Despite her failing eyesight, our first secondary Principal, 101 year old Sr Dolores Carroll recently penned two letters to our community for our Combined Anniversary celebrations on May 30 and 31:

Congratulations and blessings from Sr Dolores Carroll sgs, the first and Foundational Principal of Saint Mary's Secondary College.

How delightful to be able to send my greetings for this historical event.

Fr VJ Carroll always said that Saint Mary's College, like the Kangaroo and Emu, would never go backward. How true! From the founding years ever onward, the good news and events have continued to come my way. I am pleased to hear the news of your new buildings and more importantly an increase in numbers.

Catholic primary education in Kingaroy was well established by the Sisters of Charity (beginning in 1929) and the Good Samaritan Sisters (beginning in 1934) and I pay tribute to them.

My experiences in various schools around Australia as well as 10 years teaching English in Japan (Tokyo and Sasebo,Nagasaki) gave me gifts that I offered to my new life with the school as you now know it. I enjoyed 14 wonderful years teaching in city and country schools in QLD, NSW and the ACT, before flying out from the Australian summer and straight into the Japanese winter.

I remember originally traveling to Kingaroy by bus. As we came up to the Blackbutt Range, the busload of people said, “The bellbirds are back after a long absence.” I proudly mused that this was a lovely welcome for me.

In 1964, Year 8 had begun as a primary top at Saint Mary's primary school. At that time, there was enough of a population in the South Burnett to warrant an alternative system of education and for a Catholic Co-educational secondary College to begin. So, with my arrival, Saint Mary's Secondary College began.

The boys at that time, went one morning a week to Kingaroy SHS. I worried about their bicycle rides and behaviour because the lolly shop near the Kingaroy Hospital was a temptation.

Mrs Ann Ciesiolka came in one day a week with her baby for Homecraft for the girls. The rest of the Year 8s and 9s were mine.

There were problems a plenty as we waited for a building and for bitumen on Kent Street. I remember treading the muddy track that was Kent Street wearing my galoshes.

In spite of problems, the students came along with their studies and entered competitions covering all areas of interest.

One lovely event was a visit to the Coolabunia Bora Ring to recite poetry and meditate. We went on day trips to the coast, factories etc.

We had many brilliant students and I am very pleased that we now have our Saint Mary's students filling high profile positions across many sectors of the community.

As the years flow ever on, may the blessings of the music of our wonder and delight be with all Saint Mary's students, staff, parents and families, and the generous parishioners and people of Kingaroy and the South Burnett.

May God's blessings continue to be your guide. 

God Bless
Your Little Blind Girl
St Dolores Carroll sgs.
**Parent Portal**
The Parent Portal has been launched. All parents should have received an email with your login details. If you have not received this information please contact Mrs Alice Hauritz on 4162 2011. This portal will enable parent to log absences electronically, view newsletters, update details and many other features. Please log on and view the portal over the next week to familiarise yourself with many aspects of this facility.

**Parent Concerns**
Thank you to parents who have contacted me recently regarding issues with their children and school. I would like to remind all parents that if you have an issue please contact the College office and the appropriate staff member will deal with the issue and hopefully solve the problem. Contacting staff outside school hours or around town is not advised and makes resolution of the issue difficult. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Thank you**
Thank you to all the children and staff who attended our monthly Mass last Sunday. The congregation and Fr Nigel were very pleased to see so many children singing in the Choir. I would also like to thank all the parents, students and staff who attended all the ANZAC ceremonies last Saturday. Thank you especially to Rory Browne and Richelle Bethke, our College Captains, who represented the College at Kingaroy and Nanango.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

**APA News**

**Cowhorse Competition**
The forecast for the Cowhorse Competition this Thursday is unsuitable for horse events.

(Very high (90%) chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Possible heavy falls.)

Given that many people need as much time as possible to make arrangements for an event such as this, it is best that a decision is made about the event as soon as possible.

Therefore, the Cowhorse Competition set for Thursday, 30th April will be postponed.

After considering constraints such as Naplan, SB Cross country, Kingaroy Eisteddfod, Parent Teacher interviews at some schools, a new date will be proposed after wider consultation with parents and other schools. I appreciate that finding a new date that suits everyone concerned will be difficult.

