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

Vale Sr Dolores (Dolly) Carroll sgs
(Nov 4, 1913 – Aug 4, 2015)

Sr. Dolores (Dolly) Carroll, our first secondary Principal passed away peacefully yesterday at the Marycrest Centre in Brisbane.

I feel very blessed to have known Sr. Dolly as a friend and mentor across my past three and a half years at Saint Mary's. Sr. Dolly loved Saint Mary's and would read my From the Principal articles each week on the special large A3 versions Mrs Hauritz would send her. She was always excited about our latest building project or the increase in our student numbers. Every time I would visit Sr. Dolly, she would let me know that our Saint Mary's community was always in her prayers.

I first met Sr. Dolly shortly after I began my Principalship at Saint Mary's back in 2012. I was introduced to her by Cathy Jackson, an ex-student of Saint Mary's and BCE North Director. My first impressions were of a tiny, kind-hearted, cheeky, 99 year old nun whose mind was still as sharp as a tack. I quickly discovered that she must have been a formidable Principal in her day, when I showed her photo around at the parish Mass and saw 60+ year old men quaking in their boots. I suspect that Sr. Dolly would have had to have been formidable to start Saint Mary's secondary College back in 1965 with very few facilities and nothing but hard work ahead of her. The early days at the College would have been tough, Sr. Dolly often told me that she would have to wear her gum boots up to Saint Mary's as she walked up the dirt road between the convent and the College.

Sr. Dolly had big dreams for Saint Mary's and always wished that the students would get their own Manual Arts room, so that they didn't have to walk or ride to the High School to use their facilities. She said that she always worried that they would stop at the lolly shop near the hospital. Sr. Dolly never realised her dream of a Manual Arts room in her time at Saint Mary's, but in 2013, we were able to honour her for her 100th birthday by naming the Sr. Dolores Carroll Trade Training Centre after her.

Earlier this year, Sr. Dolly recorded a special video message to welcome all of the past staff and students who had gathered for our Combined Anniversaries celebrations. It took me about 5 visits to get Sr. Dolly to the point where she was ready to deliver this message in this new medium. Even though she could barely see due to macular degeneration, she worked for days to pen her message to our Saint Mary's community. Her beautiful original message was printed in her handwriting in our Combined Anniversaries magazine.

Sr. Dolly always said that she had had a great life with many happy memories from her times in Kingaroy, Japan and Mitchelton and around Australia. She was a woman of incredible faith and often said that she was ready to meet her beloved Creator. In the end, she passed away peacefully into God's loving arms content in the knowledge that she had helped to leave this world a better place for her presence.
I would ask all in our community to keep Sr. Dolly and her Good Samaritan community in your prayers.

May the blessings of St. Benedict and Saint Mary be with Sr. Dolly and her Good Samaritan community.

We pray with thanks for the life of Sr. Dolly and for her great faith, work and dedication for our Saint Mary’s community.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may Your perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

We wish our Whip Cracking team all the best as they perform at the Ekka and hopefully on Channel 7’s Sunrise program later this week and also our College Choir all the best as they travel to Brisbane for the Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass at St. Stephen’s Cathedral on Saturday.

Congratulations to Limousin Youth Member Carmen Sowden on winning Grand Champion School Parader at this years EKKA. This follows previous years success for the Sowden family at previous Royal Brisbane Shows.

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Michael Nayler
Principal
God of all creation,
You call us to be people of presence.
Help us to slow down and notice what we take for granted.
Open our hearts and our minds to your presence: around us; in others; and in creation.
Renew within us a child-like wonder and awe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your
Word made flesh. Amen

EKKA
This Friday the College Whip Cracking Team will compete at the Australian Stockwhip Challenge for school children from South East Queensland. The College will be represented by 20 competitors from Year 1 to Year 10. There will be 5 divisions and accuracy will be a part of the children's performance. Thank you to Councillor Kathy Duff who has kindly donated 5 stockwhip hat pins for the winners of each division. There will be a large media contingent present including the main TV stations, Courier Mail and Catholic Education media. Best of luck to all students. Have a cracking time!
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News
Year 10 into Year 11 Information Night 7.00pm Wednesday, 12th August 2015 in the Maryknoll Centre
The end of Year 10 marks an important point in the academic life of students. It is the time when students elect to follow one of a number of academic pathways, which in turn lead to various career pathways.

