Soccer awards: Congratulations to Rahab Murray who received the Rising Star Award and Cassie Firman who was awarded Best and Fairest award for the entire South Burnett Women division.
- Peace Child Auditions: I would like to thank Mrs Collins for this great initiative. It will be wonderful to see our P-6 students putting on this performance later this year.
- Whip Cracking: Congratulations to our Whip Crackers on another sensational performance at the Nanango Music Muster today.

I hope that all of our fathers had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. I can think of no greater joy as a dad than spending some quality time with my own wonderful girls. I also am very thankful for the male staff and leaders of our community, like Fr Nigel, who exemplify what it means to be a "good man" in these difficult times.

I look to St Joseph as one of my models for masculinity. While he may not have been Jesus’ biological father, he stood up to the challenge of raising Jesus and stepping in to stop Mary from facing certain persecution. In a time when some men don’t value the incredible gift of fatherhood, we can pray for St Joseph’s strength in facing up to the daily challenges of being a good man.

Jesus, we ask that you bless all of the men in our community, and grant them the strength of St Joseph, so that they may continue to be the best men that they can be loving fathers; caring sons; and kind and compassionate men. Amen.

P&F Meeting: Our P&F committee wish to advise that our next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21. Our September P&F meeting next week has been cancelled.

Catholic Education Issues: Later in this bulletin, is the first of five combined Queensland P&F and Queensland Catholic Education Commission statements on Catholic Education funding issues that they have published as we move toward the next state election. More information on these issues can be found at their websites at: www.pandf.org.au and www.qcec.catholic.edu.au.

Benedictine Awards: At 2pm on Friday, September 19, we will have our end of term Benedictine Award assembly. Letters will soon go out to the parents of all Benedictine Award winners to invite them to this celebration.

NAPLAN results: Individual student NAPLAN results are being posted out to parents and carers. The best way to interpret these is to look at your child’s previous results (if applicable) to see where they have improved or otherwise. More detailed analysis for schools will be available later this year.

Term 4: The first day of Term four will be Tuesday, October 7 following the Labour Day holiday. Saint Mary’s will also have a Student Free Day on Monday, October 20 for teachers to compare their
students' work with teachers from other schools.
Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Prayer for Parents
Holy Father, thank You for giving us loving parents.
May they always be pleased and proud as they
watch their children grow and become the best they can be.
Amen.

Hats
No Hat, No play.
This is the rule for the entire College. Prep-6 are to be congratulated for their wearing of the College hat.
Years 7-12 need to improve the wearing of their hats, especially on the oval at lunch.
Teachers have been asked to remove students from the oval who do not have a hat.
Students who fail to comply first time will be referred to the office.

PB4L Certificates
Students in Years 7-12 receive certificates for displaying positive behaviour.
Teachers nominate students who continually do the right thing or nominate a student who has improved in a particular subject.
Students can add these certificates to their profiles when applying for jobs. Employers like to see students who strive to
do good work at school.

Up Coming Events
Tomorrow - September 10 - Whip Cracking demonstration at Nanango from 1pm to 2-30pm with Mr Erwin and Mrs Arrell
Monday 15th September and Tuesday 16th September - Secondary Wide Bay Athletics (see Mr Medlen for any queries)
Tuesday 16th September - Year 4 Excursion, Year 7 Geography Excursion
Wednesday 17th September - Years 11 and 12 Personal Development talk with Mrs Kenny Bird from BCE
Thursday 18th September - Whip cracking Excursion to Grandchester with Mr Erwin and Mrs Arrell
Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3, Benedictine Awards Presentation
God Bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

Subject Selection for 2015
Year 11 and 12 in 2015:
The process for students to select subjects for 2015 is under way.
As explained at the recent Year 10 into Year 11 Information Night, we are currently using a Subject Survey to ask Year 10 students to
firstly indicate their most preferred subjects for next year. The College then constructs the selection lines for the students to then make
their final subject selections. This will be followed by SET plan meetings with parents early in Term 4.
Year 11 students moving into Year 12 in 2015 will also be asked to confirm their subjects in case their preferences have changed
throughout 2014, or if alternative subjects become available in 2015.