Sorry for the inconvenience in making this decision when the sky is perfectly blue, but the prospect of a day in the rain on Thursday seems like the less preferable option for most people concerned.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Thank you for the response to the Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews. There were approximately 400 interviews that took place on Tuesday evening, and much information about students and their learning was exchanged between parents and teachers. This has to be a good thing for students. The next interviews will be after the issue of Semester 1 reports, and will take place on Tuesday 28th July.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

**CPRE News**

**ANZAC Day**
On Friday the school community commemorated ANZAC Day in our special way. The occasion is never lost on the students and staff at our college. The level of reverence and respect that was so tangible on Friday morning in all parts of our event seems to be our small way of repaying those gone before us and those who still fight for our freedoms. The pictorial walk that Mrs Langford Martoo has developed over the years has become a rich part of our story and tradition. Her collection of photos is of relatives of staff and students who have been or are still in the armed services. To walk up the front footpath amongst these pictures, in the shadow of the flag at half-mast and to the solemn beat of a drum, connects us to the rest of the world and serves to remind us of our freedom and the great cost of war. Another integral part of our service was the address by Mr Barry Haydon. Mr Haydon served on the HMAS Brisbane in the Vietnam campaign and is grandfather to Kimberly and Jacob and the Brown boys, Caylan, Lleyton,
Fletcher and Hunter. Mr Haydon has always kindly accepted our invitation to represent the local branch of RSL at our service. We are truly blessed to have him speak to us, his words are factual and touching and his presence is greatly appreciated. He too has become part of our family.

Saint Mary’s was well represented at many of the ANZAC ceremonies around the region on Saturday. About 150 students attended various ceremonies. Rory Browne spoke at the Kingaroy service and Richelle Bethke and Sam McIvor read a reflection at the Nanango service. Thank you to all parents and carers who got their students to these events. I believe that Eric Bogle might have it wrong in his song called ‘And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda’, when he claims that no one will march in the future. We will never forget why people marched then or now and this tradition only gets stronger.

**Family Mass**

On Sunday at the parish mass the college was heavily involved. We had a fifteen strong student choir lead by Mrs Moya Hayden and assisted by our new music teacher Mrs Jane Iszlaub. Students and staff were also involved in the readings, welcome and the offertory. It was fitting way to welcome Father Nigel back from leave and was a great way to start the week. The gospel this week reminds us of our call to be shepherds to those we can, as God is for us.

**Friday Class Mass**

This week we begin a new initiative that I have written about previously. Before the end of the year every class will attend one Friday morning parish mass down at the church as part of the school day. It is not an excursion per se, it is part of the Religious Life of the School to promote and support the faith life of students. It also enables students to get a foundational experience of the ‘mass’ and to familiarise them with church which has become a very large part of the new curriculum.

Classes will walk down to the church, with the teacher assigned to them for that period, straight after homeroom to get there for a 9 am start. Students who are late for school must report to the office and then they can be taken to the church by their parents. **No student will be allowed to walk to or from the church without their teacher and class.**

It would be a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to join a class in worship on any of the Fridays in the schedule below. If you have any queries about this please call me at the college.

Friday, Saint Mary’s Church, Albert Street

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Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

**Office News**

**Term 2 Fees**

A kind reminder that, unless you have a formalised instalment payment arrangement in place with the College, your Term 2 account is due for payment by Friday, 8th May. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and
timing of these payments. It’s preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debits or BPay. If you have not already done so, please contact Briony Hoare, Finance Secretary, with details of your planned instalments to prevent unnecessary fee follow up procedures.

Lost Property
A lot of lost property was returned to the Office at the end of Term 1 from camps. This can be collected or inspected at the Student Services Counter.

Cooler Weather
It has started to get cold, please make sure children are dressed appropriately to suit weather conditions.
Kind regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Counsellor News
“there is a great choice that awaits us every day: whether we go around carving holes in others because we have been so painfully carved ourselves, or whether we let spirit play its song through our tender experience, enabling us to listen, as well, to the miraculous music coming through others.”
— Mark Nepo, Finding Inner Courage
Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Counsellor

Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader News
NAPLAN
Just a reminder to parents of students in year 3, 5, 7, 9. NAPLAN practice testing has started this week. It runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday generally up to about 11.30 12.00pm depending on the year level and what is being tested. There is one break.

The ‘real’ test is in week 4 – Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.

If you have concerns about your child sitting NAPLAN please see Ms Radcliffe or contact her via phone on 4162 2011.

There are some special considerations that can be in place if these considerations are usually employed in the general classroom. For example, a little extra time to complete a task etc.

Students can sit part of NAPLAN if that places less stress on a student provided it is with parent consent and after speaking with Ms. Radcliffe. Please see Ms. Radcliffe if you want further information.

If after a conversation with Ms Radcliffe your child is withdrawn, exempt or has adjustments made, these forms need to be completed by the parent and returned to the school on or before Monday 11th May. These forms are available from Ms Radcliffe.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

Prep to Year 6 Sports News
Last week on Wednesday and Thursday, the 10-12 years South Burnett Touch Football team travelled to Bundaberg to compete in the Wide Bay trials. We had several students from Saint Mary’s in the Touch Football team and 2 of our Saint Mary’s primary students were selected for the Wide Bay Touch Football team. These students were Maddison Sansby and Ned Madden who are both in year 5. To be selected for the Wide Bay team, amongst a bunch of other competitive students from around the district, is such an impressive achievement. Well done to those who participated, and well done to Maddison and Ned for your selection! We are very proud of you.