Making good choices always relies on receiving accurate and current information.

For this reason, the college will be holding the annual Year 10 into Year 11 Information Night at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th August in the Maryknoll Centre. It is a night where the most essential information about this issue will be presented. It is of high importance for both parents and students.

Program
7.00pm Welcome
7.10pm Qld Certificate of Education
7.20pm Tertiary Entrance Statement
7.30pm OPs and FPs
7.40pm VET: Vocational Education
7.50pm Possible Pathways
8.00pm Selecting Subjects
8.10pm Tertiary Prerequisites
8.20pm Next moves (subject surveys and selection)
8.30pm Conclusion

We look forward to seeing you there.

Talented kids Vs reality TV shows
A new quiz show is about to start on Australian TV soon.
This has prompted at least one columnist to question the value of reality TV shows like this, and particularly its value in the development of young talented children. Here is that article for your consideration.

Now in its final stages – seeing eight and 12-year-olds going head to head to prove what’s in their own is superior – the show aims to find ‘the smartest child in Britain’. And also, presumably, the second smartest and third smartest – but folks won’t be too interested in them.

My gut reaction to a concept that singles out ‘gifted’ children, who in our culture are already often marginalised by peers, is ‘Oh, FFS, why can’t we just let kids be kids’. But this concept does demand closer scrutiny than that.
A more balanced assessment would probably reveal that (despite the fact I will only ever think of this as a freak show) there may be some upsides. So let’s start with those.

On the upside of a show like Child Genius is the premium it puts on children being encouraged to excel at something other than kicking, throwing and jumping (or cooking on Junior MasterChef or singing on pint sized versions of The Voice). This show, now in its third UK series, apparently strives to make academic achievement look aspirational.
It may encourage some kids who are already good learners to strive for more. It might produce a job offer from NASA for the winner, who seems to have already shown himself in the form of 12-year-old Thomas from Leeds who has an "IQ in the top 0.1 per cent" – higher than Stephen Hawking.

Thomas’s mum, Deborah, tells us her boy ‘sprints up and down the garden doing shuttle runs while spelling words like hexamethylene’. So much fun ... The other kids call him “a machine” and Deborah confesses “it’s a bit awkward at times, when Thomas has done so well in a round that perhaps the majority of children found difficult”. Thomas, if you are bullied in the playground (and I so hope that you are not) I think we know what comment may have been the trigger!

Even still, maybe seeing Thomas and the other young genii hit the limelight might make all that extra work she and other parents of gifted kids go through to feed the immense curiosity of their little whizzes feel so worth it. So much for the upsides. On the downside, freak show. Geeky is cool, for sure, but more in a Comic-Con kind of way. Children are still children and no one likes a show-off (even if it is a parent pulling the strings).

Even some of the parents’ and producers’ published remarks about these children will promote the idea gifted kids are also a bit abnormal.

For example, we’re told about Holly “an 11-year-old who can recite pi to 122 decimal places and is a voracious reader but has struggled with a crippling lack of confidence”. I don’t think Holly chose to share that information.

Or Giovanni, 12, whose father Mattheo says “you need to push them to the limit with their body and with their brains” of his boy. What chance does that child have of growing up well-adjusted, millions of English viewers must be asking.

Then there is 11-year-old David, whose parents use “Chinese medicine techniques like cupping to give their son the edge”. Seriously. What about giving their son experiences like walking for hours in a national park to give the little dude a bit of space to dream! As we know, many children with extraordinary IQs have social issues that prevent them experiencing the full range of joys you would hope every kid has.

The way this show appears to have been marketed plays up the oddball factor – no help at all for children whose own parents confess they face emotional struggles.

Series producer Anna Strickland claims contestants are screened to ensure they are ‘robust’ enough to go through the process and that even the “crushing disappointments” some suffer are a good reminder life is not all “flowers and applause”.

Some gifted children could tell you that already. According to British Mensa’s Gifted Child Consultant Lyn Kendall, as well as exhibiting traits such as unusual memory, passing milestones and reading early, gifted children can be ‘musical, talkative and intolerant of other children, preferring to spend time alone’. Insert red flag here.

