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

Last week, we had a wonderful Under 8s day run by Mrs Arrell and her 5/6s. Unfortunately, I didn’t get to attend as I was at a Secondary Principals’ meeting on the Sunshine Coast, but from all reports it was a fabulous day.

Even in this final week of term, we have a number of great activities for our students including:

- Years 1, 4 & 7 excursions
- Year 12 Drama performance
- Whip Cracking excursion
- Staff/Student Futsal game

One of the things that I love most about Saint Mary’s is that we offer so many great opportunities for our students, despite only having a relatively small number of staff. I trust that parents and carers recognise that with primary and secondary sections of a little over 200 students each, that our dedicated staff try to offer as many activities, if not more, than schools many times our size. Likewise, our students and our parent supporters (especially our amazing P&F, Board and parent volunteers), achieve way beyond that which would be expected of such a tiny school. I am very proud of our staff, students’ and parents’ achievements and wish our whole community a well-earned rest over the holidays.

I would ask that we pray together that all in our community are kept safe across the coming break:

Loving Lord, we ask that you protect all in our Saint Mary’s family across the upcoming holidays. We thank you for the opportunity to rest and recreate after another term filled with hard work and many achievements. May the blessings of our patron saints, Saint Mary, Help of Christians and St Benedict be on all members of our Saint Mary’s family. Amen.

At 2pm on Friday, September 19, we will have our end of term Benedictine Award assembly. Letters have gone out to the parents and carers of all Benedictine Award winners to invite them to this celebration. All families are welcome to attend this event to celebrate the students who have been recognised as most embodying our Benedictine Values.

At our Benedictine Awards assembly, we will also recognise a number of our staff members who have served Catholic Education for more than 20 years. I would like to congratulate:

- Mr Sean Erwin (Deputy Principal)
- Mr Marty Perrett (Assistant Principal – Religious Education)
- Mr Neil Hutton (Campus Minister)

Term Four: The **first day of term four will be Tuesday, October 7** following the Labour Day holiday.

There is also a **Student Free Day on Monday, October 20** for teachers to compare their students’ work with teachers from other schools.
Catholic Education Issues: Later in this bulletin, is the second 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 of these issues can be found at their websites at www.pandf.org.au and www.qcec.catholic.edu.au.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy News

Prayer for the Holidays

Dear Lord
Thank you for all the blessings we have received during Term 3
May we enjoy the fruits of our hard work as we take a well-earned break
For those that travel may they be safe
For those that stay home may they be careful around the home or farm
Thank you for all the great teachers and all the help they continually give students
God bless all my friends and family
In Jesus’ name we pray
Amen

First day back
The first day back is Tuesday, 7th October as Monday is the Labour day holiday.

Did you know?
1. The Catholic Church, also known as the Roman Catholic Church, is the world’s largest Christian church, with more than one billion members worldwide.
2. The Church teaches that it is the one true Church founded by Jesus Christ, that its bishops are the successors of Christ’s apostles and that the Pope is the sole successor to Saint Peter.
3. Catholic worship is highly liturgical, focusing on the Mass or Divine Liturgy during which the sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated.
4. Since the East-West Schism of 1054, the church that remained in communion with the See of Rome continued to call itself “Catholic” while the Eastern churches have generally been known as “Orthodox” or “Eastern Orthodox”. However, Church documents produced by both the Holy See and by certain national episcopal conferences occasionally refer to the Roman Catholic Church.
5. The Catechism of Pope Pius X published in 1908 also used the term “Roman” to distinguish the Catholic Church from other Christian communities who are not in full communion with Rome.
6. The Church’s hierarchy is headed by the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, a position which makes him the leader of the worldwide Catholic Church. Following the death or resignation of a Pope, members of the College of Cardinals who are under age 80 meet in the Sistine Chapel in Rome to elect a new Pope.
7. Approximately 1 in 5 Australian students are educated in a Catholic school.
8. There are over 71,000 students in 137 schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.
9. I am one of 11,000 employees in Brisbane Catholic Education.

