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

Next year will see the introduction of our new College uniform. Some newer parents and carers may not be aware of the process towards this new uniform which began back in 2013 after concerns raised by parents about some aspects of the current uniform. These concerns included:

- The quality and design of tracksuits.
- Both the breathability and warmth of day uniforms.
- The lack of a day uniform for our P-5 boys.

Uniform designs were collated and run past our parents at our P&F and Board meetings and then put out as a survey to staff, parents and students to ensure that our community was happy with the designs and options. We found that getting exact matches for our current school colours was almost impossible for our day uniform so we had to go with as close a match as we could.

**NEW UNIFORM DESIGNS**

**OLDER & YOUNGER DAY UNIFORMS AND SPORTS / TRACKSUIT**

We had originally planned to roll out the new uniform from the start of this year as the Uniform Shop had said that they were running out of stock. On investigation, this wasn't found to be the case, and the Uniform Shop actually had enough stock for another year. The uniform situation was further compounded by our old supplier failing to deliver uniforms for the start of the 2015 school year. Parents and carers may remember us having to get generic hats and sports shirts just to start the school year. This helped to further cement our resolve on moving to a new uniform supplier.
As promised, students will have two years to grow out of, and move across to, the new uniform. In that period, students may either wear the complete old or complete new uniform, but are not allowed to mix and match items from both uniforms to make a hybrid uniform. Old uniform parts will still be available for sale until we run out of stock. These items will be at a cheaper price than the new uniform to encourage sales. Once interest in the old uniform has faded or at the end of the two years, we will try and ship any remaining uniform parts to assist a school in a developing country like PNG or East Timor.

We will try and get the 2016 uniform pricing out to parents and carers ASAP. Costs will rise on the new uniform due to a number of factors including:

- The last major order of uniforms was nearly two years ago, so prices have naturally risen across that time.
- We have gone for better quality materials and designs to meet parental expectations.

Our Annual Awards Night will be held from 6pm 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. Teachers will not be on duty for this night, so I remind parents and carers to please supervise their children throughout the evening.

I would encourage families to encourage anyone they might know 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.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

I am very excited by the opportunity I have been given to join St Mary’s as Principal from 2016. From the conversation I had with Mr Nayler at the Principal’s Conference earlier this year, I knew that St Mary’s would be a wonderful community to be a part of. Mr Nayler and the rest of the College Leadership Team have already extended me a very warm welcome and I am looking forward to working closely with them to build on the traditions and strengths already so evident in the school.

I thought you may be interested to know a little about myself and my family before you meet us next year. I grew up in Mudgee, which is a rural town in NSW similar in size to Kingaroy. My husband, Rodney is originally from Townsville, so as you can imagine, State of Origin is always an interesting time of year in our household. I initially studied Business and Accounting at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst and then lived in Sydney for a few years where I worked as a graduate accountant. However, the call of teaching was very strong and it was not too long before I decided to study at the Australian Catholic University in order to make the transition to education. From there I went on to teach at St Johns College in Dubbo for 7 years. In 2003, I moved to Bundaberg where I met my husband, had my daughter and have happily spent the last 13 years working at Shalom College. I started at Shalom as the Assistant Principal (Mission) and have been the Deputy Principal there for the past 5 years.

My husband Rodney and my daughter Grace are also very excited about the move and are eager to be part of the Kingaroy community when we settle in there after Christmas. Grace is 4½ years old and will start school in Prep at St Mary’s at the beginning of the year. We are looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

Regards

Mrs Angela Myles

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**Deputy Principal News**

This Thursday, 29th October we celebrate our **Annual Awards Evening.** This is an opportunity for our community to acknowledge and congratulate those students who have achieved across a variety fields.

Please join us if you are able—

**Where:** Mary Knoll Centre  
**When:** Thursday, 29th October  
6.00pm start

Tea and coffee will be served following the official proceedings. There will also be a shared supper, please bring a plate and join us.

Awardees should wear their formal uniform for this evening. This includes a College tie for boys in Years 10-12. Prep - 5 girls need to wear their full formal uniform for this evening. Prep - 5 boys need to wear their best sports uniform.

There will be a practice for all those students involved Thursday. Please let the office know if your student is receiving an award but will be unable to attend.