Year 10 in 2015:
Our 2014 Year 9 students will continue with their current subjects into Year 10 in 2015.

Year 9 in 2015:
The 2014 Year 8 students will soon start the process of selecting subjects for Year 9 in 2015. Details of the process will be sent home to
parents soon. Similar to the current Year 10 students, it will involve students being first surveyed to determine preferred arrangement of
 electives, and then selecting from lines of choice that result from the surveys.
Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA
Happy Birthday – September the 8th
Monday was the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin. It is celebrated nine (9) months after the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception has little to do with the birth and conception of Jesus as many think; it acknowledges that Mary was born perfect because she was the Mother of Jesus.

Parents expecting the birth of a child in any family experience hope and untapped potential. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God’s love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is instrumental in its creation.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to more than just the birthday boy or girl. I remember reading how one mother received a thank you card on the birthday of her ageing son, that is a true celebration of a birthday. The thank you was acknowledging the love, life and ultimately the birth of his mother. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary’s birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. When we acknowledge the birthday of any mother we are acknowledging the ultimate gift they offer humanity, hope and future. Mary’s birthday is the crowning example of hope for us as humans.

I am not downplaying the role of fathers, especially in the light of a great and important day last Sunday, but I can’t help being reminded by a quote from the mouth of a comic, “behind every great man, is a better woman rolling her eyes.” I wonder if Mary ever rolled her eyes at some of the counter cultural things Jesus did and said?

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) - Asha Sparkes

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 easily accomplishment and I congratulate the students, parents and their class teachers for such a tremendous achievement.

Library Borrowing
This Friday will be the last day for student borrowing. Please note that Take Home readers will not be distributed in the last week of term i.e. next week.

Yours in Reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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**Year 8 Maths Challenge**

Last week, two teams represented the College at the South Burnett Year 8 Maths Challenge. This was held at Kingaroy State High School Hall. Even though the teams did not get a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing, they performed extremely well under stressful quick-brain conditions! They retained their enthusiasm and smiles at the end of the night, and made our College very proud.

Regards

Mrs Melanie Burr

**Year 11 Leadership Camp**

Students travelled to Camp Duckadang, Linville this week for 2 days to engage in the annual Year 11 Leadership Retreat Program. The program involved discussions, activities including icebreakers and personal reflection time to assist students:

- to develop an understanding of personal leadership skills
- to further develop an understanding of characteristics and styles of leadership, and
- to work towards the election of leadership positions and an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of these positions.

Students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and also their enthusiasm in engaging in program activities. The next phase of the program will involve student elections for 2015 leadership positions. This will occur in early term 4. I would also thank Mr Nayler, Mr Hutton, Fr Nigel and Miss Cook for their time, efforts and expertise in contributing to the success of the camp.

Regards

Mr Gary Curran

Senior School Curriculum and Pastoral Coordinator

**Sports News**

We wish the following students the best of luck for next week’s Wide Bay athletics trials.

- Clare Adcock - 200m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m.
- Teleah Brydon - High jump
- Pacey Clegg - 800m.
- Cassandra Firman - Javelin
- James Gilmore - Shot put
- Renee Irvine - Shot put, Discus, Javelin
- Carissa Jensen - 100m, Long jump, High jump
- Deidre Murray - 200m, High jump, Long jump
- Rahab Murray - 200m, High jump, Shot put, Discus, Javelin
- Erin Newman - 100m.
- Matthew Patroni - 800m
- Rochelle Saltner - 200m
- Jilarni Woltmann - High jump
- Hayden Yesberg - Discus
- Ryan Jacobs - 400m, Discus, Javelin
- Stephanie Ross - Shot put, Discus, Javelin.

All students have information packs - please read carefully.

**South Burnett Women’s Soccer Association**

Two of our female students were awarded the top awards from the South Burnett Women's Soccer Association last weekend. Cassandra Firman won the Best and Fairest for the season and Rahab Murray was named as the Upcoming Star Award winner. Well done ladies.

