Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary’s,
Welcome back to Semester 2. Last Sunday was the Feast Day of St Benedict, who is one of our two patron Saints along with Saint Mary, Help of Christians. St Benedict is considered to be the founder of the Western monastic life which led to the formation of many orders of priests and religious brothers and sisters including the Good Samaritan Sisters who staffed our College for over 70 years from 1934.

One of my favourite quotes from St Benedict is “…show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy”. It reminds each of us that our actions allow others to know who we are and what we believe, even if our words say something different. For parents, carers and educators who deal with young people, it is very important that young people see that we “practise what we preach”. For me, it is also one of the reasons that I have pushed for our College’s many social justice activities. Many young people (including myself as I grew up) are drawn to Christ’s message through working with the poor and marginalised at street retreats, by visiting nursing home residents and through feeding the homeless and struggling at events like our Community BBQ. Joining in these activities as a young person encouraged me to question firstly why people would help others, and this in turn brought me to more deeply understand Christ’s mission to the poor and marginalised.

Over the holidays there were a number of important events:

- **QISSN Netball**: Congratulations to our amazing QISSN Netball team who took out 6th place in their division despite being one of the smallest schools and youngest teams in this state-wide competition. We are looking forward to many great things from this young team over the next few years. Thanks to Ms Thomas, Mrs Bond, Mrs Freeman and all of our staff and family supporters who came along. Thank you to Cassie Firman for refereeing our games.
- **Indigenous Leadership Camp**: Well done to our students who took part in the UQ Indigenous Leadership program over the holidays and many thanks to Mr Hutton and Mrs Bond for helping students to access this great event.
- **National Soccer Titles**: Congratulations to Lateisha Wilkins who, with her Queensland 13 Years Girls Soccer team, took out the National Soccer Titles.
- **Totally Wild**: Our whip cracking team have filmed their second piece for Totally Wild in preparation for their performance at the Ekka again this year. Thanks to our amazing Whip Crackers, Mrs Arrell, Mr Erwin and all of the parent and carer supporters who help us to show off our country culture with such pride.
- **43kg Rugby League Competition**: Congratulations to Stafford Sandow and his South Burnett team mates who took out this championship for the first time in 50 years.
- **Construction began on our new Multisports Court**: It will be completed next month after the cement has cured and the sporting surface is added. I would like to thank our P&F who have worked with the College in a joint venture to develop this much needed facility. It will have netball, basketball, tennis and volleyball markings and can also be used as an outdoor futsal court.

This semester, we welcome a number of new staff to Saint Mary’s including:

- Mrs Katie Mangan (Year 5/6 teacher), Mrs Judy Costigan (Year 6 teacher), Ms Caitlin Woodman (Drama teacher) & Megan Holt (Career and Employment Transitions Coach).
- We are also in the process of employing two Teacher Aides: A Teacher Aide for the Year 5/6
class to provide additional support to the teacher and students with growing numbers and a replacement Indigenous Teacher Aide to fill Aunty Sylvia McGregor's role.

**Cow Horse Competition** Please come along and support our talented riders and whip crackers at our annual Cow Horse Competition this Thursday, July 16 at the Nanango Show grounds. Our P&F will also be selling food and drinks throughout the day.

**Rock on Stage** Please remember to set aside Friday, July 24 for our Rock on Stage extravaganza. For any new families, Rock on Stage is one of the biggest nights of our College Calendar with dance performances from every class and even our staff and P&F.

Please remember to bring along money as there will be opportunities to purchase:
- a BBQ dinner and softdrinks from 5pm to support our P&F.
- multidraw raffle tickets to support our Good Samaritan sister school, the Bacolod Kindergarten in the Philippines.
- memorabilia from this year's Combined Anniversaries celebrations.

May the blessings of St Benedict and Saint Mary, Help of Christians be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

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**Deputy Principal News**

**Welcome Back**
I would like to welcome all the new students who started at the College this week. If parents/carers have any concerns about the operations or curriculum issues at the College please do not hesitate to contact the homeroom or classroom teacher in the first instance to sort out any issues. Should you require further assistance please contact Ms Pam Radcliffe (Prep to Year 6), Miss Sonia Robertston (Year 7 to Year 9) and Mr Paul Fomiatti (Year 10 to Year 12).