With the current building project taking place access to the Mary Knoll Centre will be via the entrance between the prep room and the art room. Parking will not be available in the ‘staff parking area’ as this is now closed to vehicles, please do not drive onto the oval. (It will be very soft due to the rain) Use the lower grassed area near John Street or the hospital entrance or grounds for parking. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this. Should you or someone you are attending with require additional assistance making their way to the hall please contact the office for arrangements.

Hope to see you Thursday evening!

**Weekly Focus**

Celebrating achievements...take time to acknowledge what you are doing well and recognise the same in others. Positivity spreads.

In line with this best wishes to Latisha Wilkins, who will leave shortly for Spain where she will represent Australia in futsal.

Have a great rest of the week.

*Mrs Sonia Robertson  
Acting Deputy Principal*

**APA News**

**Subject Selections for 2016**

Students in Year 8 and 9 are reminded that all subject selection forms for Years 9 and 10 in 2016 are due at the office this week. Year 10’s will have completed their 2016 Year 11 subject selections as a part of the SET plan process.

**Presentation Night: Academic Awards**

Many Academic Awards will be presented at the Presentation Night on Thursday night.

So that students and parents are clear about the nature of these academic awards, I will explain how some of the major ones are decided.

- **Dux of the College:** determined by the overall highest set of results for Year 12 OP eligible students (usually the student getting the highest OP score).
- **Year 11 Academic Prize:** determined by the overall highest set of results for Year 11 OP eligible students.
- **Year 10 Academic Prize:** determined by the overall highest set of results for Year 10 students.
- **Academic Excellence:** These awards go to students who achieve Well Above Expected results in Years P-10 or Very High Achievement (A+ in Years 11-12).
- **Carroll Award for Diligence:** This goes to one Year 7-12 student who displays sustained application to their studies. It can be awarded to a student irrespective of their final academic results, as it recognises the effort rather than the final grade or result. In Years P-6, one student from each class is recognised by this award.

Regards  
*Mr John Dalton  
APA*
The two meanings of Advent

Advent typically starts on November the 29th, four weeks before Christmas, however I have asked that teachers start creating time and space for advent in their classroom and in prayer. As a school, most of us will be on holiday for at least two weeks of advent and for the seniors almost the entire period. For most Christians, advent is a time to prepare for Christmas, the first coming of the Lord, however deeper investigation into scripture and the prayers used in advent, suggest there is another level of religious consciousness.

The New Testament readings in the last week of Advent refer directly to the birth of Jesus but in the preceding weeks the focus is slightly different. We have John the Baptist telling people to prepare the way for the Lord and in a much larger context, Isaiah speaks of the coming together of all nations.

In its entirety, the message of Advent has contemporary value for individuals and the family but it also has implications for politics and leadership. A coming together of nations in peace in the Kingdom of God may not be referring to an event in the future but more a challenge in the present, and advent might be a good reminder of this for us all.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Counsellor News

The Problem with Conflict in Schools
By Jocelyne Chirnside

Conflict is a part of everyday life in schools. According to research teachers report that conflict behaviour is increasing and a threat to effective learning. When children learn constructive conflict resolution skills, conflict can become an opportunity to learn more about themselves, others and create harmonious schools. Just as children come to school with a broad range of reading and writing abilities so too do they arrive with an extensive range of understandings or skills of how to deal with conflict.

So, what are the key problems with conflict in schools and how can we aim to solve them?

Three Key Problems of Conflict

1. Lack of clear skills – Many children lack a confident and constructive approach to deal with conflict. Without these skills children are often repeating problem behaviours.

2. Stress – Strong emotions from conflict may lead to children experiencing stress; for example, in the form of a racing heart, feeling sick, muscles tensing, change of appetite, poor sleep, moodiness, not wanting to go to school or self-harming behaviours.

3. Poor academic achievement – Children who experience conflict are far less prepared to focus on learning, work cooperatively with others, retain information or concentrate on tasks set, resulting in reduced academic achievement.

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
- 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 Student Wellbeing Leader News

Reading with your child is one of the greatest pleasures in life. However, if your child struggles with reading or ‘hates’ reading then the experience is less than pleasurable. Here are some ideas to help you and your child get more out of the reading experience:

1. **Justifying** - “Why do you think they did that?” “What did you think was going to happen?”
2. **Causation** - “What made it happen?” “What will happen?”
3. **Role Taking** - “What could he say to make the boy feel better?” “What do you think he is feeling now?”
4. **Explaining** - “How did you know that was going to happen?” “Why did they need to?”
5. **Predicting** - “What do you think is going to happen?” “What could they do?”
6. **Making Connections** - Making links between content of the story and the child’s prior knowledge, experiences and feelings “Have you ever felt like that?” “Tell me about a time when you...

