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

Later in the newsletter, you will find our 2016 Fee Schedule. Parents and carers may remember that school fees were frozen with no increase last year and this year we have again followed the BCE guidelines for a slight fee increase. This keeps our College at the minimum fee cost for Catholic schools in our Archdiocese. We do this to keep our College as affordable as possible for our community. Kym has done a great job ensuring that our levies reflect the actual costs of materials, camps, excursions etc. for each subject so that families get value for money. Please remember that means-tested fee concessions are available for struggling families.

On Monday, our chess team travelled to St Columban's College, Caboolture to compete. They narrowly missed out on first place overall by just ½ a point. Congratulations to Robbie Velevers (Year 10) who won the secondary competition overall.

I would also like to congratulate Lateisha Wilkins (Year 7) who will travel to Barcelona to play Futsal with an Australian U13 team. We wish Lateisha and her team all of the best.

From 5.30pm this Wednesday, we will have our incredible Arts Showcase on display in the College's Maryknoll Centre. Over the past few years we have seen our Maryknoll Centre filled with art, music, dance and drama performances and I am sure that tomorrow's Art Showcase will be no different.

This week, Mr Curran & Miss Saxton announced that they have accepted positions at Padua College and St Augustine's College respectively for 2016. I would like to thank them for their great work at Saint Mary's over the past few years. Both of their positions will be advertised on the Brisbane Catholic Education employment page at www.bne.catholic.edu.au.

I am writing to keep you informed about industrial action that will occur at our school later this week. This industrial action is linked to enterprise bargaining negotiations currently being undertaken within Queensland Catholic schools. 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 8:30am and 10:30am on Thursday, 5 November 2015. 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.

Last Thursday night we held our Annual Awards Night. I would like to thank all of the community members who came to this wonderful evening to celebrate our students’ many achievements. We welcomed back past student Tessa Carty as our guest speaker. Tessa shared her inspirational story with our community. She has represented Australia in rowing at a number of international events including the World Championships where she and her team came 2nd.

At our Awards Evening, I acknowledged the great work of our 2015 Seniors and our College Leaders especially Rory Browne and Richelle Bethke for being such exceptional leaders across 2015; our 2015 House Leaders – Sean Newman, Hannah Depper, Nathan Dolan; and our Committee Leaders – Rachel Davis, Bridget Barkle, Kimberley Ross and Cherie Baldacchino.
Our 2016 College Leaders are:

**College Captains:** Caylan Brown and Ashleigh Reinbott

**House Captains:**

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**Committee Leaders:**

- **Citizenship /Culture**
  - Kiara Wright
  - Seraiya Gordon
  - Jayde Novak

- **Faith /Community**
  - Monice Hurlbutt
  - Joseph Anderson

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 waitlist enrolments for some year levels in the near future.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

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**Announcement of a Successful Review**

A Principal's Performance Review is a professional commitment to the effective leadership of a school’s community of learners.

Earlier this year, Fr Nigel Sequeira and a sample of families, school staff, students and Brisbane Catholic Education Office staff were invited to participate in Mr Mike Nayler’s Performance Review.

The process involved a survey conducted by Simons & Associates (trading as Ardjuna) and a Performance Review Day when a panel, comprising two principals and myself, met stakeholder focus groups at Saint Mary’s Catholic College, to validate the survey results and the Principal’s self-reflection.

I am happy to report that the review outcome was very positive and complementary of Mr Nayler’s leadership.

Thank you for your participation in the process and congratulations to Mr Nayler on a very successful performance review.

Mr Peter Stower
Area Supervisor
School Services North
Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane

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**Deputy Principal News**

**Prayer for a Good Day**

Dear Lord, as I arise
And bend my knee to pray
I ask please place your guiding hand
Upon this busy day
All my yesterdays are said and done
Tomorrow may never be
But I give you full reign over this day
To make the best of me

realise your dignity
May each little word I speak
Be filtered through your love
May all my thoughts be connected
To the heavenly courts above
And use my feet to take me
To where you want me to be
Guard my eyes that they would only
See what you want me to see
Give me a heart that longs to show
Others the way back home
And with these two hands help me
Fashion glory for your throne
From the great expanse of eternity
One day is all I can borrow
So help me Lord to take care of today
And we'll talk again tomorrow
By Anita Humbertson

As we reach the halfway point of term 4, let us realise that each day begins afresh. Tomorrow has not happened and yesterday is gone.
Let us live each day in the present moment!
Amen

Treating others with respect
I would like to thank all the students who continue to treat other students with respect and courtesy at all times.
Some students are struggling to treat their fellow classmates in a kind manner this week and will need to change their attitude very quickly.

