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

On Saturday, August 8, we celebrated the life of Australia’s first saint, St. Mary MacKillop (1842 –1909) with a Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral. Throughout her life Mother Mary of the Cross (as she was known) worked to establish schools across Australia to meet the needs of the poor and marginalised. She often clashed with church authorities over injustices.

On the Mary MacKillop website there is a summary (below) of some of the things that made Mary a worthy saint by one of the current Sisters of St Joseph who have carried on her tradition.

Who is Mary MacKillop?
(by Sr. Helen Archer rsj – Clermont from http://www.marymackillop.org.au)

She was …

- A woman of faith who believed that God was looking after her. Her whole life was an act of faith – faith in her ‘good God’ – from the beginning of her call to follow Christ to her final moments. In 1874 Mary could say, ‘God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right.’
- A woman who suffered not only with her health, but also through misunderstandings and prejudice.
- A woman of principle – who stuck to her guns when she knew that she was doing what God wanted of her. ‘When a duty is clear to me, it must be done at all cost.’ (1899)
- A woman who forgave those who hurt her – and there were many!
- A woman who had her feet firmly on the ground – an ordinary woman who was filled with the love of God.
- A woman who respected the dignity of each person. ‘Make no reserves with God. Reject no one. You never know what grace can do.’ (1871)
- A woman who loved children dearly – especially the poor.

Mary MacKillop challenges us to ask – How is God speaking to me in my everyday life – how do I ‘serve’ others? Because God is to be found in the everyday ordinary workings of our lives, and is never far away, perhaps we could pray:

Help us Lord to be people who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you.
May we, through the prayers of Mary MacKillop have the courage to live out what you ask.

Building Update: It is hoped that work can start on our new buildings at the beginning of September, with the hope that they will be ready for the start of the 2016 school year. Unfortunately, all of the tenders came in well over budget, so we are looking at extending our loans to cover the additional amount. These extra costs have also meant that the proposed self-funded primary room will not go ahead, but may be added to future government funded projects. The current project will still give us 6 new classrooms, a student services room and the new music room.

New Uniform 2016: Just a reminder to all families that we begin our new uniform from the start of the 2016 school year. The current uniform will still be able to be worn for the 2016 and 2017 school years, so that students have a chance to grow out of it. As per previous communications we ask that students wear either the complete old uniform or complete new uniform and not bits from each.
P & F Working Bee
Sunday morning the P&F will be holding a working bee to carry out a general clean up around the College. Everyone is welcome, the morning will kick off at 8 am. Bring gloves and any gardening tools you feel will help.

Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

A Prayer for Peace of Mind
Almighty God, we bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses and everything we lay our hands on.

Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Rock on Stage DVDs
Rock on Stage DVDs have arrived and are available for collection at Student Services at the end of the day. Please come and see Mrs Rutley to collect your DVD.

God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

QCA News

Please note the following arrangements for Year 11 and 12 students affected by both the QCS Test practice, and the QCS Test.

(A) Tuesday 18th August and Wednesday 19th August (QCS Practice)

Year 12 Students: (18/08/15 and 19/08/15)
It is essential that all OP eligible Year 12 students are in attendance on these days.

Non OP eligible Year 12 students have a number of options on these two days:
• They may negotiate with Traineeship host employers for additional days in the workplace.
• They may attend the College and take part in timetabled lessons that are combined with Year 11 students or are altered for supervised study lessons.
• TAFE and other Certificate I, II, and III material may be worked on at home.

Year 11 Students: (18/08/15 and 19/08/15)
There will be regular Year 11 classes on these days, and so all Year 11 students are to be in attendance or at traineeship venues as normal.

(B) Tuesday 1st Sept and Wednesday 2nd Sept (QCS Test)

Year 12 Students: (01/09/15 and 02/09/15)
It is essential that all OP eligible Year 12 students are in attendance on these days for the QCS test.

Non OP eligible Year 12 students have a number of options on these two days:
• They may negotiate with Traineeship host employers for additional days in the workplace.
• TAFE and other Certificate I, II, and III material may be worked on at home.
• Students not eligible for an OP score and not sitting the QCS Test must NOT attend the College on this day, as there are no lessons scheduled for them.

Year 11 Students: (01/09/15 and 02/09/15)
All Year 11 students (including those with traineeships and TAFE courses) are required to attend a two day Leadership Camp at Camp Duckadang during these two days. Attendance is important, for it is at this event that the foundations for 2016 senior aspirations are formed, and students come to understand the College Student Leadership process.
After this camp, the process of determining College Captains, members of the SRC, and other leadership positions begins. More information about this camp will be coming to students in the near future.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

APRE News

Year 9 & 10 Reflection Day
This Wednesday students from Year 9 and 10 will join together in the Maryknoll centre for the annual Reflection Day. The day allows students to interact in an environment other than the playground or classroom and to cover issues that might need more time, encouragement and inspiration. Our presenter is a long term friend of the College Dave Jorna. Dave is the owner of Project Hatch, a retreat team that works with many schools across South East Queensland. He combines his own grounded Christian Faith, humour and his exceptional music talent to create a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Students are to wear suitable casual clothes and bring their morning tea. We will provide a sausage sizzle but it might not satisfy the biggest of eaters, so a packed lunch might be wise.

