Dear parents, carers and friends of Saint Mary’s,
At our assembly today, I strongly encouraged all in our community to join us for our Combined Anniversary celebrations from 6-11pm on Saturday, May 30. Past and present students, staff and families are very welcome to attend this event in a generation event. You do not need to have RSVPed to attend.

The evening begins at 6pm with our Combined Anniversaries Mass in the College’s Maryknoll Centre which will be followed by a night of entertainment, food stalls, coffee vans, a bar and memorabilia sales.

There will be a variety of wonderful winter-warmer meals on sale at the Combined Anniversary evening including: wood-fired pizzas, roasts, stews and curries, gourmet hot dogs and desserts. NB* all sales on the evening will be by cash. Only the photo booth will have EFTPOS facilities. Our College’s P&F will be running the bar on the evening and also the BBQ at the Open Day on Sunday. Our College Board will be looking after memorabilia sales.

Parents and carers are reminded that staff are not on duty for these events and that students need to be supervised by their parents or carers. Students assisting with activities across the weekend will be advised by supervising staff whether they need to wear Formal Uniform (eg Mass helpers, choir, and tours) or Dance / Drama costumes etc. All other students can just wear appropriate free clothes to the events.

Memorabilia sales and P&F bar and BBQ sales will help to support our College community in its many new projects including the building of the new Multisports court. This court will hopefully begin construction in the upcoming school holidays and will feature: basketball, netball, tennis and volleyball courts.

Please also encourage any prospective parents to join us for our College Open Day from 10am – 2pm on Sunday, May 31.

This week we also celebrate two other major events:

- Saint Mary, Help of Christians Feast Day (Sunday May 24th): We celebrated a beautiful Pentecost Sunday Mass on the actual Feast Day which takes precedence over Saint Mary’s Feast. Our students sang, read and participated beautifully in this wonderful Mass. I would particularly like to thank Mr Perrett, Mrs Iszlaub and Mrs Moya Hayden for organising this special Mass. As a community, we will celebrate our Saint Mary’s Feast Day as part of the Combined Anniversaries Mass at 6pm, this Saturday night.
- Sorry Day (May 26) and Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3): As a school we will celebrate Reconciliation Week with a liturgy and activity day on Mabo Day (June 3). It is sad that some Australians still do not understand the reasons behind these celebrations. I did my best to offer students this brief explanation (below) on assembly.

Sorry Day (May 26): Commemorates the day that the Australian Government apologised to the children of the Stolen Generation. This has also since occurred for all children (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) who were forcibly removed from their homes. The “Sorry” we talk about is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sense of “Sorry” as in “Sorry Business” around funerals. We open our hearts and feel sorrow for those affected by this rather than saying that we are personally apologising for our own actions which is impossible. Some Australians still wrongly think that Sorry Day is asking people today to personally apologise for past injustices.

Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3) is a time for all Australians to come together and recognise that we are all brothers and sisters. It commemorates two landmark events:
- May 27, 1967 - Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander...
peoples and recognise them in the national census.

- 3 June, 1992 - The High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

I would hope that all of this week's special events would serve to bring us all closer together as a College, community, country and world.

As we celebrate our Combined Anniversaries, I would ask that the blessings of Saint Mary, help of Christians and St Benedict be with you all.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. - William James

Before Orville and Wilbur Wright ever flew the first airplane at Kitty Hawk, they believed flight was possible. They had a picture of it in their minds. The first step in creating anything is to be able to picture it in our minds. If we can picture it as a possibility, we can work to make it happen.

When we were small, we dreamed a thousand dreams about what could happen in our lives. Anything, even magical things, seemed like they could happen, and our world is full of visions. That part of us that believes wonderful, magical things can happen is still in us. It may have been beaten down for a while, but it is still there waiting to help us seek the wonderful, lovely, and good things in life.

Inappropriate Language

I would like to remind all students about the use of appropriate language around the College grounds and within class. Being respectful to our fellow students means using kind words at all times. When we get frustrated we must not resort to swearing as this is a clear violation of College rules. On Tuesday this week all students were reminded about the use of correct language.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News

Last Year, the college staff developed a Homework Policy which focused on the involvement of the staff, the student, and support from parents and carers at home.