Yours in Sport
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator
Music News

NAPLAN Practice Days (Tuesday - Thursday)
It is important to give our students every opportunity to do their very best in NAPLAN, and, for this reason, I ask all parents and carers of children in years 3, 5, 7, and 9 to reschedule any Instrumental Music lessons which are planned in periods 1, 2, or 3 on these days.

Eisteddfod (5 - 9 May)
I would like to extend my very best wishes to all of our musicians competing in the Kingaroy Eisteddfod next week. This event provides a fabulous personal challenge for young performers to test their skills and receive valuable feedback from an experienced arts practitioner. Ms Arden’s Dance students will be competing in the dance section this Sunday, too, and I am sure that their many hours of intensive preparation will hold them in good stead. To all performers, remember to take a few deep breaths to settle any nerves before you head out onto the stage and keep in mind that your parents and friends in the audience will be far more nervous than you!

Year 3 String Immersion
Our Year 3 students will be discussing the parts of the violin in Music this week in preparation for their violin lessons. Parents and carers are asked to consider their current home routines, and prepare a 15 minute timeslot for daily home practice. This may be before school for some families, or in the evening for others. There are many ideas on the internet which assist to make music practice interesting for children, including sticker charts, reward points, and plain old bribery. Whatever method you use, be encouraging and celebrate any achievement - no matter how small. The violins will go home with students when they can demonstrate the ability to assemble and care for them correctly.

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Anniversary Mass Choir and Senior Girls’ Choir
As you will be aware, the College is celebrating an array of milestones on Saturday 30 May. To add to the occasion, the Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students are currently learning “Evensong: A Child’s Prayer” by Dorothy Parke, and will be performing this song as a massed choir with a professional piano accompanist. In addition, I would like to hear from any girls in Years 10, 11, or 12 who would like to perform in a high-level vocal ensemble for this event. Rehearsal for this group will be held on Thursdays, starting at 7:45am.

Have a wonderful week,
Mrs Jane Izslaub
Music Coordinator

Dance News
This Sunday at 2pm the year 10 and 11 dance students will be competing at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod. All are welcome to come along to the Kingaroy Town Hall to show your support. I would also like to acknowledge the students who will be participating in the dance eisteddfod for their classes outside school.

Good luck to all!
Mrs Angelique Arden
Dance Teacher

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Savoury Mince Rolls $3.50
Lunch Only - Spaghetti and Meatballs $3.50

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

Volunteer Roster
Friday, 1st May - Jessica Langley
Monday, 4th May - Rhonda Van Beelen

Donation of Goods
If you are able to donate self raising flour, caster sugar, small tins of corn and crushed tomatoes would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped into the tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

Menu Options
We no longer stock orange juice. Options available are Orange and Mango and Orange and Passionfruit in the small and large sizes.

Regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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Whip Cracking News

Whip Cracking Team Upcoming Dates
- Weekly practice - Tuesday lunchtime
- Kingaroy Show Performance - Saturday, 2nd May 10am and 1pm
- Gympie Show Performance - Friday, 15th May 5pm

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Vocational Training and Education News
We would like to congratulate our Year 10 student James Gilmour who commenced his School-Based Apprenticeship in Carpentry this week. James will be undertaking his Apprenticeship 2 days per week throughout Years 10, 11 and 12, and transition into a full time Apprentice on completion of Year 12. Congratulations James.

Over the next few weeks, our Careers Coach and VET Coordinator will be following up with all students who participated in the Year 10 Work Experience Program. All Year 10 students must return their Work Experience Student Logbook as soon as possible.

Thank you
Mr Mark Richard
Vocational Education and Training Leader

Parents and Friends News

Next P&F Meeting
Our next P&F Meeting is on Tuesday, 19th May from 7pm in the College Board Room located in Administration.

If you need to contact me regarding P&F matters, or would like to volunteer for any events, please feel free to ring 0419 766 141 or email me at sbrobo@gmail.com

Thank you
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Mothers Day Stall

The P&F are holding a Mothers Day Stall on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May at Morning Tea 10.35am to 11.05am at the Maryknoll Centre Canteen.

Gifts range from $2 to $6.

Students will be able to select a gift from a large range of products.
ANZAC Ceremonies around the South Burnett

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cow Horse Competition
Has been postponed. Still needing volunteers.

If you can help please contact
Susan
on
0419 766 141

Saint Mary’s Catholic College
Combined Anniversaries Celebrations
St Mary’s Convent School 1929
St Mary’s Secondary College 1965
South Burnett Catholic College 1990

Calling all past students and staff

Saturday, 30th May 2015
100pm  Nanango Races
6.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Mass
7.00pm - 11.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Dinner and live entertainment

Sunday, 31st May 2015
10.00am - 2.00pm  College Open Day, memorabilia sales, classroom displays and tours.
12.30pm  Official welcome, past student and staff time line and past staff and student roll call, plaque and time capsule


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Guitar Lessons with Grant Jepperson will commence this week on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

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