**Cold Weather**
The cold weather looks set to continue this week and into next week. While we want children to remain warm we also need to observe uniform regulations at all times. Tracksuits must be worn as a full set, not pants with the formal shirt/blouse, etc. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday's from 8am to 11am if you need to purchase new items of clothing. Please send a note to the homeroom teacher if your child is out of uniform.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

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**APA News**

**Reports**
Semester 1 Reports should now be home with parents and carers. These reports reflect the whole of semester 1 this year. Year 11 and 12 students should have also received a projection or estimate of their eligibility for the Qld Certificate of Education, (QCE) and also an estimate of their OP score.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years from Prep to Year 12 on Tuesday, 28th July from 3:20pm. Interviews will be of 10 minute duration. The interviews can be booked using the Parent Teacher Online facility. Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Parents and Carers should note an error that is occurring in the PTO system at the moment. Mrs Iszlaub is appearing as the Year 2 teacher in the system. The correct teacher is of course Miss Saxton. Parents wishing to make an appointment with Miss Saxton should contact the College to make an appointment via an alternative means that has been arranged.

**South Burnett Cowhorse Competition**
This event will be held on this Thursday 16th July at the Nanango Showgrounds. Events include Team Penning, Working Cowhorse and various other related events. This year, our College will have a team of 23 riders out of a total nomination of 105 for the event. We wish them well for the day, and thank their parents for the effort in getting them to the competition.

Regards

Mr John Dalton
APA

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Religious Education – Validation

This term the College will begin in earnest planning for the validation of our Religious Education Program. In 2012, Brisbane Catholic Education endorsed a new curriculum with the approval of Archbishop Mark Coleridge. A small team of teachers assisted me in adapting the new curriculum and planning a scope and sequence that covered all the content prescribed that teachers are working from now. However in June next year the College will present a much more comprehensive Religious Education program that covers four core elements:

1. Students and Community
2. Curriculum Structure and Organisation
3. High Quality Teaching
4. Monitoring and Evaluation

The validation process requires a big commitment by the College including the professional development and support of two or three staff. One of the requirements of the new program will be its accessibility to all stakeholders, including parents. This transparency is to ensure a clear alignment between classroom teaching of Religious Education with the curriculum and the Religious Life of the College. I will look at a place on the College portal where the entire program will be accessible to you and it is envisaged this will include student samples of work.

At this stage I would encourage you to ask your students what they are learning about in Religious Education now and what they have learnt over the year, you might be surprised how much does get done that students might not necessarily talk about.

If you have any questions about the current College Work Program I would ask that you contact your child's RE teacher or myself.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

Term 3 College Fees

Term 3 Fee Statements will be sent out to families by the end of week 2. If you have any concerns regarding your College Fees, please don't hesitate to contact Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare. Payments can be made in full at any time using BPay, EFT, Direct Debit, Cheque or Cash. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it's preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPay.

Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Library News

Borrowing will resume this week. Please remember that Prep-Year 6 students must have a library bag to be able to borrow.

All overdue library books from last term must be returned to the library by this Thursday. Letters will go out to families on Friday as part of our Library overdues process.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2015

Students are reminded to record the books they have read into their Premiers Reading Challenge forms. This challenge ends at the end of August so there is plenty of time to meet the challenge. Please see your child's class teacher if you require another form.

Book Week 2015

In Week 7 this term (24th-28th August), we will once again celebrate Book Week! The theme is "Books light up our World." We will have a Book Week Parade (Wednesday 26th August) where students can come dressed as their favourite book characters. We will also have a Campfire Stories night (Monday 24th August) at 6.30pm – 7.30pm. In previous years, this has been a wonderful night for young and old in their pyjamas and gowns! All are welcome! During this week, there will be competitions, displays, guest reading and many other exciting activities. Please keep an eye out for further information in future newsletters.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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After School Sport

This coming term, we have another wonderful opportunity to offer the primary school students. We are able to offer 2 after school sporting sessions that are fully funded by the Sporting Schools Grant.

- Tuesday afternoons (3.05pm to 4.05pm) - Netball
- Thursday afternoons (3.05pm to 4.05pm) - Rugby League

This program is for Prep to Year 6 students only and will begin in week 2 - 21st July. The Sporting School afternoons will conclude on Thursday week 8 - 3rd September. There are limited spots for each activity (30 students). To secure your spot, please return your completed consent form to the College office. For each afternoon, there will be a coach as well as a supervisor.

Year 7 to Year 12 Sports News

Many thanks to all the parents who came and supported the 2 days of the Athletics Carnival. The students participated and performed well. Here are the results. I will get district info out as soon as it comes in.