As a follow up to the section about parental and carer involvement, the following piece of research by Hill and Tyson (2000) sets out the most effective type of involvement.

Regards

Mr John Dalton
APA

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Sacraments
As mentioned last week, we wish all students from our college receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Sunday all the best. It is a special occasion also for Mr Scott Collier, Year 5 teacher, who is also receiving the sacraments. He went through the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults program and will join the students this weekend. The students, Kaitlin Richie, Angus McDonald, Samuel Erwin, Lachlan O’Kane, Samuel Perrett and Austin Kelly will receive the sacraments at Mass celebrated by Bishop Finninig and Fr Nigel.

Dear God, through the Holy Spirit
Show us the way to help one another especially our brothers and sisters receiving the sacraments, become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.
Come, Holy Spirit! Come

The College would like to thank Ms Pam Radcliffe and Mrs Sandra Ritchie for the sacramental program they have put together and facilitated for our students. Many hours of work goes into preparing candidates for this special occasion and the students have been blessed to have these generous women involved.

Interschool Futsal Shield
Last Thursday, seven Saint Mary’s teams went down to Kingaroy State High to defend the annual interschool futsal shield. Unfortunately we went down by one win. The students played very well and special mention to the U/13 boys and girls who played their game and then up in the U/15 division as well. Our U/15 teams were on a science excursion.

The games were played in good spirit and I know Mr Peter Collins from the high school enjoyed the rivalry. I am always buoyed by the spirit and manner which our students compete with. We turned up as one group in the college coaster, all dressed in the same uniform and played to the best of our ability. For a secondary school of 1/4 the size of our rival, we performed very well.

‘It’s time to change it up’ – Reconciliation Day
On Wednesday the 3rd of June, the last day of Reconciliation Week 2015 and Mabo Day, the College has planned several activities. The theme this year is ‘It’s time to change it up’ and on this day we plan to do just that.

Below is an outline of the day

9.00am Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony
9.30am Liturgy of the Word, Reconciliation Day Message and performance
11.00 am Prep to year 6 – various indigenous activities
12.35pm Year 7-12 indigenous talks and activities

The college would welcome all families of the college to join us for the 9 am ceremony.

Peace Child Reunion
On Wednesday, 3rd June the cast of the Peace Child will be performing one of the sentimental favourites from their 2014 Musical, Come to the River. This piece has great significance to individual and community reconciliation and seems a very fitting song for our Reconciliation Day Activities. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and have another look at their child perform. It should take place at about 9.50 in the Maryknoll Centre, but it would be great if you could join us for the entire ceremony from 9 am starting at the Dreaming Garden.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE
A human being has so many skins inside, covering the depths of the heart. We know so many things, but we don’t know ourselves! Why, thirty or forty skins or hides, as thick and hard as an ox’s or bear’s, cover the soul. Go into your own ground and learn to know yourself there.

Meister Eckhart

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/meister_eckhart.html#DsKeh7QqMS9zctt4.99

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Once again this year I am delighted to help Prep to Year 7 students participate in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Research shows that young people who read for pleasure excel in a range of learning activities. Reading widely will bring untold benefits throughout their lives.

The reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge at Saint Mary’s starts on Monday 18th May and closes Friday 28th August.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. ‘Experiencing’ books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.

Students will have received a reading challenge record sheet and bookmark to help them keep track of the books they have read.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates to students in Term 4.

For more information about Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

You can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this challenge.

Chess
Students had a wonderful time in Maryborough yesterday. Mrs Erwin and Mr Hutton were very impressed by the integrity and commitment the students displayed throughout the day. With over 125 competitors, the Saint Mary’s chess team did us very proud indeed! An extra well-done to Tom Pennell who attained an overall second in the primary division and Jared Gossow and Chris Janz who attained merits for their performance.

Chess is open to all students (Year 3-12) at our college and students are encouraged to play chess in the library at lunchtimes. Afternoon tutorials with Mr Dunbrack every Thursday from 3pm-4pm in Room 41 will continue to occur. Students are encouraged to use https://www.chessacademy.com/ to improve their skills. This website provides good tips and skills on all three parts of the game.

A very big thank-you to our wonderful PNF for sponsoring awesome chess polos for our team. The students were very excited to be wearing them and looked amazing!