It is not acceptable to be cruel and it is not part of our College values. Whether we are speaking to a friend on social media at night or during a lunch break, we must choose kind words at all times. If there is an issue to sort out, seek advice from a trusted friend or adult, at school or at home. Adults have far more experience and generally offer excellent advice as they have “been there, done that”. Mr Turnbull is also available for ongoing relationship issues should you require assistance.

The wellbeing team will continue to monitor student behaviour and parents will be contacted in cases of very poor behaviour or aggression.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Uniform
Upon my return, I noticed many students not in correct uniform. I will be asking teachers to monitor ongoing offenders and parents will be contacted if needed.

Students must wear the correct uniform up until the end of the year which is still five weeks away. Sports shoes that are not black are unacceptable.

If any parent has a query or issue with regards to uniform, please contact a member of the wellbeing team or myself.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

CPA News
Prep to Year 11 Reporting for Semester 2 is now underway. Teachers will be entering reports for all Year P-11 students over the next 3 weeks. These will be Semester 2 reports, and not whole of year reports. There will be both comments about effort and behaviour, as well as the usual grades summarizing the semester’s academic work.

Year 12 students will not receive a Semester 2 report but will instead receive a Student Education Profile directly from QCAA. It will contain a summary of their Year 12 results for each subject, and their Tertiary Entrance Statement. These will be available online on Monday, 21st November 2015.

There is a strong focus on tests and assignments in the college at the moment. Obviously the Year 12s are completing their final tests, and many of these classes are combined Year 11/12 classes, so Year 11s are also in the Year 12 exam timetable. Years 7-10 students will be doing final exams a week later than the senior students. P-10 students have also completed many diagnostic tests initiated by the DELT program (Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching). This program has enabled us to this year generate

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some very useful and specific data about the learning needs of our students, which have in turn been used to adjust the learning programs best suited to our students.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Last week I wrote a bit about advent, its importance and its dualistic nature in reference to both preparation for Jesus and also preparation for God’s Kingdom on Earth as found in both the Old Testament and the Gospels.

Fittingly the Parish Council is providing us with a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit at the right time, 4 weeks before Christmas, the beginning of Advent. There will be a Family Mass followed by a celebration for all, culminating in the lighting up of the Christmas tree.

When: November 29th at 4.30 pm
Where: Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, Albert Street
Who: Everybody welcome
What: Please bring your own chairs, picnic table and rugs.
Cost: $10 Adults, $5 Children, $20 Family including entertainment
Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks will be for sale, BYO other drinks if you wish.
Please bring a dessert to share.
A monster raffle will be drawn on the night.
Meal Tickets may be pre purchased after Mass during October or contact me at the College and I can arrange them for you. (Martin Perrett)

In the last week, I have been fortunate to work with the year 7 students in a familiarisation and consolidation of their understanding of the physical church and parts of the Mass. We have taken the three classes down to the church and we have run through some of the physical aspects of the building and their significance and the significance and use of some of the liturgical vessels in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Students asked some great questions and also provided some insightful answers. I asked the class yesterday morning what the purpose of the chancel or sanctuary lamp / light was. It is a light that shines near the tabernacle. Several students had some great answers including: ‘the Holy Spirit’, ‘a sacred space in a sacred time’ and ‘a light to show us the right way’. I felt I had to impose my primary school understanding but in reality all of these were right, God’s presence. The awareness of the sacred or the special in everything we see or experience has got to be God given and these students had picked up on that.

This Friday at 9 am, the year 7 and year 8 students are the last of the College student population to attend Friday Mass for 2015. Mass commences at 9 am and is open to all. Father Nigel will have returned by then from a well-earned holiday and will guide them through the Mass. I would like to thank Father Nigel and the parishioners for the way they have welcomed us to this particular Mass during the year.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Office News

2016 Fees & Levies

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the 2016 Fees and Charges schedule. In support of families, the College has endeavoured to keep all increases to a minimum and to look for avenues of expenditure savings. However despite this, some increases are needed to ensure that education expenses incurred are covered. Please note that increases given are for the full year not per term.

In 2015 Tuition Fees (Prep – Year 12) did not increase but for 2016 a small increase of 1.5% is required. In dollar terms this means for a single child family an increase of $15 per year for a Primary student or $30 per year for a Secondary student.

The Capital Levy will increase by $5 to $555 and this is a family based not student based levy. The Year 9 – Year 12 ICT Levy was increased in 2015 and will remain at $400 for 2016. The Prep - Year 8 ICT Levy has been $200 since 2013 and now needs to rise to $250 to reflect the increase in ICT expenses over the last three years.