With plenty of pressure on many western children as it is to grow up too fast and fret too young about ‘meeting potential’, do we really want to benchmark the kind of wonderful – but weirdly early – achievement which to have any hope of attaining many children would have to go through a most unusual childhood indeed.

You have your whole life to worry about being good enough, and compete in the ever more Darwinian world of ranks and KPIs. Yay for you brainy kids, and long may you be nurtured and thrive. I’m not suggesting you should be encouraged to be more mediocre than you are, just that you are also loved for stuff other than your algorithms.

But a big thumbs down to the idea of giving already neurotic and overly competitive privileged parents another excuse to hothouse (and live through) their kids. Please don’t bring it here.

**South Burnett Interschool Equestrian Competition**

The annual South Burnett Interschool Equestrian Competition was held at the Kingaroy Showgrounds on Thursday July 30th, and attracted 75 riders from schools over the region.

The event was run by Saint Mary’s Catholic College and was a part of the Catholic Education Week celebrations with this year’s theme of ‘Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts, Serving Others’.

Consistent with this year’s suggested symbols of multi-coloured ribbons, the SB Equestrian Event featured the usual blue, red, white and green sashes for winners in all ages from Prep to Year 12.

*realise your dignity*
Excellent weather combined with friendly yet competitive high spirits ensured that all riders were able to enjoy the day. Events included dressage, show jumping, hacking, and speed events such as barrel racing, diamond flag race, bending, and keyhole race.

For many riders, the day was a good preparation for the next level of competition at the Fraser Coast Competition to be held in mid-August.

This year Aggregate Trophy went to the Goomeri State School, who have been successful with this award for several years in succession.

Age Champions and Reserve Age Champions were also awarded in all age groups.

Congratulation to Patrick Frohloff riding Wattles Bavaria who was Reserve Age Champion 12 Years and to Lilly Bredhauer riding Biddy who was Reserve Age Champion 9 Years.

Congratulations to the following Saint Mary’s team for both their horsemanship and excellent sportsmanship:

Thanks to the many staff and parents who helped out in the competition arena and to the College P&F for the excellent canteen menu on the day.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

Guidance Counsellor News

“The glassblower knows: while in the heat of beginning, any shape is possible. Once hardened, the only way to change is to break.”
— Mark Nepo, The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have

Library News

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. They will need to bring their book to the parade to share in reading afterwards. We will also have a Campfire Stories night (Wednesday 26th August) at 6.30pm – 7.30pm. In previous years, this has been a wonderful night for young and old in their pyjamas and gowns! This year, we will add onesies to the dress code. All are welcome! During this week, there will be competitions, displays, guest reading and many other exciting activities.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning News

Middle School Assessment Task Sheets
I have spoken with Middle School students at the assembly this week about the importance of completing the requirements of the task sheets they are given for assessments. Many students are failing to complete requirements e.g. adhering to a word limit, adding references, introductions, illustrations etc. Students are highly recommended to use a highlighter for due dates, conditions and requirements. Also, students have been reminded that task sheets need to be kept safely and handed in with assessments on the due dates.

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

Chess Competition News
On Tuesday, 11th August, 2 teams of Primary and Secondary students will represent the College in Bundaberg. Please see Mr Hutton if you have any queries.
**Music News**

**100+ Singers Combine this Saturday**
Our ten selected singers – Isabella M., Lydia P., Kimberley R., Lydia F., Naomi B., Grace McF., Ally L., Millie G., Ernie C., and Brianna W – will join with students from Catholic schools throughout South-East Queensland to sing in celebration of St Mary MacKillop at the Feast Day Mass. This performance, at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane, is sure to be an amazing experience for our students. Congratulations to all students on their selection, and for their high level of commitment to the development of their artistic skills.

**Music Tuition Program Documents**
The following three items were issued to all students learning instruments last week:
1. a Music Information Handbook,
2. a Practice Diary, and
3. an invoice for Term 3 fees.
Please contact your child’s Tutor directly if you have not received these documents.
Fees should be paid by the end of this week, unless other arrangements have been made with your child’s Tutor.

