Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary's,

On Tuesday morning, Mrs Angela Myles was announced as our new Principal from 2016. I am very pleased to hear that Mrs Myles has been appointed. She will bring a young family and a passion for both education and our Saint Mary's Catholic College community.

Earlier this year, Mrs Myles caught up with me at a Principals' meeting to chat about Saint Mary's. We shared dinner at the Principals' Conference and I left confident that we had a possible new Principal who would bring all of the necessary gifts and skills to take Saint Mary's forward into an even brighter future.

I am very confident that I will be leaving Saint Mary's in very competent hands. While I wasn't involved in the selection and interview process, I was pleased to hear from our parent representative that Mrs Myles was a unanimous decision by the panel. Our Leadership Team and I will work closely with Mrs Myles to ensure a smooth handover of responsibility.

Following our recent staff and student elections, I would like to congratulate our 2016 student leaders:

- College Captains - Caylan Brown and Ashleigh Reinbott
- House Captains - Sarah Haack – Polding; Alex Firman – Quinn; Matthew Patroni - Rush

I would also like to thank all of the Year 11 students who have put themselves forward for Leadership positions for 2016.

Some teachers and staff who are members of the Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory Branch, recently voted to take industrial action in the form of two consecutive one hour stoppages between 11am and 1pm on Thursday 22 October. This industrial action is linked to enterprise bargaining negotiations currently being undertaken within Queensland Catholic schools.

Please be assured that school will operate as usual and that this action will not impact your child's learning or supervision. It should also be noted for your information that industrial action within Catholic Education is being taken on a school by school basis. Along with other Catholic school employers, I respect the right of employees to take appropriate industrial action.

Our Annual Awards Night will be held from 6pm next Thursday, October 29 in the College's Maryknoll Centre. All parents, carers and families are welcome to attend this wonderful evening to celebrate our students' many achievements. We welcome back past student Tessa Carty as our guest speaker. Tessa, who has represented Australia in rowing at a number of international events will share her inspirational story with our community.
I would like to congratulate Shajuana Button who graduated along with 156 other Indigenous Year 12 students from across our Brisbane Catholic schools at the Indigenous Graduation at the Cathedral last Friday. I would like to thank Mrs Karen Bond, Ms Niketa Law and Uncle Eric and Aunty Shirley Law who came along to support Shajuana.

Last Friday, our fabulous Whip Cracking team also performed at Chinchilla. I would again like to thank Mrs Arrell and her dedicated team of staff and parent volunteers for their efforts. One of the many things I will miss about our community will be our talented Whip Crackers and their celebration of country life at its best.

I would encourage families to encourage anyone they might know who is seeking enrolment in 2016 to get their enrolment applications in ASAP. There are a couple of secondary levels which are filling quickly and we may have to waiting list enrolments for some year levels in the near future.

Just another reminder to parents, carers and students, that we have been advised by our builders that the front entrance to the College ie, beside the office, will be closed from this week onwards for construction. This will mean that students will need to enter and leave the College via the entrance between the Prep and Art rooms near the bus zone on Carinya Street. Our drop off / pick up and bus zones remain the same. I would ask parents and carers to continue to drop off and pick up their children from the designated zones and not from places where students are required to cross roads without the safety of a zebra crossing and crossing guard. Thanks for your ongoing support as we make these vital improvements for our students.

Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

**Deputy Principal News**

This week all secondary students engaged in a Pastoral Care Lesson on Tuesday. The focus for years 7-9 was team/community building and social justice, with a focus on Saint Vincent De Paul and the Christmas appeal. The senior year levels (10-12) focussed on self-esteem and healthy body image.

We continue the process of electing student leaders for 2016 and will have the results for House Leaders and Committee Leaders this week. Congratulations to Caylan Brown and Ashleigh Reinbott on their election to the position of College Captains.

**Uniform Procedures**
The Saint Mary’s uniform is a symbol of our community and as such should be and is worn with pride. It demonstrates our unity and our shared purpose and values. In many jobs or professions a uniform represents a readiness and preparedness for work and our school uniform serves a similar purpose for us as a school and student body. It is a clear indication that students are ready for the day and shows that they are a part of our community. If there is a situation where it is not possible to be in full school uniform, we ask that students let their homeroom teacher know through a note from home. Thanks to all in advance for this as I understand mornings are a very busy time.