Some Year 9 – Year 12 elective subject levies need to increase to reflect the real costs of these subjects in particular covering the excursions and consumables costs. All elective subject levies will increase by $20 per year with the exception of those connected to Manual Arts and Trade Skills which will increase by $50 per year. Please note there is a new Study of Religion subject levy for Years 11 – 12 mainly to cover their assessment required excursion.

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The Primary General Levies, which include the costs of camps and College provided consumable work books, will rise by $20 per student. There is no increase to the Secondary General levy as we have managed to cover costs within the existing levy amount. Subject levies apply only to Secondary students and Year 7 – 9 will see a $30 increase for 2016, their first since 2013. Years 10-12 Subject Levies will remain at their existing 2015 rate.

The total collation of increases for a single student family in Primary for 2016 is $90 for the year which is an increase of under $2 per week. A family with a student in Years 7-8 is looking at an increase of $115 for the year or around $2.20 for the week. Families with students in Years 9 -12 are looking at increases starting at $35 per year plus elective subject levy changes.

Any families who are concerned about their fee account for 2016 are encouraged to talk to the College. You are welcome to make an appointment with either myself, our Finance Secretary Briony Hoare or our current Principal Michael Nayler.

**Concessions Applications**
Concession application forms will be available from next week for families who believe they may require a concession for 2016. Please note that concessions are means tested and that families are required to provide financial documentation in support of their application. Families currently in receipt of a concession will have a reapplication pack posted out to them. It is essential that this be returned with the supporting documentation by the advised due date. For continuing families, failure to return your application this year may mean that assistance is not available next year. The College has only a limited amount of funds set aside for concession assistance and the expectation is that existing families will be assessed this year in preparation for next year. Any reserves left over are for new applications or for existing families who may experience unexpected hardship throughout the year.

**Early Payment Discount**
An early payment discount of 5% on the Tuition Fees will be applied to the account if the full year’s Fees and Levies are paid in advance at the commencement of the year. The payments need to be made and received by the College in 2015 or in 2016 before 31st January 2016. You will not receive an invoice for this discounted amount, but instead if you are interested in the discount, please work out your 2016 charges from the Schedule or see Finance Secretary Briony Hoare for assistance with this calculation. Paying your 2016 account in advance assists the College by helping us build a December and January cash reserve during a period when our income funds are low or non-existent until Term 1 income starts coming in again.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

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**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

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Date Claimer
Prep to Year 6 Christmas Carols - Thursday, 3rd December from 5pm to 7pm in the Maryknoll Centre

Sausage Sizzle, drinks and ice blocks available to purchase. Raffles and prizes throughout the night.

Junior Choir Christmas song performance as well as all Prep to Year 6 classes.

All Prep to Year 6 students and families welcome.

Kind regards,
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Prep to Year 6 Teaching and Learning Leader

Date Claimer - 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
**Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News**

Our year 10 -12 students have had some very insightful advice from Tracey Sutton and the Health Training and Safety Team from Meandu Mine. They were supported by Senior Constable Todd Armstrong who was able to give students some very grave details relating to driving while fatigued.

The Meandu Mine Safety campaign team shared information that is currently used with their own employees which ensures that their workforce is “fit for work” and are not operating heavy machinery/vehicles whilst fatigued. In sharing some of these learnings with the Year 10 -12 students before they head out into the workforce it is hoped that lives can be saved.

Last week’s 50 minute talk will be supplemented this week with a discussion for YR 12 students on other pressing issues facing school leavers today. This will be provided through the local Kingaroy Police “adopt a cop” Senior Constable Todd Armstrong.

Regards  
Mr Paul Fomiatti  
Year 10 to 12 Student Wellbeing Leader

**Music News**

**Celebration of the Arts - tonight!**

Our Arts students have been polishing their acts and artworks for our huge annual showcase evening, which will be held tonight in the Maryknoll Centre.

From a Music perspective, I am particularly proud of the work done by the Year 7A, 7B, 7C, and 8B classes who have been memorising a drumline routine for the event. I encourage all students in these classes to participate in this very special, one-off performance. All-black clothing is required - nothing special, just black.

Best wishes to all of our talented and hard-working performers and artists from all of our Arts subjects and co-curricular activity areas!

**2nd Annual Instrumental Music Evening**

Congratulations to all of our young musicians who performed at this event. It was fantastic to see so many courageous students sharing their talents with family and friends. Our three Music Tutors, Jo Kennedy, Grant Jeppesen and Jo Hopkins, beamed with pride as their students sang and played.

Mrs Tania Corbet, one of our dedicated P&F parents, provided the audience with refreshments at interval, and I am very thankful to her for her efforts.