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

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**Headlice**

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the College and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment available from your local chemist. After using the treatment use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. Any articles which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should be washed in hot soapy water.

As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

**Winter Carnival**

This Friday 29th May, the Winter Carnival is being held at various venues around Kingaroy. Soccer is being held at the Kingaroy Soccer Grounds, Netball is being held at Taabinga State School, Touch Football is being held at St John's Lutheran School, and Basketball is being held at Kingaroy State School/State High School. First game starts at 9:30am sharp and will finish around 2:30pm.

Unfortunately the Year 4 students are away on camp, and will not be able to participate. However, the Year 5 and 6's are very excited to participate in the annual Winter Carnival. There will be an update next week about results.

**QISSN Competition**

The QISSN competition is fast approaching with only 5 weeks to go. The girls have had different opportunities playing against other teams and schools around the area. Training is still on Thursday afternoons, and may include some lunch times as we get nearer to the school holidays. Fundraising is well underway and the support from the students and families around the school is very much appreciated.

Regards
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

**Indigenous News**

**Reconciliation Day 2015**

On Wednesday, 3rd June we will be celebrating Reconciliation Day here at Saint Mary’s. There will be a Liturgy starting at 9am in the Dreaming Garden followed by various activities. We would love to see all our Parents and Carers join us for this special day. Many thanks to all the elders who are giving up their time to share their knowledge with us.

Regards
Mrs Karen Bond
Indigenous Support Worker

**Classroom News**

**Shoe Boxes Required**

Year 2 is looking for some shoe boxes. If you are able to spare a couple can you please drop them off to the Year 2 classroom.

Thanks
Miss Saxton
Year 2 Teacher

**Music News**

**Music on show at our Anniversary this weekend!**

Thanks to all families who have returned permission forms for the following events this weekend:

1. All students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to participate in the Junior Choir singing “A Childhood Hymn” at the Anniversary Mass, Saturday, arrive by 5:15pm;
2. All girls in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to participate in the Senior Girls’ Vocal Ensemble singing “Agnus Dei” at the Anniversary Mass, Saturday, arrive by 5:45pm;
3. Instrumental Music students and Classroom Music students are welcome to perform at the Open Day, Sunday, arrive by 9:50am. The permission forms are still available at the office, or I am happy to email a copy home if needed.
Let’s put our Music Department on the map by celebrating the enormous body of talent that exists at our College!

**The New Saint Mary’s Orchestra.**
Our College orchestra commenced rehearsals on Monday, and such was the talent in the room, the young musicians are already able to play through both ‘Advance Australia Fair’ and “Happy” from Despicable Me 2. To join this ensemble, students must be at approximately Level 2 standard, which is the equivalent to Book 2 of most tutor books or Grade 2 (Australian Music Examinations Board). What is non-negotiable, however, is commitment to the group, including rehearsals and performances. Application forms are available at the office.

**’Intro To The Uke!’ Unit.**
All students in Year 5, 6, 7, and 8 will have ukulele lessons this year in Classroom Music. The Year 7’s (A, B, and C), and 8A are currently learning ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’, plus some other songs to develop their musical skills. Several students have asked to borrow ukes to practice at home, however I have no instruments to spare. Students are welcome to arrange supervised practice sessions in the Music Block at breaks with me. Alternately, music retailers have great kids’ ukes in a range of bright colours priced between $20 - $30.

**Did You Know.**
...that every 4th Sunday morning, our St Mary’s Parish Church holds a service designed with children in mind? This past Sunday, we included lots of children’s hymns into the service, including “If I Were A Butterfly”. We even have a children’s choir, fully equipped with microphones for the kids who are keen to sing by themselves. The fantastically talented Moya Hayden leads a quick run-through of the songs at 9:20am so everyone is confident with the lyrics to all of the songs. It’s lots of fun, and very welcoming. Our Assistant Principal (RE), Mr Marty Perrett, can answer any questions families may have about this lovely Sunday event.