**House Points**

1ST - RUSH - 1580
2ND - POLDING - 1317
3RD - QUINN - 1269

**Age Champions**

Boys 10yrs - Harrison Neal
Boys 11yrs - Blake Rowe
Boys 12yrs - Ethan Gates
Boys 13yrs - Harry Burt
Boys 14yrs - Matthew Geary
Boys 15yrs - Pacey Clegg
Boys 16yrs - Matthew Patroni
Boys Open - Hayden Yesberg

Girls 10yrs - Lilly Weier
Girls 11yrs - Lannah Sowden
Girls 12yrs - Rhani Lucas
Girls 13yrs - Madeleine Rackemann
Girls 14yrs - Renee Irvine
Girls 15yrs - Tahlia Yesberg
Girls 16yrs - Kiana Wright
Girls Open - Rahab Murray

Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator

Homework Club

Homework Club will recommence on Thursday, 30th July. Hope to see you there.

Thank you
Miss Sonia Robertson

Indigenous News

A big warm welcome back to term 3, I hope everyone is keeping warm.

What a very busy holiday our kids have had, some of the events that I am aware of are:

- QISSN- Congratulations to Deidre Murray and Torue Palm for an amazing week at netball, you guys along with your wonderful team mates played so hard and amazed me everyday with your sportsmanship and pride for your school.
- IYLC- Shajuana Button, Miranda Blackman, Tahlia Tapau, Javon Brown & Vincent McGregor spent a week at UQ Uni having a taste of Uni life. I have heard some fantastic stories of their time there. Many thanks to Mr Hutton for driving the students to and from Brisbane so they could enjoy this great experience.
- UNDER 43kg FOOTBALL- Stafford Sandow competed in the carnival on the 2nd week of holidays, and along with his team mates (South Burnett Eagles) they

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became the carnival winners for the 1st time in 50yrs. It was a wonderful carnival and again the sportsmanship of all the young boys and girls was so nice to see on and off the field.

The parents and families of all our children should be very proud of the fine young men and ladies you are raising.

Regards
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker

**Whip Cracking News**

Upcoming Whip Cracking Dates:
- Thursday, 16 July Cow Horse - Whip Cracking Competition, Nanango Showgrounds
- Friday, 7 August - EKKA Royal National Australian Whip Cracking Competition and Performance (RNA Grounds, Brisbane)
- Saturday, 22 August - Crackup Sister Workshop- SMCC Kingaroy
- Saturday, 3 October - Murgon Dairy Museum Festival Whip Cracking Performance
- Friday, 16 October - Chinchilla Campdraft Whip Cracking Performance

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**
Morning Tea and Lunch - Pulled Pork and Gravy Roll $3.50
Lunch Only - Mac’n’Cheese $3.50

There are no party pies or sausage rolls on a Friday.

**Volunteers**
Monday, 20th July - Cathy Baker

**Donation of Goods**
Thank you to the families who have donated goods throughout the term, your donations are always greatly appreciated.

If you are able to donate any of the following items in Term 3 it would be greatly appreciated.

- Self-Raising Flour
- Caster Sugar
- Small Tinned Corn Kernels
- Tinned Whole Beets
- Beef Stock Powder
- Tinned Diced or Crushed Tomatoes
- Pasta - Spiral, Spaghetti, Penne or Macaroni
- Small Tinned Pineapple
- Tinned Tomato Soup
- Rice - Long Grain White
- Popcorn Kernels

These can be dropped into the tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

**Price Increase**
Fandangles ice creams will be $1.60 from Term 3 onwards.

**Ordering and Payment**
For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use the paper bag ordering system. Your child’s order can be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings and this is then delivered to the tuckshop. Orders will be filled and returned to the classes at morning tea and lunch and this will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. Please do *not* use staples or sticky tape when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing.

If you order a slush puppy please make sure that your child is aware that they have to collect it from the Tuckshop as it cannot be put in the tuckshop baskets with their orders.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convener

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Parents and Friends News

Welcome back to everyone. I hope your holiday has been rejuvenating and you are ready to get back into another busy term.

Our first week back has us catering for the Cow Horse event in Nanango on Thursday. Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to cook or serve on the day.

This Friday and Sunday we have practice for our Rock On Stage performance. Friday is at the Maryknoll Centre from 3.00pm - 6.00pm and Sunday is at the Saint Mary’s Church Hall from 11.30am - 2.00pm.