The questions you ask your child about the book are open ended questions and they help explore the text and perhaps make the reading in the evening less stress and more beneficial to both the parents and the child.

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
Thu 29 Oct  Awards Night (Snr Orchestra to play Anthem)
Wed 4 Nov  Celebration of the Arts evening Jnr Choir, Snr Choir, Jnr Orchestra, Snr Orchestra, Yr 3 String Immersion, Yr 3/4 Music ‘Show’, all Yr 7 students and 8B class percussion ensemble; Yr 10 Coldplay Band, Senior Music Choir, selected solo performers)
Wed 25 Nov  Yr 10 & 11 Music excursion to “Les Miserables” at QPAC (tent)
Sun 29 Nov  Light Up Advent Mass – 3:45pm (Jnr Choir) St Mary’s Church
Thu 3 Dec  Saint Mary’s College Carols Night (Junior Choir, Snr Orchestra)
Sun 6 Dec  Kingaroy Town Hall Combined Ministries Carols Night (Jnr Choir)

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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 complete these attendance forms; it saves us hours of chasing up attendance “our end”.

Have a great week,
Ms Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

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**Presentation Night Flowers**

Each year, the staff and parents of Saint Mary’s work together to decorate the stage and Maryknoll Centre with large pot plants and flowers. It is that time of year again.

If we could have as many buckets of flowers, greenery or large pot plants dropped in to the Maryknoll Canteen Thursday before school that would be wonderful.

Please ensure pots and buckets are named. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Thank you
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo

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**Year 10 Home Economics News**

Year 10 Home Economics students are looking for shoe boxes. If you have any available can you please drop them into the office.

Thank you
Miss Amy Woodruff
Classroom teacher

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**Visual Art News**

The last few weeks have seen students across the grades out and about on a variety of excursions. This week the Year Eight students have visited The Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg for a series of Art Workshops.

We have painted boomerangs, canvas art and screen-printed our own pencil cases. We owe a huge thanks to Karen Bond and Shirley Kerkow for driving the buses, and also to Karen again, who had a major role in organising the days out.

This award-winning Museum and Cultural Centre is right on our doorsteps, it is wonderful to be using the facilities on offer. Our artist for the days was Vincent Conlon and we learnt about painting from watching the work of Robert ‘Rocko’ Langton. We thank these quietly-spoken gentlemen for showing us the discipline and technique of making art a way of life. You can view their profiles and galleries of their work with the following link, [http://rationshed.com.au/artist/](http://rationshed.com.au/artist/)

Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo & Miss Amy Woodruff
Year 8 Art Teachers
Congratulations to Miranda Blackman for an amazing job on her Home Ec and Art assignments last term. Your hard work has paid off.

Our annual Saint Mary's awards night is this Thursday at 6pm. If your child is receiving an award please be at the Mary Knoll Centre by 5:30pm in full formal uniform. Thank-you.

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

Indigenous News

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 – Cheerios in a Cup (5) $2.50
Morning Tea and Lunch - Macaroni & Cheese $3.50

There are NO Pies or Sausage Rolls sold this Friday.

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 0.05c 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 puppy, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be placed into the tuckshop baskets.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

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**RSPCA Movie Night**

**SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER**

6.30pm

Kingaroy Memorial Park
Haly St, Kingaroy

COME ALONG AND WATCH
PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR
UNDER THE STARS!

All funds raised help all creatures great and small.

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CALL THE KINGAROY RSPCA ANIMAL CARE CENTRE ON 4168 3500 TO PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT FROM 5PM

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**AIMDA**

10th Annual Gala Concert

CELEBRATING A DECADE

Tickets available from
Rendezvous Designs

Adults $30
Summer Days and Pensioners $15
Children $15

Tickets on sale from Monday 2nd November

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CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Wednesday
4 November, 2015

5.30-6pm Art exhibition

6-8.30pm Dance, drama, and music performances

Light refreshments will be served

Mary Knoll Centre
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