Yours in music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

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**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**
Morning Tea and Lunch - Chicken Chippees (5) - $3.50
Lunch Only - Potato Bake-$3.50

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

**Volunteers**
Friday, 29th May - Jessica Langley
Monday, 1st June - Rhonda Van Beelen

**Donation of Goods**
If you are able to donate any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated.
- Self-Raising Flour
- Caster Sugar
- Small Tinned Corn Kernels
- Tinned Whole Beets
- Beef Stock Powder
- Tinned Diced or Crushed Tomatoes
- Pasta - Spiral, Spaghetti, Penne or Macaroni
- Small Tinned Pineapple
- Tinned Tomato Soup
- Rice—Long Grain White
- Popcorn Kernels

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 ordering 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 and this will ensure that they will have their lunch on time.

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

**Year 10 Queensland Museum Field Trip**

On Thursday, 21st May 48 year ten students and 4 staff travelled to the Queensland Museum to engage in a science field trip crucial to their studies this term. As part of the excursion they were able to visit the world-class ‘Dinosaur Discovery’ exhibition and investigate other displays relevant to their study of Genetics, Diversity and Natural Selection. The exhibition included 20 “life-sized” animatronic dinosaurs which truly put the scale of these animals into perspective. This also allowed the students to see the different structural and behavioural features that help the dinosaurs to survive. Students also could see the organisms which lived in Australia long before human settlement.

The peer bonding on the buses and during the activities was heartening. Mr Curran, Ms Inwood, Mrs Kerkow and Mr Osborne fully enjoyed the day, as did most of the students. This is one of the largest groups of students to travel away for a subject based excursion and they demonstrated the behaviour expected from Saint Mary’s students.

Regards
Mr Scott Osborne
Class Teacher

**Whip Cracking News**

**Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Whipcracking Competition, Sunday 31st May 2015**

**Age Groups**
- 8 years & under
- 9-12 Years
- 13-16 Years

**Nominations** - 8.30am in Dickinson Park
**Competition** - 8.45am

Competitors will be judged on a 1 minute performance.

Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each age group at the end of the competition.

Sunglasses and a broad brimmed hat should be worn for safety.

**Saint Mary’s Catholic College Open Day and Jubilee Celebrations**
Whip Cracking Team Demonstrations
Sunday, 31st May 10am-12.30pm

(Please meet Mrs Arrell outside the Year 6 Classroom at 10.00am).

**EKKA Performance and Competition**
Friday, 7th August
Royal Queensland Show Australian Stockwhip Challenge
Please submit Expression of Interest to Mrs Arrell ASAP for this Challenge, as numbers are limited.

Regards
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator

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Parents and Friends News

Last Tuesday we held our P & F meeting, in which we discussed the upcoming Anniversary celebrations. Thank you to all those kind people who have been in contact with me. If I haven’t returned your call, I will very shortly. We have had a great response to our call for volunteers, we should be able to run a very efficient bar and sausage sizzle over the weekend.

Each Monday afternoon at 3.30pm we will hold a practice for our Rock On Stage number. If you would like to join our motley crew we will gather at the Maryknoll Centre. We would love to have as many parents, grandparents or friends as we can. It is NOT necessary to have a right and left foot! (I have two left feet) so please join us if you are up for a bit of fun.

If you need to contact me my number is 0419 766 141.

God bless

Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

Dear Parents/Guardians

Principal Performance Review - Survey Closing Monday 8 June

As announced previously, Mr Michael Nayler is currently undertaking a Principal Performance Review.

On Friday 22 May, a sample of families selected across various year levels were emailed an invitation to participate in a confidential on-line survey conducted by Ardjuna, an independent survey company. This would have appeared as from “automall@ardjuna.com”.

Please check your inbox and junk folders.

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

Yours sincerely

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

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Prep Whiptail Wallabies Learning Journey
Some snapshots from the learning areas.....

**History:** Investigating how stories from the past can be remembered and exploring Indigenous stories.

Our colourful Rainbow Serpents.

**English:** Exploring letter - sound correspondence, different representations of letters, reading strategies and adding 'special words' to our Humpty Dumpty word wall.

**Visual Arts:** Looking at different techniques used by artists who have illustrated children's books (Jeanie Baker and Eric Carle).

Our whole class Very Hungry Caterpillar using the technique of Eric Carle (paint and tissue paper).

**Mathematics:** Investigating number.

Our number 8 octopus and number 9 mobiles.

**Religious Education:** Investigating Bible stories... How did Jesus show love, kindness and compassion?

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Saturday Sept 5th 2015

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