**Music Practice Diaries**
As mentioned, all students learning an instrument at the College have been issued with a Practice Diary. It is designed to clarify what the student is to practise each week, and to record the number of minutes the student practises each week. Parents are reminded to sign the diary each week.
As an incentive to students to complete their diaries, there will be a prize at the end of the term for all students with at least 7 completed and signed diary pages.

**New Percussion Instruments have Arrived**
Our College percussionists have a box-full of new “toys” to play with, including a guiro, a pair of crash cymbals, a set of pitched woodblocks on a stand, a set of wind chimes, a cajon, an orchestral whip, a set of sleigh bells, and a pair of rosewood claves. Now the Orchestra is able to perform music with these wonderful instruments – properly! Listen out for these instruments at our performances later in the Semester.

**Year 3 String Immersion Program**
Mrs Jo Kennedy has met with the Year 3 students and has allocated each child an instrument of a size suited to their height and arm-length. Instruments will go home when students display an understanding of the handling and care of the instrument.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

**Indigenous News**
From time to time, we are sent emails about a number of opportunities or articles of interest for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. Please pass these onto your family and friends.

This week I would like to highlight a few of these:
Anyone interested in the jobs on this site will need to directly contact the relevant department or person.

An ABC breakfast programme examining how smart phones are being used to preserve Indigenous languages.

*Certificate 3 in Health Services Assistant* run through Caboolture or Loganlea TAFE
Contact Karen Eggmolesse 3244 6222 or Karen.Eggmolesse@tafe.qld.edu.au

Kind regards and have a wonderful week,
Mrs Amanda Erwin
on behalf of the Indigenous Support Department

**College Magazine**
I am currently compiling the College Annual Magazine ‘The Mary Knoll’. If any parents have any great photos from school events from 2015 I would really love it if you could email them to me. Just choose the clearest, closest photos to send in. I will pop them into the folders I use to choose photos for the colour pages.

My email address is: blangford@bne.catholic.edu.au

Many thanks
Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Magazine Coordinator
Year 12 Valedictory Fundraising Events
Throughout term 3 the Year 12 class will be holding fundraising events. These events are:

- **Thursday, 6th August** - Baked goods 50c to $2 and cheerios in a cup with sauce $2 for 5. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea and Lunch. Thank you to Mrs Karen Ford who is donating cupcakes.
- **Friday, 7th August** - Movie Night from 3:30pm in the Maryknoll Centre. Viewing HOME.
- **Tuesday, 11th August** - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Wednesday, 12th August** - Homestyle Bake Drive orders due into the College Office by 9am.
- **Thursday, 20th August** - Baked goods 50c to $2 and cheerios in a cup with sauce $2 for 5. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea and Lunch.
- **Tuesday, 25th August** - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Thursday, 27th August** - Icy cups $1 and pizza slice $1.50. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Friday, 28th August** - Movie Night from 3:30pm in the Maryknoll Centre. Movie to be confirmed.
- **Thursday, 13th August** - Icy cups $1 and pizza slice $1.50. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.
- **Friday, 14th August** - Movie Night from 3:30pm in the Maryknoll Centre. Viewing HOME.
- **Thursday, 20th August** - Baked goods 50c to $2 and cheerios in a cup with sauce $2 for 5. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Morning Tea and Lunch.

Thank you to Mrs Karen Ford for donating baked goods towards our bake sales and Ryan’s Butchery Wondai for supplying the sausages for our sausage sizzles. All money raised will go towards our Year 12 Valedictory Dinner to be held at Cassis at Boole in November.

Regards
Year 12 students

Whip Cracking News

**Upcoming Whip Cracking Dates**

- **Friday, 7 August** - EKKA Royal National Australian Whip Cracking Competition and Performance (RNA Grounds, Brisbane 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Farriers and Blacksmiths Pavilion)
- **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 - Hot dogs with cheese and sauce $3.50

Lunch - Hawaiian Baked Potatoes $3.50

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

**Donation of Goods**

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

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

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

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**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 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. 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 $.05 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.

**Slush Puppies**

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

On **Monday, 10th August**, the **Tuckshop will be closed** for the Public Holiday and will **reopen on Wednesday, 12th August**.