A special mention must be made of Manu Attanayaka our youngest performer, who is currently in Prep. Manu played the piano beautifully.

**Year 3, 3/4, 4, 5, 5/6, and 6 NEED RECORDERS!**

The students in these classes will be commencing their recorder assessment next week, however some students have yet to bring a recorder to school! Please check that your child has a recorder so that they can complete their assessment. Recorders are available at most discount stores, newsagents, and music shops.

**Parent Homework**

Follow this link or search for "music parents guide". It’s a great read.

http://www.musicparentsguide.com

Have a great week,  
Ms Jane Iszlouab  
Music Coordinator

**Year 11 Work Experience News**

All Year 11 students are required to complete work experience in the week of the 23rd to 27th November 2015. Students were informed that it is their responsibility to find a suitable placement by 6th November 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample a career they are interested in and could see themselves doing in the future. Should there be any queries, please contact me on 4160 0900.

Kind regards  
Mrs Megan Holt  
Career and Employment Transition Coach
**Interschool Chess Competition News**

Two teams of chess players (a secondary and primary team) represented the College in St. Columban’s inaugural chess Competition on Monday. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and competed against many different schools from Brisbane Northside. Whilst both teams represented the College with pride and enthusiasm, I am very pleased to announce that our secondary team (comprising of Jared Gossow, Jim Corbet, Jed Sparkes and Robbie Veivers) came an overall 2nd! Robbie Veivers achieved a first place overall. Well done to all our chess players! What a fantastic way to end the year of chess.

Kind regards
Mrs Melanie Burr

**Indigenous News**

**Saint Mary’s Awards Night 2015**

What a proud night for our Indigenous families at our Annual speech night last Thursday.

It was an overwhelming feeling to sit in the audience and watch our students receive the awards that they have worked so hard to achieve.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Reece Hartman Prep A – Completion of prep
- Shakira Southey Prep A – Completion of prep & 5 years girls cross country age champion
- Parker Simpson Prep B – Completion of prep
- Amelia Broderick Year 1 – Carroll Award for Diligence
- Keli Law-Palm Year 3/4 – Christian Living Award
- Ethan Gates Year 6 – 12 year boys cross-country & athletics age champion
- Deidre Murray Year 9 – 14 years girls swimming age champion
- Rahab Murray Year 11 – Open girls Swimming & Athletics age champion.

**Special congratulations to our Major award winners**

- Rahab Murray Year 11 – Sportswoman of the Year award (a tie with Renee Irvine)
- Torue Palm Year 7 – Aunty Daisy Deadly Achievement Award
- Courtney Boney Year 7 – Mary MacKillop Award

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

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**

Morning Tea and Lunch – Chicken and Gravy Roll $3.50

Morning Tea and Lunch – Chicken Rice Noodle Salad $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 50c 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.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

Kokoda Challenge News
On Monday afternoon, 25 students and a number of dedicated staff began training in preparation for the 30km walk in Toowoomba March next year. Mr. Hislop drove the big bus to Mt Wooroolin, where we began our bush walk following the track up the top. Mr. Bernardi guided us up the track where most of us found it an easy climb.

Next week we train in groups, where a one hour time challenge over 6km will push us a little harder and get us a little fitter for the oncoming event.

Next February we will taking the training a whole lot more seriously, where we will undertake 10km and 15km walks in the Bunya’s and Blackbutt ranges. We already have 3 volunteer parents to help at checking stations on the trail.

We are all looking forward to the Kokoda challenge, through the steep and relentless Toowoomba ranges next year, but consistent preparation will be essential.

Regards
Mr Wayne Dunbrack
Kokoda Challenge Coordinator
8th Annual Disability Art Show
2nd-27th November 2015
Free Admission
Celebrating Ability
Opening Day
Saturday 7th November - 10am - noon
R.S.V.P - 0417 010 292
Tina@forkit.com.au
An Exhibition of works
By people with a disability
Gallery hours:
Mon – Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm
Weekends 10am to 4pm
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SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER
6.30pm
Kingaroy Memorial Park
Haly St, Kingaroy
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PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR
UNDER THE STARS!
All Funds raised helps all creatures great and small
CHOCOLATE
HOT DRINKS
SPLISHES
POPCORN
Twilight Artisan’s
Market
4pm—8pm
Friday 6 November
Friday 4 December
at The Winds of Change Art Gallery
8 George Street, Nanango
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the Winds of Change Art Gallery
& George Street, Nanango QLD 4615
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Please join us to celebrate the amazing talent on show at Saint Mary's

St. Mary's Catholic College

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
Saint Mary’s Catholic College