Vinnies Winter Sleepout – This Friday from 5 pm
Consent forms for this event are available at the office. A rough itinerary of the night is included below; however I would prefer to stay away from a really rigid program to allow the event to take shape based on the depth of presentations, discussions and activities on offer.

5.00 pm Participants gather, afternoon tea
5.30 pm Welcome / House Keeping
5.40 pm Prayer
5.45 pm The organisation – about us – National / state
6.00 pm The local conference – about us
6.30 pm Dinner – soup / toast
7.00 pm Sleeping Rough - Group Activity - build cardboard accommodation
7.45 pm Visual session (utube clips/ video)
8.00 pm Family Movie
9.30 pm Supper (hot drinks / biscuit)
10.00 pm Bed
6.30 am Breakfast
7.30 Closing prayer

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

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.

Take Home Readers
All take home readers and library books for Prep to Year 2 students are due back on Tuesdays please. This term there has been an increasing amount of students forgetting to bring back their readers each week. Can you please help them by ensuring these are ready in their library bags on Tuesday mornings.

Accelerated Reader
I am very pleased to announce our first three Millionaires! These are students who have read more than a million words on the Accelerated Reader program this year. Congratulations Josee Currin, Samuel Erwin and Martin Penny on the incredible effort you have already put in.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian
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Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

There will be a Prep to Year 6 school DISCO on Friday, 11th September - second last week of school. It will be in the Mary Knoll Centre. It runs from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Wear your best disco gear! There will be prizes on the night for most creative dress, funniest dance moves and most creative hair. Addison Hawks (yr 6) will be our DJ requests will be taken. Ainsley Moller, Emma Manktelow, Caitlin Kennedy will be running the canteen, collecting the gold coins and assisting the younger students. There will be teacher supervision for the evening.

Poppers and chips will be on sale. Free water. Gold coin donation as you enter. All proceeds going to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

Music News

Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival

This school music festival, now in its 25th year, is based at Villanova College in Coorparoo, Brisbane. As the largest festival of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, it draws instrumental and choral ensembles from around Queensland and interstate, giving them the platform to perform, and receive feedback from professional musicians and leading music educators. The festival is massive; running seven performance venues simultaneously over a four-day period.

I was fortunate to attend the QCMF on the weekend, and to be given a tour of the QCMF by some of the staff at Villa, including the Head of Senior Curriculum (The Arts), Emma Dron, Head of Percussion, Gordon Hughes, and Junior School Instrumental Music Coordinator, Samantha Sleep. They are eager to support our College to participate in the QCMF in 2016, and we are currently putting plans in place to prepare our students for this to occur. I would encourage all students to participate in our developing College Ensembles (Junior/Senior Orchestra, Junior Choir, Senior Choir) as involvement in a tour to this big Brisbane festival would certainly be a memorable experience.

Year 3 String Immersion Program

Our College provides the only music immersion program in our region, and I am pleased to report that our Year 3 students have made a flying start! They are now experts at holding their instruments, and have started 'The Ekka Song', which is helping them to memorise the names of the four violin strings - G, D, A, E (Good Day At Ekka).

Students will be allowed to bring their violins home as soon as our resident Strings Teacher, Jo Kennedy, believes they can attach the shoulder rest independently, and handle the instrument appropriately. I commend all students in this year level for their effort during lessons, and their excellent behaviour. I am sure we will see some talent uncovered during the Semester as the students begin to explore this beautiful instrument.

In closing for this week’s newsletter, I would like to leave you with a statement made at the QCMF Mass on Sunday:

“We are here to affirm, appreciate, and respect each other through music... When we get together to play and sing music, we support each other through our times of trouble. We learn from each other, and share our gifts to create something bigger that we can achieve as individuals”.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Year 12 Valedictory Fundraising Events

Throughout Term 3 the Year 12 class will be holding fundraising events. These events are:
- 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.

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Friday, 28th August - Movie Night from 3.30pm in the Maryknoll Centre. Movie to be confirmed.

Thursday, 3rd September - 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, 8th September - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.

Thursday, 10th September - Icy cups $1 and pizza slice $1.50. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.

Tuesday, 15th September - Sausage Sizzle. Sausage on bread and popper $1.50 each. Located in the Maryknoll Canteen at Lunch time.