**Weekly Focus**
Looking out for each other...as the year progresses and the busyness of term 4 begins (or continues) in earnest; with assessments and deadlines looming we sometimes forget that others may be feeling exactly the same. I encourage students to be kind to each other and to look out for each other. Sometimes a kind word, greeting, a simple thank you or inquiry as to how a friend or classmate is going makes a huge difference.

Have a great rest of the week.
Ms Sonia Robertson
Acting Deputy Principal
Did you enjoy the holiday on Monday?

Many of you may (or may not) have wondered why teachers need a pupil free day each October.

The day without students allows teachers to meet to ‘moderate’ standards of student work.

For Year 11 and 12 student work, QCAA organises a series of panel meeting in Maryborough each year. This week, the panels meet to look at and discuss the standards of work for Year 12 students who will be graduating next month. This is most important, as each teacher across the state may interpret the criteria for Very High achievement for each subject in a variety of ways. These meetings enable there to be consistency across the school, the district and the state. The panels compare samples of student work, and through discussion and negotiating with the schools, ensure that a VHA sample of English from our College should show much the same standard of work as a VHA English student from Cairns or the Gold Coast.

Within Catholic Schools, there is a similar process in place for P-6 students. It is called Consistency of Teacher Judgement (CTJ). This year, our P-6 teachers travelled to Gayndah to meet with other teachers from district Catholic schools to discuss student work and the consistent application of success criteria from the ACARRA National Curriculum. In theory, this should ensure that the standards are applied consistently and accurately.

The net result of these exercises in professional activity is that parents and students should have some degree of confidence that the levels of achievement that students are awarded in our schools have been compared and moderated against similar work and standards of other schools.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

CTJ Day – Monday 19th October

On Monday our nine primary teachers and the entire teacher support staff headed to Saint Joseph’s Catholic College Gayndah for CTJ this year. Across the archdiocese teachers were involved in a formal moderation process aimed at promoting consistency of teacher judgement between schools. Every year clusters of schools get together and compare student work with the aim of establishing consistency and improving the quality of assessment in various subjects. In the past two years Religious Education has been a focus. This is timely in light of the depth and rigour involved in the new Religious Education Curriculum.

The staff are required to select several pieces of work at varying standards and present them to a group of teachers, explaining the task that was assessed and then what standard or level they believe that piece represents. In Religious Education this year the focus was on scripture and the various worlds or aspects of scriptural text that need to be understood for the real message to be unlocked. It is a professional conversation that can only really move all teachers and their students forward. I know how much work our primary staff put into their submissions and I look forward to hearing back from the local cluster and from Brisbane Catholic Education to see what affirmations and recommendations arise.

Here at the College the secondary teachers of Religious Education met to discuss various things, namely the Catholic view of teaching and learning and the way schools have had to reconceptualise Religious Education in the classroom. These teachers then looked at how the College is looking to improve planning and assessment in Religious Education including the launch of a digital platform, a one stop shop that provides detail about all aspects of the religious life of the College including the curriculum taught in classrooms.

Our College is hoping to have our Religious Education Program validated in June, 2016 and although there is a lot of work to be done before then, it is an exciting time.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE
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Term 4 Fees
Term 4 Fees are due for payment by this Friday 23rd October unless you have a formal payment arrangement in place. Statements were emailed to families who have provided a valid email to the College. If you have not provided an email address, Statements have been posted. If you wish to check your details or update your email, please contact the College office. 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.

Casual Relief Cleaner
The College is seeking a reliable person with preferably prior cleaning experience to be on call for relief cleaning. The College has both a morning and afternoon cleaning shift: 6.00am – 9.00am and 2.30pm – 6.00pm. Some holiday period work may occasionally be involved but generally cleaning will be during school terms. If you are interested in this position please drop your resume into the Office.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Counsellor News
Gifted Girls Suffer the Most Stress, Study Finds
Students feel too much is expected of them in year 12. Female year 12 students put the most pressure on themselves in the lead-up to exams and gifted girls who strive for top marks suffer the highest levels of stress and anxiety, new research into how Sydney teenagers cope with the HSC shows. With the HSC starting on Monday, academics have warned that the high-stakes tests are “by far the most stressful experience” teenagers face.

