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

We are quickly moving toward the end of our school year. With only a week and a half left for our Year 12s, I reminded them at assembly about the importance of taking the time to say thank you and goodbye to each other and also the staff and students. I also challenged the rest of our community to take the time to thank and acknowledge our 2015 Seniors.

In the final week of school, a few other staff members and myself will take our Senior students to the Parish hall for a farewell reflection afternoon. This afternoon allows students to say goodbye to one another properly in a prayerful, safe and supportive environment. I believe that this reflection day and our other ‘Rites of Passage’ which recognise these important transition times are vital. One of the concerns with modern society is that young people have very few of these events which allow them to celebrate movement into a new phase of life.

We celebrate ‘Rites of Passage’ via the College and Parish’s Sacramental program especially in the Sacrament of Confirmation, but also through our:

- Prep induction days and Prep Completion certificates.
- Year 6 Rite of Passage evening.
- Year 12 Graduation and Reflection Day.
- Indigenous Graduation evening.

Many parents and carers would be aware that I have pushed to get Head of Primary and Head of Secondary roles for Saint Mary’s over the past couple of years. Next year we will have both, with Mr Erwin moving from Deputy Principal to Acting Head of Secondary and we will interview for the Head of Primary role over the next fortnight. These Heads of School will take over some of the leadership of the Primary and Secondary school from our new Principal Mrs Myles next year and will act as Heads of their section with a view over all aspects of school life, including curriculum, student well-being and pastoral care, staff recruitment and training, and day-to-day organisation.

I am very pleased that Mrs Myles will have this additional leadership team support in her role as I have felt very stretched at times trying to cover the roles as a sole Principal. I am very grateful to Fr Nigel, our College Board and P&F who have thrown their support in with me to argue for these positions.

Last Wednesday, we held our incredible Arts Showcase in the College’s Maryknoll Centre. I am sure that the many hundreds who came along to support our students were as astounded as I always am at the depth of talent displayed by our students. As I told parents and carers on the night, I have been in secondary schools of 1000 students who could not produce half of the visual art, music, dance and drama that we experienced that evening. I thanked our student community for sharing their talents at this week’s assembly and encouraged them to be confident enough to continue using the God given gifts they have received.

I would like to thank Mr Dunbrack, Mr Erwin, Mr Dalton, Kyle Raabe and Sam Vinci for the nice surprise when I was pulled up on stage to play one of my favourite songs as part of an assembly farewell. This was a wonderful, but slightly daunting surprise. It is nice that the school community recognised my passion for music and the Arts in this fun way. I am so pleased with how our College’s Arts program has blossomed over these past four years.

At 4.30pm on Sunday, November 29 we will have a St Mary’s Parish Advent Mass and Dinner at the Parish Church and Hall. All families are invited to attend this fun evening with carols, games and a beautiful Mass and dinner.
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. I would also ask that any families who know that they will be leaving us in 2016, please let our office know ASAP, so that we can offer places to waiting list students.

Please be aware that our Saint Mary’s Catholic College page is the only Facebook page associated with our College. Please report any other pages using our name to Facebook. Some pages were started by people with good, but quite misguided intentions and this has led to confusion from some parents who are posting to these pages rather than going through proper channels at school.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

Communication with our College

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the correct way to resolve issues is by phoning or emailing the College. Please do not use Facebook to air grievances or discuss issues about your child and their learning. We have a dedicated wellbeing team who will assist you and resolve the issue of concern. In the first instance we ask that you contact the class teacher, then the relevant middle leader and finally, a member of the leadership team. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Celebration of the Arts

I would like to congratulate Ms Iszlaub, Mrs Langford Martoo, Ms Woodman and Mrs Arden for putting together an amazing celebration last week. The talent that our students possess is amazing and it was a pleasure to see so many wonderful students display their talents in all areas.

Last week Year 12

Monday next week is normal lessons for Year 12. On Tuesday they will attend a reflection day with Mr Nayler. Wednesday is practice for Mass followed by set up at Cassis until 1pm dismissal. Thursday is kept free for students with outstanding assessment and Friday is Valedictory mass followed by morning tea. Students are expected to attend the days above. If for any reason your child is absent, please contact the College office as per usual arrangements.

God bless

Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

CAPA News

Our College motto is ‘Realise Your Dignity’. However, during World Teachers Day last week, it was also a good reminder for teachers to also realise their professional dignity. The profession has changed greatly over the years with the way students, parenting and society at large has shifted.

Here is a very good article by Kathleen Noonan (the Courier Mail) about this matter, and I thought it was so thoughtful that it was worth bringing to the attention of anyone who missed it. I have deleted some sections to get it to a length suitable for our newsletter.

