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

Last year, after extensive consultation with parents, students and staff, it was decided to update our College uniform. Originally, this was to take place at the beginning of this year, but due to a huge stock of current uniforms, this was put off until 2016.

I would like to thank Amanda Jensen (Our Uniform Shop Convenor), Janine Bauer (Midford Uniforms), our P&F, College Board who worked with me on the new uniform design and to all of the staff, parents and students who responded to our surveys and information.

Our new uniform will begin in 2016 with a changeover period of two years. During this two year period, families may wear either the new uniform or old uniform, but not mix and match pieces from both.

As mentioned earlier this year, we have cancelled out contract with our old supplier as they have not been able to provide us with uniforms at the agreed time. We are beginning to purchase items through our new supplier, so there may be a little messiness over the remainder of the year with a few new items beginning to appear. I would ask that all students continue to adhere to our uniform standards, even if we need to introduce a few new items earlier than anticipated. We may also need to bring some generic items in to make up for our past uniform company’s inability to keep us supplied with uniforms. Old uniform stock will continue to be on sale during the two year hand-over period until we run out of stock.

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We are currently looking for a new Uniform Shop Convenor to take over from the great work of Mrs Jensen and lead us forward into the challenges of 2016 and a new uniform. The role is currently for 3 hrs per week term time plus some holiday work. There are also extra hours available during peak times. All applications have to be made through the Employment Section of Brisbane Catholic Education’s website www.bne.catholic.edu.au via Position Reference: 03994_05/15.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

NAPLAN News

APLANT Test

The Naplan test are being conducted this week.

We are aware that not all parents and carers share the same information about these tests, what exactly is tested, and how the tests are conducted. Therefore, the following summary is provided to give a quick overview of the tests. Thank you for supporting the students during the week while the tests are on.

NAPLAN tests general information

Purpose of the test

The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purposes are:

- To collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools for systematic reporting
- To accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

What is tested?

A series of tests will assess areas of literacy and numeracy.

As in other years, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be required to respond to a stimulus in the NAPLAN Writing test.

In numeracy, the content areas assessed are:

- Number
- Measurement, chance and data
- Space
- Algebra, function and pattern (formal algebra for Year 9 only).

Results from the tests will provide important information about children’s progress in literacy and numeracy. Following the tests, schools and students will receive a statement of performance in relation to the national minimum standards.

Format of the tests

The program is conducted over 3 days from 12 - 14 May 2015. Usually students sit the tests in their own schools. For Years 3 and 5 there will be 4 tests: Language conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. For Years 7 and 9 there will be 5 tests: Language conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy-non-calculator and Numeracy-calculator allowed.

For the Writing test, students will be given a stimulus and asked to write a response to the task in a maximum of three pages. There will be one Writing stimulus for students in Years 3 and 5; and a different Writing stimulus for students in Years 7 and 9.

However, both will be for the same genre.

The response formats for questions on all other test papers will either multiple choice (shade a bubble to indicate the answer) or constructed response (write the answer in a box or on a line).

Regards

Mr John Dalton

APA

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Love – the Challenge of the Gospel

Sunday’s gospel challenges us to love one another. It is great in theory and easy when we surround ourselves with friends and family or when we are feeling good. Fr Nigel emphasises, real discipleship occurs when we can love those that seem unlovable to us. My child asked me what it means to love someone you don’t really know; fair question I thought. Upon reflection my response should have been; to respect the dignity of every person, to acknowledge every person’s uniqueness as a gift from God and to treat each person, regardless of faults and flaws with the dignity they automatically earn as a human made in the likeness of Jesus.

To like someone denotes some sort of attraction, to love someone means you would have a genuine concern for the wellbeing of another. My favourite teacher in primary school always told our class, you might not like everyone but you are called to love them, and only now this is becoming clearer.

Class Mass

Last Friday Ms McNamara’s year 6 and Mrs Arrell’s prep class attended the 9 am Parish mass. A friend of mine, and the person in charge of liturgy for the parish, commented on how nice it was to have students at Mass. The prep students also performed actions to a hymn that was very well received. We continue with these visits this week as Mrs Foody Versace (Yr5/6) and Ms Claire Van Dyk (prep) go to this weekly service.