Academics from the University of NSW surveyed 722 students from seven Sydney schools, which included selective, comprehensive and independent high schools, and found that 42 per cent of students suffered from high-level anxiety.

The research found that 6 per cent of students reported extremely severe levels of anxiety while 37 per cent registered above-average levels of stress. More than half the students surveyed felt too much was expected of them in year 12.

The main causes of pressure were identified as workload (50 per cent), expectations to perform (26 per cent) and the importance of exams (22 per cent).

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library News
Returns Process
This term is perhaps the busiest one for the library! This term retrieving all take-home readers, textbooks and library books becomes critically important as we get ready for end-of-year finalisation. All students will be given printed records of all their current loans and overdues in a systematic way this term. As usual, they will receive first, second and final reminders followed by a letter posted home and finally invoicing by the office failing return of overdues. Please note that no refunds can be given once invoiced, even if the books are found.

Please note. Years 9-11 students do not need to return their laptop at the end of the term (it appears on their list for their information only). Year 12 students will be notified of the end-of-year laptop processes by the IT technician.

For your information, here are the dates when everything is due back this term:

Friday, 6th November – Prep - Year 6 and Year 10 - 12

Friday, 13th November – Year 7 - 9

I have informed students that it is very important to:
• notify library staff immediately if their books are lost or damaged

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• ensure they are returning the exact textbook they were given at the beginning of the year by checking the details recorded in their diaries

We thank you for any support you can give us with the return of resources.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

**Prep to Year 6 Sport News**

**Swimming News**
Swimming week has been cancelled for next week due to the renovations of the pool. We will be allocated a new time for the swimming lessons to take place and parents will be notified when this happens.

**Summer Carnival**
A reminder that the Summer Carnival is being held this Friday. Tennis is held at the Town Courts, Newcombe is being held at Taabinga State School, T-Ball is at Kingaroy State School and Kanga Cricket is being held at Saint Mary’s. Please ensure your student arrives at school with sunscreen on, a water bottle and in the proper school sports uniform. All consent forms needed to be returned last Friday.

Yours in sport
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

**Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader**

**Date Claimers - Orientation Day**
Current Year 6s and new Year 7s for 2016 – Tuesday 1st December

**Assessment Calendars**
Assessment calendars for Yrs 7-12 were sent home last week. These are a very important source for student organisation and preparation, especially in the busyness of this term. Please ensure that your child has one (if not, they can ask their homeroom teacher or Mrs Rutley in the office).

Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

**Music News**

**Our Current Calendar**

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The hills are alive with the sound of recorders at the moment. The students in Years 3 - 6 are learning a variety of songs and scales, and all students should be bringing their instruments home to entertain you with their delightful sounds. I apologise profusely for this, but “the curriculum made me do it”, and if it is any consolation, it will all be over in a matter of weeks.

**Instrumental Music Evening**
It’s Show ‘n’ Tell time for our students who learn instruments at the College with Mrs Kennedy, Mr Jeppesen and Mrs Hopkins. All students in the Music Tuition Program have been invited to share their new skills with family and friends on Thursday evening at 6pm in the Maryknoll Centre. It is designed to be an informal affair: among all of the beautiful notes there are bound to be just as many squeaks and twangs, all of which are part of the learning process. Thanks in advance to our parent volunteers for serving coffee and tea during the event.

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Celebration of the Arts Attendance Notes
These will be issued this week to all students performing in this prestigious event. Please return them as soon as possible so that we know who will be there and - sometimes more importantly - who will not. All performance groups, large and small, function as a team, and if students are absent, arrangements need to be made to cover the role. Thanks for taking the few minutes to compete these attendance forms; is saves us hours of chasing up attendance "our end".