Have a lovely break.
God Bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching Update

In addition to the regular program of teaching and assessing at the moment, there are various projects underway requiring special focus at the moment.

1. Teachers at our College are currently preparing to nominate students for Academic Excellence Awards at our annual Presentation Night to be held on Thursday 30th October. These awards seek to identify students who achieve Well-Above Expected (or “A” level) results in any subject this year. More details will be forth coming as the evening draws closer.
2. The next reports are due to parents at the end of Semester 2 in December. Parents and students should note that reports are not issued in mid semester 2.
3. Year 12 student work is currently being prepared to be sent for moderation by QCAA panels on Monday 20th October. This process of having peer teachers peruse student work from other schools ensures that teachers award various grades or levels of achievement in a consistent manner across the state.
4. Brisbane Catholic Education organises its own Consistency of Teacher Judgment Day held on Monday 20th October. As the name suggests, this process also allows teachers to discuss the way in which Prep to Year 7 students are awarded various levels of achievement.

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5. Some Year 12 students are currently applying to the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) for entry into tertiary courses at universities in 2015.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Saint Vincent De Paul Visit
On Monday, Neil Hutton and I met with two youth workers from Saint Vincent De Paul who are keen to support the College in any way. They are based on the coast but made the long trip out just to introduce themselves. What I found very refreshing was that they were not selling or pushing us but were just offering us their service. We discussed some avenues and they were most excited about getting to classes to explain what and how the organisation is, but also to be in contact with our students.

Mission and religion versus crime
I was reminded in some reading recently, ‘the Church (universal) does not have God’s mission to do, rather God’s mission has the Church’ (D’Orsa). This quote resonated with me because it focuses on the work or service we are called to do, not the organisation, position, status or rank that comes with position. The statement has a dimension of inclusivity because it acknowledges the possibility of others (outside of formal church) who are just as responsible and capable in achieving God’s mission. Saint Vincent De Paul wants to be able to assist us (the college as an arm of the Church) in achieving God’s mission.

Reading of the horrific human experiences at the hands of Islamic State and Jihadist groups, supposedly in the name of Allah, only reminds me that organisations and people aren’t God’s mission; they are just that, organisations and people. In any religion, its ultimate mission can’t be changed and renamed at the discretion of people. Religion cannot be blamed for the atrocities the world is witnessing at the moment. There is outrage among Muslim communities, even in Queensland, because of the actions of a minority group of criminals in another country who use religion as a justification for actions.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

The College term 4 Fees and Levies Statements will be sent out later this week and will be due for payment by Friday of the second week of term 4 (17th October). While the College office will be closed through the school holidays, payments can be made anytime using BPAY or Direct Deposit (See your statement for payment details). I encourage families who are experiencing any difficulties in making payments to contact the College office sooner rather than later to discuss a payment arrangement. From all the staff in the office, we wish you a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming our families back, healthy and well, when the College office reopens on Tuesday 7th October.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Library Corner

Lexile Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile Awards!

Blue Award (3 books) - Euan Crane and Holly Stephens
Red Award (5 books) - Louisa Frahm
Bronze Award (10 books) - Dane Andersson
Silver Award (25 books) - Aidan Davis

Rapid Reader
Congratulations to Abby Perrett for a great reading effort this term!

Library Borrowing
Library borrowing has ended. Please return all library books, Lexile and Take Home Readers to the library as soon as possible.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.
Yours in Reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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"You cannot trade the courage needed to live every moment for immunity from life's sorrows. We may say we know this but ours is the culture of the deal-making mind. From infancy, we have breathed in the belief that there is always a deal to be made, a bargain to be struck. Eventually, we believe, if we do the right thing, if we are good enough, clever enough, sincere enough, work hard enough, we will be rewarded. There are different verses to this song - if you are sorry for your sins and try hard not to sin again, you will go to heaven; if you do your daily practise, clean up your diet, heal your inner child, ferret out all your emotional issue's, focus your intent, come into alignment with the world around you, hone your affirmations, find and listen to the voice of your higher self, you will be rewarded with vibrant health, abundant prosperity, loving relations and inner peace - in other words, heaven!