**10 A Side Rugby League**

Taabinga 10 a side Rugby League Gala Day is on early next term. It is a fun day and we are entering 3 teams - 4/5 Boys, 6/7 Boys and 5/6/7 Girls. More details to come.

Regards

Mr Allan Medlen

Sports Coordinator

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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

Stop, Drop and Go

At the P-6 assembly on Friday students in Prep to Year 6 were reminded to move quickly from the classroom to the area at the front of the school to wait for their parents or person who is picking them up after school. They are to move swiftly to begin their journey home – waiting, walking or bus. Children are not permitted to play on the playground after school. The children have also been told to wait at the big tree and table and chairs nearest the concrete path so that they can ‘keep an eye’ on the cars as they come up the hill to collect them. They are constantly reminded that it is not a play area but a waiting area and to be ‘on the look out’ for their cars etc.

In the pick-up in the afternoon in the Stop Drop and Go zone, there is a limit of 2 minutes’ wait time for your child. However, extending this time to a few more minutes is not a big issue if the car is moving up the queue. Arriving 15 to 20 minutes early, parking and waiting for 20 to 25 minutes is a bigger issue. This action starts clogging up the streets and bus movements and not in the spirit of the afternoon pick up.

It is an expectation that parents don’t park their car at the front of the school to wait for their child or leave their vehicle in search of their child. If a reasonable amount of time has passed (3-4 minutes) and you’ve reached the top of the zone, then please move on around the block and join the queue waiting to move up to the front of the school.

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of students at the school so collecting children in the afternoon has become quite hectic and time consuming for parents. Queues are building up across the intersection of Kent Street at the crossings and at times past the intersection further down at Kent and Albert Street.

To keep the free flow of traffic (and parent patience) in the afternoons please be considerate and move up the queue of cars then collect your child. If your child has not arrived at your car within 5 minutes of you arriving (moving forward in the queue) and you’ve reached the top of the zone at the front of the school, please move on and return to the queue so that others can move up and collect their child.

Also it is not advisable to have a child get in the waiting car, which is partly across the crossing squeezing into the spot closest to the crossing. The children have been told to wait until the car is further up the queue and stationary before getting into the car. Children get conflicting messages when parents wave them to the car while parked across a crossing or parked in the middle of the street. Please keep the cars moving up the queue.

If this is not convenient then simply park in the bottom gravel car park and your child will cross with the crossing supervisor to your vehicle.

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Working together for the safe collection of children in the afternoon is of paramount importance, and the common goal for parents and staff at Saint Mary’s College.

Thanks
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Stop, Drop and Go Supervisor

**P&F News**

**Chocolate Fundraiser**
Please return any outstanding money (or unsold boxes of chocolates) for the P&F Chocolate Fundraiser to the office as soon as possible. The P&F needs to finalise this fundraising activity. Thank you very much for your help!

**P&F Meeting**
There will be no P&F Meeting this month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 21st October at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

Regards
Mr Damien Martoo
President

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday specials are as follows:**
Morning Tea & Lunch
Cheesy Garlic Pizza Muffin - $2.00

Lunch Only
Nachos with Sour Cream - $5.00

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, 12th September - Jessica Langley
Monday, 15th September - Volunteers needed
Wednesday, 17th September - Kellie Burnage
Friday, 19th September - Volunteers needed

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 self raising flour 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**

**World Suicide Prevention Day 10 Sept**
In the lead up to World Suicide Prevention Day, 10 September the National Coalition for Suicide Prevention (NCSP) is encouraging all Australians to participate in events to help halve the number of suicides in Australia in the next ten years.

Globally, one million lives are lost by suicide and in Australia around 2,300 people take their lives every year. Four out of five suicides in Australia are men and for young women under the age of 34 in Australia, suicide is the leading cause of death.

Sue Murray, CEO Suicide Prevention Australia said, “Nearly all suicides are preventable. We believe that through national and local efforts, a difference to the lives of many will be made.” Peak body, Suicide Prevention Australia is leading the NCSP that recently launched its first initiative - Vote 1 Suicide Prevention social media campaign (Vote now: www.wspd.org.au).

Around Australia over the next week, there are hundreds of local events being held by members of the NCSP in support of suicide prevention that are open to the public.