Our New Home
The Music Building is being constructed between the Primary Playground and the end of the Prep building. This is such a huge step forward for our College, and will provide our students with purpose-built facilities. The three teaching studios will house the Music Tuition Program, and the large storeroom will give classes more free space to move. The building will be finished early in Term 1 2016.

Strictly Ballroom
The Annual Year 9 Arts Excursion was a fabulous day out, and our trip to GOMA, the Art Gally, and the musical, Strictly Ballroom, was truly memorable. This event is the brainchild of our Dance teacher, Mrs Arden, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her coordination efforts. Thanks also to the students, who were delightful company. It is highly likely that the 2016 Arts excursion may be timed to see 'Singin' in the Rain', which begins its season in September.

Have a great week,
Ms Jane Iszloub
Music Coordinator

Indigenous News
Congratulation to Shajuana Button who attended the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 Graduation Liturgy last Friday.

Shajuana was one of 156 Indigenous students from our Brisbane Archdiocese who graduated from St Stephen’s Cathedral in Brisbane. We are very proud of you Shajuana for all the hard work and perseverance you have done to get yourself to where you are today. Thank you to Tahlia and Trent for supporting Shajuana on this special day.

Also a very big Congratulations to Niketa Law who designed the artwork that went on the programs, certificates and bookmark that the students received on the day. (Shajuana is holding the beautiful artwork in the photo) We are very lucky to have such a talented artist working with our students at Saint Mary’s.

Kind regards
Mrs Karen Bond, Aunty Nikki Law, Mrs Amanda Erwin & Mr Ryan Williams

Whip Cracking News
A big thank you to all the Whip Cracking families who travelled to Chinchilla on Friday evening for the performance at the Chinchilla Grandfather Clock. The students performance was fantastic and the audience enjoyed the whip cracking skills and sense of humour. The team has come along way in the last two years, the team spirit, enthusiasm and sheer entertainment is commendable. The team performed a new act that they had worked on with legendary Crack Up Sisters.

The committee would love the team to come back again next year.

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

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Chess News

Two teams of secondary students will be representing the College on the 2nd November at St. Columban’s, Caboolture. Forms will be handed out to students by Mr. Hutton this week.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Chess Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch – Mini Dagwood Dogs with Sauce $2.50

Morning Tea and Lunch - Pies, Party Pies, Sausage Rolls & Mini Sausage Rolls

We are selling Pies, Sausage Rolls on Friday due to hosting Kanga Cricket.

Donation of Goods
If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

- Self Raising Flour
- Caster Sugar
- Beef Stock Powder
- Small Tinned Pineapple
- Small Tinned Corn

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

Ordering and Payment
For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use the paper bag system. Your child’s order can be place 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. This will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. Plastic bags are not suitable for ordering, it is very difficult to place your child’s order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for .05c each.

The paper bag ordering system is for Prep to Year 5 as well as High School. The high school students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

Price Rise
Please note that Paddle Pops – Rainbow and Chocolate are now $1.50 effective immediately.

Slush Puppies
Please make sure your child is aware that if they order a slush puppie, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be placed into the tuckshop baskets.

Volunteers for the week
Monday, 26th October - Amanda Dennien

Kind regards
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

SOUTH BURNETT AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

TRIVIA NIGHT

A Trivia Night Fund raiser is being held to create awareness about Autism and help improve educational opportunities for autistic children, adults and families in the South Burnett.

DATE: Saturday 17th October 2015
TIME: 7.00pm start
PLACE: Kingaroy Town Hall – Glendon Street
COST: $10.00 per person
THEME: Hawaiian - tropical shirts, grass skirts, flower leis, movie/TV characters

A multi draw raffle will be held on the night with lots of great prizes to be won. End together with family and friends to make up a table of 8 players or join a table on the night. Supper will be provided at half time. Soft EVD drinks and soft beverages to keep you going throughout the night. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. To register and for further information, please call Mel on 0450 909 042 or 0429 921 978 or Tracey on 0428 909 112 or email autismgroup@bigpond.com

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OF THE ARTS

Wednesday
4 November, 2015
5.30-6pm Art exhibition
6-8.30pm Dance, drama,
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Light refreshments will be served

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