We know that what we do and how we think affects the quality of our lives. Many things are clearly up to us. And many others are not. I can see no evidence that the universe works on a simple meritocratic system of cause and effect. Bad things happen to good people - all the time. Monetary success does come to some who do not do what they love, as well as to some who are unwilling or unable to see the harm they do to the planet or others. Illness and misfortune come to some who follow their soul's desire. Many great artist's have been poor. Great teachers have lived in obscurity.

My invitation, my challenge to you here, is to journey into a deeper intimacy with the world and your life without any promise of safety or guarantee of reward beyond the intrinsic value of full participation.”
— Oriah Mountain Dreamer, The Invitation

Thank you
Mr Graham Tumble
Guidance Counsellor

Curriculum News

Under 8’s Day 2014
What a great day we had celebrating Under 8’s Day! We had some very special guests visit and talk to us from the Police, SES, Ambulance and the Fire Brigade. The children enjoyed bringing their teddies along and having a teddy bear picnic morning tea out on the oval. To finish off the event we participated in a variety of activities such as necklace making, teddy bear masks, face painting, parachute games, teddy bear biscuit making, story time, fairy bread making and teddy bear Zumba.

All who participated had a wonderful day and were excited and engaged in every activity.

Thank you to all who made it a magical day for our students.

UNSW ICAS COMPETITION
The following results are available to-date:

ENGLISH:
Participation: Dane Andersson, Noah Burr, Nicholas Erwin, Olivia Frahm, Monice Hurlbutt, Jade Jacob, Chris Janz, Mitchell Neilsen,
Merit: Lachlan Dolzan, Grace McFarlane, Alex Firman
Credit: Clare Adcock, Samuel Erwin, Cassie Firman, Harry Jeffs, Khyla Thompson, Kaitlin Richie, Thilini Ranasinghe
Distinction: Emily-Rose Clancy, Gabe Crane

Congratulations to our students.
Mr Gary Curran
Secondary Teacher Biology, Chemistry & Mathematics
Senior School Curriculum & Pastoral Coordinator

Indigenous News

After a multitude of assessments and assignments, a plethora of sporting activities, and attendance at cultural activities such as Bangarra Dance, we are nearly at the end of a hectic term. We are very proud of our students who have continued to make headway in their learning this term and excelled in their sporting endeavours.

This term, the Indigenous Support Department has expanded to include Dallas Brown Support Teacher for Primary students, Amanda Erwin Support Teacher for Secondary students, Karen Bond Indigenous Support Worker and Ryan Williams Indigenous Support Officer. Next term we look forward to the following events:

- Friday 17 October Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduation Ceremony held by BCE at St Stephen’s Cathedral, Brisbane for Year 12 students
- Monday 17th November Saint Mary’s Certificate Presentation Ceremony to be held at The Ration Shed Cherbourg at 4.30pm for all Indigenous students and families. We will commence with a BBQ at 4.30pm. More details will follow next term.

God’s Blessings,
Amanda Erwin
Indigenous Support  and ESL Teacher
Tutoring News
There will be no tutoring class after school this Thursday. It will recommence on Thursday, 16th October.
Regards
Miss Sonia Robertson
Class Teacher

Whip Cracking News

Upcoming Events
- 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

Tuckshop News

Friday specials are as follows:
Morning Tea & Lunch
Chicken and Gravy Roll - $3.50

Lunch Only
Oven Baked Fried Rice - $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.

Tuckshop Orders
Paper bags are available from the tuckshop for 5c. It is not ideal to put tuckshop orders into plastic bags, as the hot food could melt the bags. If possible can you please not sticky tape or staple your orders as it is difficult to remove them from bags without tearing them.

Donated Items
Donations of self raising flour, castor sugar, tinned or crushed tomatoes would be greatly appreciated. Thank everyone for their kind donations of good and time.