Thursday, 17th September - 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 Boое in November.

Regards
Year 12 students

Whip Cracking News

Upcoming Whip Cracking Dates
- 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 - Meatlovers Pizza Subs - $3.50
Lunch - Mac'n'Cheese - $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.

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 0.5c 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 puppie, they must collect them from the tuckshop. They are not able to be put into the tuckshop baskets.

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Volunteers
Wednesday, 19th August - Debbie Bunker
Friday, 21st August - Amanda Hetherington
Wednesday, 26th August - Bonnie Sandbach

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

Chess News
Chess at Saint Mary's College continues to grow. Last Tuesday Mr Dunbrack and Mr Hutton travelled with sixteen students to Bundaberg for the Wide Bay-Burnett Chess Championships – two secondary teams and two primary teams.

Under Mr Dunbrack's coaching our students' skills continue to improve to the point where all of our teams are holding their own against some very strong schools. Special mention goes to Jarod Gossow, who was mentioned for a commendation, with four wins and a draw. Jarod's opponents included at least one State Championship player.

Visual Art News
Photography at Saint Mary's
We currently have students entering work into two very prestigious competitions for photography at the moment. Both The Pixel Prize (run by the Australia Catholic University) and the Screenshot Prize (run by the Art Gallery of New South Wales) are highly sought after awards for high school students. Last year we took out one of the major prizes at The Pixel Prize when Nathan Brandan won the digitally edited section. Good luck to the students who are entering this year.

Ragards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Classroom Teacher

Parents and Friends News
Father's Day - Father and Child Dinner
Father and child dinner on Wednesday, 2nd September. If you would like to attend please contact me at sbrobbo@gmail.com.
God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

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.

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The candidate (Grade 3 or older) does not need to attend at this stage. There will be one session and this will be repeated.

Tomorrow - Thursday 20th August at 1.30pm in the Board Room. Repeated that evening Thursday 20th August 6.00pm in Saint Mary’s Hall. Note change of venue.

Please bring $20 and a photo of your child. This is for the workbook and certificate and the photo for the pin board in the church. At this information session you will be given a schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sign On Liturgy/Mass will be Weekend 22nd/23rd August or Weekend 29th/30th August, either at the Saturday 6.00pm Liturgy/Mass or Sunday 10.00am Mass. You choose the best time and weekend. This is when the Parents and their child commit to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the 8 weeks preparation course.

Over the course of this preparation time there will be parts of the Mass that the children will be participating in during the Liturgy or Mass. For example Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Our Father, Sign of Peace etc. This is outlined in the schedule.

An activity afternoon is scheduled for Saturday 7th November 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Saint Mary’s Parish Hall.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Saturday 21st November at 4.00pm in Saint Mary’s Church.

Please contact Pam Raddcliffe at Saint Mary’s Catholic College on 4162 2011 for more information. Confirmation and Eucharist will be 2016 with preparation to begin in February/March 2016. Your child can ‘defer’ if you feel they are not yet ready for the final sacraments of initiation.

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

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**Sausage Sizzle Order Form**

**Tuesday, 25th August 2015**

**SAUSAGES $1.50**

Name_____________________________ Year Level________

Number of Sausages________ Number of Poppers________

**Sauce (Please Tick)**

Tomato  BBQ  None

**POPPERS $1.50**

All money raised will go towards the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

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The Prep Sugar Gliders year has been gliding past at a fast pace, we cannot believe we are half way through Term 3! The Prep class were totally immersed at the beginning of the Term with ‘Rock on Stage’ preparations and performance. They enjoyed dancing and signing to the ‘Tribute to the 80’s’ theme. The Preps have been busy learning their sounds and letters using the Soundwaves Program and Alphabet Soup, Magic 100 Sight Words, PM Reading Books and Take Home Readers, as well as looking at Numbers, Shape, Measurement and Patterns in our iMaths program.

Every afternoon the Preps enjoy Cosmic Kids Yoga Program where they can stretch and relax after a busy day of learning. As soon as the cold weather disappears the Preps will be busy planting vegetables and flowers in their outdoor raised garden beds. Next week the Preps will be dressing up as their favourite book character and participating in the Book Week Parade on Wednesday morning as well as the Campfire Stories on Wednesday night. The book we are studying is Snail and Turtle are Friends’. For the next 3 weeks we are fortunate to have Miss Roxanne Guerin (Miss G) on Practicum in our Classroom. Miss G attended USQ in Toowoomba.
Kingaroy Junior Netball Break Up

Players and their families are welcome to a fun afternoon of activities and celebration. There will be a jumping castle and sausage sizzle. All players are encouraged to attend as team photos and awards will be given out.

Place  Kingaroy Netball Courts
When  1pm - 4 pm Saturday, 22nd August.
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.