Wednesday Morning Mass

I would like to remind all parents, carers and friends of the College that every Wednesday morning in the library at 8.15 Fr Nigel celebrates Mass for us. Typically about 10 staff attend but the occasion is meant for all. It is a really nice place and time to listen to the Word and ‘gather at table’ to take part in an ancient ritual central to the life of all Christians, Eucharist. Father Michael Carroll, Murgon’s parish priest, articulated Eucharist in a way that makes us, as a community of believers, the focus of this tradition. ‘We see what we receive and we receive what we are, part of the Body of Christ’. This concept links us in baptism to the purpose of the Eucharist, a connection that most of us would not make.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Counsellor News

Relationships Build the Brain http://www.generationnext.com.au

We are, right now, in the middle of a revolution in our thinking about the developing brain.
We have always known it was important to nurture the very young but now we know why.
A burgeoning number of new technologies, such as MRI, PET and rainbow emission scans, mean we are able to see inside the living brain.
Neuroscientists are now telling us that our experiences when we are very young, from conception to around three, particularly our experiences of relationship with the most important people in our lives, are more powerful than we ever believed possible.
Those experiences are literally combining with our genes to trigger connections in our brain that will determine the sort of adult we’ll become. We get the brain we need for the environment in which we grow up.
If children experience warm, emotionally attuned and nurturing care, there’s every chance they will grow into happy, capable contributing adults.
But if they experience chaos, violence and abuse then their brains can wire up over-gearied for the flight or flight response. That may help those children to survive in that environment, but it’s not ideal if we want them to be part of the wider community.
Each time you hold a baby in your arms and rock him, gaze into his eyes and gently speak his name, thousands of neurons or brain cells are firing up, sending messages to other neurons, creating pathways in his brain that will allow him to develop and form a secure relationship.
A secure attachment relationship has multiple benefits down the track. Most importantly it forms the basis for a child to develop empathy for the feelings and needs of other people. It also allows a child to relax and concentrate so he can get on with the business of learning. A secure child is also more likely to feel remorse and to understand the consequences of his actions.
It should be a source of great concern to us that so many of our children are growing up with none of these benefits.
Children born into a world of chaos and violence tend to develop a heightened stress response. They can become constantly alert to threats in their environment, whether it be a raised hand, a loud voice or even just a certain look on someone’s face. These kids find it harder to relax, to concentrate in school, to learn. Their lives are all about survival and their brains are geared for that.
Many may also have been damaged in utero, by alcohol and other drugs or by stress experienced by their mothers.
This knowledge is not some trendy liberal approach to child rearing. It is soundly grounded in science. Right now there is a convergence of opinion across a broad range of disciplines. Neuroscientists, psychologists, psychiatrists, geneticists and epigeneticists are all saying the same thing. Early experiences and nurture are vital in the architecture of the brain.

- Judy Bailey
Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

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Year 7 to Year 12 Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent South Burnett at the Wide Bay Regional Cross Country titles:

- Matthew Patroni
- Lateisha Wilkins
- Richelle Bethke
- Renee Irvine
- Archer Bredhauer
- Lleyton Brown
- Tahlia Yesberg
- Ben Nicholson
- Lannah Sowden

Congratulations to Ned Madden who made the South Burnett Primary Rugby League side and Maddison Sansby who has been selected in the Wide Bay Primary Girls Soccer team.

Last week, our QISSN Netball team had their first local game against Nanango State High School and went down 23-21. The team are off to Brisbane next Tuesday to compete in the Queensland Catholic schools Cup. Good luck ladies. This an important lead up to the QISSN carnival to be held in the first week of the next holidays.

On Thursday this week our 13yrs Rugby League team and a junior netball team will travel to Gayndah for a sports meet with them.

The primary schools winter Gala Sports day is coming up on the Friday, 29th May. Students can select from - Netball, Soccer, Touch and Basketball. It is an all day affair and students should bring lunches. More details to come.

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

Music News

Anniversary Choirs

As the Anniversary Celebrations approach, I would encourage all Year 3 to Year 6 students and all girls in Years 9 to Year 12 to participate in the vocal groups performing at the Anniversary Mass on Saturday 30 May. These ensembles have been dubbed "Junior Choir" and "Senior Girls' Vocal Ensemble". Letters regarding these performance opportunities will go home today, with permission slips to be returned to Mrs Rutley at Student Services. Please contact me should you need an emailed copy.

Orchestra Sign-On

All instrumental music students who are currently at Book 2/AMEB grade 2 or above will be eligible to participate in the new Saint Mary's Orchestra. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays from 3:05pm to 4:30pm. Students wishing to participate must collect a parental consent form from the office or their Instrumental Music Tutor. Although I am still awaiting the arrival of the bulk of the orchestra music from our overseas suppliers, we will be able to get started on "Advance Australia Fair" and "Happy", which arrived last week.

Eisteddfod Results

I would like to include the names of all students who performed in the recent Kingaroy Eisteddfod next week. If your son or daughter performed in any music sections, please email me the section details and their placing so I can add their name to the list.

Current Letters Going Home

- All Year 3, 4, 5, 6: Anniversary Mass - due Thursday, 14th May
- All Year 9, 10, 11, 12 girls: Anniversary Mass - due Thurs 14 May
- All Instrumentalists (Book 2/AMEB 2): Saint Mary's Orchestra consent form - due Wednesday, 20th May

Have a wonderful week, everyone.

Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Saint Mary's Catholic College
is seeking
Uniform Shop Convenor - immediate start
(term time plus of 3 hours per week)

Apply via the employment section at:
www.bncatholic.edu.au
Reference number: 03994-05/15

Applications close: Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 3pm
Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Chicken and Gravy Roll $3.50
Lunch Only - Baked Ravioli $3.50

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

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.

Ordering and Payment
If possible please do not use staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing.

Please refrain from sending in $50 notes to the tuckshop. Change is not always available for an amount this size.

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 Convenor

Saint Mary's Catholic College Whip Cracking Team - Gympie Show Performance
This Friday, 15th May at 5.30pm at the Gympie Showgrounds.
Practice for this event will be Wednesday, 13th at 12.40pm and Friday, 15th at 10.35am.

EKKA Performance and Competition - Friday, 7th August
The Royal Queensland Show Australian Stock Whip School Challenge.

Whip Crackers are are encouraged to submit an ‘Expression of Interest’ to Mrs Arrell before the 12th June (please include your child’s name, age, year level).

Divisions:
- Pee-Wee (Year 1 and Year 2)
- Junior School (Year 3 and Year 4)
- Middle School (Year 5 and Year 6) - must be able to crack with 2 whips
- Junior Secondary (Year 7 and Year 8) - must be able to crack with 2 whips
- Secondary (Year 9 and Year 10) - must be able to crack with 2 whips
- Accuracy (Year 5 to Year 10) - must be able to crack with 2 whips

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

Interschool Futsal Shield
On Thursday, 21st May Saint Mary’s will defend the interschool futsal shield when playing Kingaroy State High School in six divisions. We have entered two 13 years and 15 years teams (boys and girls) and one open boys and open girls’ team.

Organised by Mr Peter Collins from the high school, this competition is fast becoming a permanent fixture in both school’s calendars. Mr Ryan Williams will be assisting the girls team and I will be working with the boys teams.

We wish all teams the best. It is a great event that is action packed with two games going at all times on two courts. If you can make it down to support the school it would be appreciated by players.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett

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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.

Parent Volunteers
This year the P&F would like to give you, our wonderful volunteers, the opportunity to help us decide where our raised funds should be spent. So when you help us out at a fundraising event, e.g. the equestrian event or our Anniversary event, you have the opportunity to nominate a sporting group, individual, or activity to receive a portion of the profits from this event. If you are available to volunteer please complete the attached P&F Volunteer Register.

Mother’s Day Stall
The mothers day stall was a great success. Thank you to all who supported the P&F and we hope that all the mums out there enjoyed their gift that their children selected especially for you.

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 sbrobbbo@gmail.com
God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re Principal Performance Review

All those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education, participate in regular performance review processes to assist in their professional development planning.

Mr Michael Nayler is undertaking such a review during Term 2 and 3 this year.

As a component of this process, a confidential on-line survey is being conducted by Simons & Associates (trading as Ardjuna), an independent survey company.

On 22nd May, a sample of families selected across various year levels will receive an invitation to participate in this survey. The invitation will be emailed directly to families by Ardjuna, appearing as “automail@ardjuna.com”. This survey will be conducted over a two week period.

Community consultation is highly valued and I thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely

Peter Stower
Area Supervisor
School Services North
Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane
Dear Saint Mary's Parents and Carers

Re: Assistant to the Principal - Curriculum Performance Review

All those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education participate in regular performance review processes to assist in their professional development planning. Mr Dalton is undertaking a review of his leadership as our Assistant to the Principal (Curriculum) during Term 2 2015.

As a component of this process, a confidential on-line survey is being emailed to a sample of families selected across various year levels with an invitation to participate in this survey.

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Yours in Christ,
Michael Nayler
Principal

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St. Joseph’s
School & Parish Fete
Saturday Sept 5th 2015

Celebrating St. Joseph’s 50 Years Anniversary Fete

Please note: change of date due to the 50th Anniversary of St. Joseph’s Fete.

Many Stalls: Hot Food, Drinks, Novelty, Piety, Craft, Raffle, and Rides, come and join all the fun at the local Parish and School Fete.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE PHONE
LEISA WALKER 41 681 293 (after 5PM)
FR. MICHAEL CARROLL sm 41 681 406
ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL OFFICE 41 681 627

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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
1000pm   Nanango Races
5.00pm   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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MEET, CELEBRATE, SHARE

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015
5PM MASS, 6PM SUPPER

A Catholic mass
by & for young adults of the modern world.

Catholic Church Albert St Kingaroy,
All ages & denominations welcome.

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