The tuckshop will reopen on Wednesday, 8th October.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Rock on Stage DVDs
If you have not collected your Rock on Stage DVD, can you please collect it from the Student Services counter as soon as possible.

Sacramental Program

Sacramental Program - Reconciliation 2014
There will be a Parent information session in the Media Room of the library at Saint Mary’s Catholic College – Kent Street Kingaroy. The candidate (7 years or older) does not need to attend at this stage. There will be one information session repeated. Tuesday 14th October (2nd week back of Term 4) at 1.30 in the Media Room and repeated that night at 6.30pm in the Biscuit Tin of Saint Mary’s Catholic Parish (behind the church hall). Please bring $20 and a photo of your child. This is for the workbook and certificate. The photo of your child is for the pin board in the church. Please contact Pam Radcliffe at the College for further information. – 4162 2011 or email pradcliffe@bne.catholic.edu.au
Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe

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Parish Keys
We are setting up a register of all keys belonging to our Parish buildings. If you have keys to any of the buildings e.g. Church, Hall, Biscuit Tin, Presbytery, Meeting Room can you please place the details on the sheet at the back of the church. Any enquiries please phone the Parish Office on 4162 5439.

$4 Drop Box and Cake Stall
We sincerely thank all who are supporting the $4 drop box. Preparations have not being finalised for the monster cake stall.

Kingaroy Mowing Roster
The volunteers on the mowing roster as St Mary’s need some extra assistance. Will England and Ken McCarron are stepping down off the roster and we all join in giving them both a very big thank-you for their great work over several years! The mowing roster volunteers have saved the parish an incredible amount of money and it is essential that this service continues. There is a ride-on mower, push mower and whipper snipper available to approved volunteers. If you can help mow a section of the St Mary’s Church grounds - once a month (less in Winter), could you please let Kay Dove know - Phone 4162 4214.

Thank you
Fr Nigel Sequeira
Parish Priest

Under 8s Day

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
E: sborchestra@hotmail.com
W: www.abcc.com.au
F: www.facebook.com/sborchestra

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KEY ISSUE 2
Increased capital funding to help meet the schooling needs of Queensland’s growing population

Supporting the Catholic sector to deliver its share of new school places ensures educational choice for families and saves significant amounts of money for the Queensland Government.

Enrolments in all Queensland schools are projected to increase by 303,000 students between 2011 - 2031. (Queensland Schools Planning Commission - School infrastructure demand maps, 2013 edition).

Demand for places in Queensland Catholic schools is projected to increase by around 60,000 students between 2011 and 2031, requiring the development of 2-3 new schools every year and expansion of many others.

The Catholic sector cannot keep pace with this level of growth under current capital funding arrangements.

The Catholic community purchases land for school sites and contributes an average of 23% to the cost of construction of new schools, therefore saving Queensland Government significant amounts of money.

The Catholic sector also has a strong track record of delivering new school facilities successfully and efficiently.

The Catholic sector is seeking a commitment from the next Queensland Government to:

- develop short (3 year) and long term (10 year) partnership plans to help deliver the school infrastructure required
- provide a new schools capital grants program that reflects the real cost of delivering the additional school places, including an appropriate share of the planned $1 billion Future Schools Fund under the Strong Choices Investment Program.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, 17th October 2014

at
3.30pm
in the
Maryknoll Centre
previewing
Lego Movie

Items available for purchase:
Movie Size Popcorn $2.50
Fairy Floss $2.50
Snow Cones $2.50
Slushies $2.50

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Please join us to celebrate
St John’s 25th Anniversary
by attending our
SIMPLY SILVER TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 25th October 2014
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
St John’s School Hall, Ivy St
Kingaroy

Teams of 8 ($10 per person)
Raffles/Lucky Door and
Games throughout the night.
(P&F fundraising for the school’s ICT program)

BYO alcohol and food
RSVP & enquiries:
sjlsph@gmail.com
or 4162 3988

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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