Thursday, 30th is the Equestrian Event in Kingaroy. We are still looking for helpers for this event. If you can help, could you give me a call on 0419 766 141.

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

QISSN News

On Sunday 28th June, Miss Thomas, Mrs Bond & Mrs Freeman took 10 talented netball players to Brisbane to compete in the QISSN cup. Kiara, Georgia, Deidre, Jocelyn, Torue, Laura, Emma, Olivia, Jordyn & Keeley were a pleasure to spend a week with. During the week the team’s camaraderie grew into a true friendship between the girls, evident by their constant support and encouragement of one another on and off the court. The girls showed that even though they didn’t win every game, they were certainly a force to be reckoned with, their sportsmanship and pride in St Mary’s was nothing short of inspiring. We had many staff and families with us at our games every day to cheer us on, especially Mr Nayler who could always be heard on the sidelines giving us support! From everyone involved in QISSN, WE THANK YOU ALL. A very big Thank-you must also go to Miss Inwood for all her hard work throughout the past 6 months. Bring on Q ISSN 2016!
Year 4 Classroom News

As it is only week 1, Year 4 would like to share a highlight from Term 2. This year the Year 4 students were very excited to take part in their first school camp experience. Over the three days and two nights the students participated in many different activities learning all about how the past people of Barrambah worked and lived on the land. Some of the activities that we enjoyed whilst on our camp were hut building, panning for gold, making damper, star gazing and the low ropes course. The Year 4 students thought Barrambah camp was a great success and here are some photos to prove it!

Miss Alyssa Thomas
Year 4 Classroom Teacher
Prep to Year 7 students are invited to an Astronomy Night.
Wednesday, 22nd July
Outside the Maryknoll Centre
From 6pm to 7.30pm

Jupiter and Saturn as well as the Moon will be in clear view as well as many other celestial objects.

Please RSVP to Mr Dunbrack if you would like to attend.

Rock on Stage DVD
Available to purchase on the night.
$40 per DVD
Please see Davies Video Productions on the night to place your order.

WANTED: Tailor/ Dressmaker/ Anyone who can sew quickly
Year 3/4 need four matching jackets with lapels (no lining or anything fancy) for four boys aged 8-10, super-fast.
They are for our Rock-On-Stage performance (so we need them by Wednesday July 22nd).
We are able to pay for your time (depending on costs and charges).
If you are able to help please email me ASAP.

Ms Laura Bowles
Year 3/4 Teacher

Sausage Sizzle Order Form

Tuesday, 21st July 2015

SAUSAGES $1.50
Name________________________________________ Year Level________
Number of Sausages________ Number of Poppers________
Sauce (Please Tick)
Tomato  BBQ  None

All money raised will go towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.
SAINT MARY’S
ROCK ON STAGE
Friday, 24th July 2015
at
6pm
in the College Maryknoll Centre

At 5.00pm there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale out the front of the Maryknoll Centre.

Gold coin donation entry and raffles on the night.

Proceeds to Bacolod Kindergarten, Philippines.

It will be a night full of fun and excitement for all parents and students.

See you there!
Cow Horse Competition
Thursday, 16th July at Nanango Show Grounds

If you can help please contact Susan on 0419 766 141

Volunteers Needed

Icy Cup Fundraiser
Thursday, 16th July
Lunch time
at the
Maryknoll Canteen

50c each

All money raised goes towards the Year 12 Valedictory
Saint Mary’s Catholic College
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Cadbury FUNDRAISER

Help raise funds to support our College!

Box pick up Week 1 and 2 Term 3, 2015 from the Maryknoll Canteen
Thursday’s Pick up time: 12.50 pm
Friday’s Pick up time: 2.55 pm
One box contains 50 bars of Freddos to be sold for $1 each.

Did you know you can request that money you raise to go to a specific school group or project?

Please contact Suzanne Mungall 0499 527 830 or scrubrdcoolum@live.com.au for more information or alternate collection time.

YES, our family would like ______ (number) of chocolate boxes.
We understand our family is responsible for the safe return of monies raised ($50 per box) or unsold chocolates to the SMCC P&F.

Child’s name and year level: ______________________________________

Parent/Carer name: ____________________________________________
Parent/Carer signature: ________________________________________
Parent/Carer phone/email: ________________________________

Please return this form to the College Office.