If you wish to volunteer at the Tuckshop please contact the college office on 4162 2011. Even if you can only donate a few hours in the morning, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week,
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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**Parents and Friends News**

Hello Everyone,

Wow what a couple of weeks we have had! The beginning to the term saw the P&F practicing for our act in Rock on Stage. A big thank you to all those involved in the costumes, choreography, music and overall look of the act, plus all the brave souls that actually got up on stage. The teachers put up a great act and I thought it might go their way, but we were rather excited to take home a win!

Last week we had even more wonderful parents helping out at the Equestrian event at the Kingaroy Show Grounds. I am pretty sure the food was well received by the hungry riders and support teams. It is always lovely to see our school participating in such diverse events. Once again, a big thank you to all those who cooked and helped out on the day.

This year we are once again participating in the **Earn and Learn** through Woolworths. If you have any stickers could you please put them in the **Earn and Learn box at Woolies, located near the flower stand**. The more stickers we collect the more wonderful items we will receive for the children.

Just a reminder, the money for the chocolates is due back on the 7th August. All those who bring back their $50.00 by then go into the raffle for a 5kg box of Cadbury Favourites. If you still have unsold chocolates please return them with the money by this date as well.

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

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**Sacramental Program**

There will be a Parent information session in the Board Room of Saint Mary’s Catholic College. This first session is a session about the sacrament of Reconciliation and the expectations of the children and parents when supporting their child entering this initiation process.

The candidate (Grade 3 or older) does not need to attend at this stage. There
SAUSAGES $1.50
POPPERS $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.

Community BBQ
If you have used magazines or unwanted books (children and adult literature) please donate them to the Community BBQ, so someone else can enjoy them! Please send them to the College office and I will collect them from there.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.
Miss Claire Van Dyk
Year 6 Classroom News

Year 6 have had a great start to Term 3 with a wonderful performance of "Hairspray vs Modern Dance" with a well deserved overall win. Great Effort Year 6!

This Friday at the EKKA, look out for our Hanna doing fantastic whip cracking skills for Totally Wild and Channel 9.

We have very talented musicians in our school band: Sammi, Josee, Leonard and Jade who did their first whole school assembly performance of Advance Australia Fair. Other musicians showing their talents are Lachlan learning clarinet; Josee - drums and piano; Jade - flute and piano; Sammi - piano and trumpet and Addisen on guitar. What talented musicians in our class.

Each Thursday our talented students play U13 Fotsal - Lacey-Lee, Rahni, Hanna, Kira, Bridget, Sammi, Addisen, Emma, Caitlin, Josee, Ainsley and Lannah who show great sportsmanship playing the game.

Jolleen has been playing chess with other students at local schools.

Our choir students Rahni, Emma and Martin have lovely vocals while our sports students have recently brought home permission notes to compete in athletic activities.

Good luck to Bailey and Hanna as our representatives for Equestrian Team events.

All of our students are awesome and I look forward to working with them over the next two terms.
Saint Mary's will be holding an RSPCA Cupcake Day on **Tuesday, 18th August** at morning tea in the courtyard. The money raised will go towards helping the RSPCA continue their work in helping sick, injured, abandoned animals and in community education.

If you would like to assist by donating cupcakes or other treats (all nut free), please bring them along to the Year 3/4 classroom (at the rear of the Library) on Monday, 17th August in air tight, clearly named containers or before 10am on Tuesday, 18th August.

The cupcakes will be sold for $1 to $2.

For more information please contact Mrs Bowles on 4162 2011.
Bake and Cheerio Sale

Thursday, 23rd July, 6th & 20th August and 3rd & 17th September at Morning Tea and Lunch located in the Maryknoll Canteen.

Come and try the seniors yummy baked goods and cupcakes donated by Mrs Karen Ford.

Baked goods 50c to $2
Cheerios with sauce $2 for 5

All money raised goes towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.
Icy Cup and Pizza Sale

Thursday, 30th July, 13th & 27th August and 10th September at Lunch time located in the Maryknoll Canteen.

Icy Cups $1.00  
Pizza Slice $1.50

All money raised goes towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.