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Key activities include:
Lifeline's Out of the Shadow Walks to show support for suicide prevention in your community
Standby remembrance events to pay tribute to those lost by suicide
RUOK Day 12 September - a reminder to check in with your friends, family and work colleagues.

This World Suicide Prevention Day, take the time to learn about suicide, recognise the signs and help ensure that all Australians know that there are ways to get and to give help:
- Call...a help line; or ask a person for help
- Chat...with family and friends at work, at school and in the community
- Connect...in person or online.

The 2013 international WSPD theme is: Stigma: A Barrier to Suicide Prevention and this is being addressed by the NCSP by encouraging all Australians to open up the conversation about suicide.

More information about World Suicide Prevention Day can be found at www.wspd.org.au. To support the Australian media, quick tips on safely reporting suicide and mental illness can be found at www.mindframe-media.info/for-media/reporting-suicide/quick-guide.

Thank you
Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

St Mary's Parish News

Cake Stall
We still need contributions to the Cake Stall at the Nanango Showgrounds on Saturday, 27th September for the Queensland Caravan Association Rally. Please contact Shirley on 4163 1005 or Sandra on 0416 256 481 if you are able to bake even now, as we have plenty of freezer space remaining.

Thank you
Fr Nigel Sequeira
Parish Priest

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.

The winner will be announced at the Benedictine Award Assembly on Friday, 19th September.
All money raised will go towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

SYMPHONY IN THE SOUTH BURNETT
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC WORKSHOP 4 & 5 OCTOBER KINGAROY
Open to musicians of all ages. Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion sections will be guided by specialist tutors on Saturday, then on Sunday sections will come together for a full orchestra workshop followed by a free concert.

Free Concert 4pm Sunday 5th October Uniting Church Hall

Register Now
KEY ISSUE 1
Annual recurrent funding that keeps pace with rising costs of education

Catholic schools in Queensland, on average, receive only about 81% of the government funding per student received by state schools.

Additional funding for Catholic schools helps relieve pressure on school fees and assists more families to choose a Catholic school, therefore saving government money.

The Catholic sector is seeking to work with the next Queensland Government to achieve consistent budget outcomes that:

- will assist it to keep pace with the rising costs of operating schools, including teacher salary increases
- will ensure that the gap in resourcing between the Catholic and state education sectors does not widen.

QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS ANNUAL RECURRENT INCOME PER STUDENT 2012

Catholic schools: $9,238
State schools: $11,440

Catholic schools: $11,675
State schools: $12,021
Independent schools: $14,426

Total government funding per student (MySchool website 2012)
Total net recurrent income per student (government funding + parent and community contributions) (MySchool website 2012)

81%
On average Catholic schools receive only 81% of the government funding per student received by state schools
**Kingaroy Junior Touch Muster Season 2**

Touch games every Monday night at the Rugby League fields.

Muster and grading will begin at 5pm on Monday, 15th September with competition starting on 13th October 2014.

A competition will consists of 6 weeks of games played every Monday night concluding with a final series. Season 2 will end with a junior grand final series followed by presentation and sausage sizzle.

Under 8s will be skilling and drilling from 5pm - 6pm.
Under 10s games will start at 5pm. They will consist of 2 x 12 minute halves, 1 minute half time. Those children born 2005 or later will continue after their games with a drill session till 6pm.
Under 13s will train from 5pm and start games at 5:30pm. They will play 2 x 12 minute halves with a 2 minute half time.

Everyone is welcome, all skill levels we will find a place for.

For more information please call Lee Moller on 0407 034 021

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**Speech Pathology Services**

*Nadine Hinchliff Therapy Services, offers speech pathology services for infants and children with speech and language difficulties, including articulation, phonology, language, fluency and voice disorders. Other services also include Occupational Therapy, servicing infants and children, helping with handwriting, attention and concentration and social and emotional awareness and development. If you have any concerns regarding your child's development, please do not hesitate to call us on 0408369103 or to book in with us for an initial consultation*.
WORKSHOP OPTIONS

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

12x12 Canvas $20
Turn papercraft into a home decor 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