Opinion: Teachers take a bow and keep that little bit of voodoo alive Kathleen Noonan (the Courier Mail)

TEACHERS do the world’s most important job. When I first wrote about teachers in a positive way in my column, there were hundreds of emails from all over Queensland. It was quite stunning. They were so used to being routinely trashed as a profession.

Teaching used to be much easier. You ruled absolutely. You had the cane. Parents left you alone. You could smoke and wear shorts and long socks to work.

Today there is this almost casual demonisation of teachers that’s so prevalent these days it passes for uncontroversial. It’s appalling, damaging and foolish. Since when do we trash whole professions – do we trash the entire profession of engineers, do we trash-talk the entire profession of nurses? No, so why do we judge teachers in ways we don’t judge others?

We test, compare, blame, name and shame. And yet, these eager, passionate teachers still diligently go off to Officeworks to spend their own money to buy their own supplies for their under-resourced classrooms, for nit combs for the kids that can’t afford them, lunch boxes and water bottles for those whose parents don’t bother.
And, under the enormous and growing weight of all the bureaucracy, paperwork and demands, somehow these teachers still perform the voodoo, the magic.

It’s the voodoo that means my girl bounces in the door at the end of ordinary school days and says: ‘hell I love Modern History. This Cold War stuff. Have you heard of it – it rocks.” Or ‘Jeez, The Crucible. Holy cow. Arthur Miller and mass hysteria – community fear, fear of the other, and stuff like refugees. You should read it.”

And into the stifling world of my all-girls boarding school in Yeppoon walked Mrs Apps, our English teacher, not so much a breath of fresh air, as a rip-roaring southerly sweeping into our classroom. I can't remember one actual lesson. I can only remember how she made me feel and think. I produced A+s for that woman like there was no tomorrow. We had no journalists in the family. Didn't even know one. In my year book she wrote: ‘To my favourite journalist and columnist.”

That's a kind of voodoo, isn't it? To look over the horizon and see something.

To all our clever, clever teachers – the world awaits your contribution. It desperately needs your idealism and energy. Don't be too distracted with changes to curriculum, technology, NAPLAN, ticking boxes and jumping through hoops.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

**APRE News**

**Light Up Advent – Community Mass and celebration**

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)

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett  
APRE

**Office News**

**Term 4 Fees Overdue**

Reminder Fee Statements have been sent this week to families who have yet to pay their Term 4 Fees or who have not contacted the College to make a formal payment arrangement. All fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year. If you have any concerns regarding your account including instalment payments, please contact Finance Secretary, Briony Hoare in the office. While the College will accept payments by instalments, we do need to know the amount and timing of these payments and it's preferred that these instalments be done via Direct Debit or BPay.

**2016 Concession Applications Now Available**

Families facing financial hardship are invited to apply for a fee concession for 2016. Families currently in receipt of a concession will be posted an application form this week. Any other existing or new families seeking assistance can contact the office for an application form or download the form from our website or the parent portal. Please provide all supporting documentation with your application to avoid delays in processing your submission.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz  
Business Manager
"If you're feeling helpless, help someone.
"It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it."
— Aung San Suu Kyi, Freedom from Fear

Kind regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Textbook Returns Process – Year 7 -12
Textbooks are due back as students are finishing with them. They have been given a notice with the due dates (different due dates for different year levels), names of their textbooks and barcode numbers. Please encourage your child to ensure that they know where their allocated books are and that they check with their class teachers prior to handing anything in to the library. Thank you for helping us with this process aimed at ensuring textbooks are available for all students next year.

Library Borrowing
Please note that library borrowing including Accelerated Reader and Take Home Reader program have concluded for the year in preparation for end of year processes. All library books and readers are due back immediately.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
These certificates will be presented to students at the Prep to Year 6 assembly in a fortnight along with class prizes. 100% achievement across Prep to Year 7 is an amazing achievement.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 Teaching and Learning Leader News

Prep Orientation for 2016 Students
9am - 10am Prep Orientation Wednesday, 18th November Group B
9am - 10am Prep Orientation Thursday, 19th November Group A
9am - 10am Prep Orientation Thursday, 26th November Group A
9am-10am Prep Orientation Friday, 27th November Group B

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

Prep to Year 6 Sport News

Swimming Week
Due to renovations at the pool this term, we have decided to postpone our swimming week until term 1 2016. Thanks for your understanding.

Yours in sport
Miss Ellen Inwood
Prep to Year 6 Sports Coordinator

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Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Year 7 Orientation Day
Year 7 Orientation day - Tuesday, 1st December

Orientation day events for current Year 6 and new Year 7s for 2016 has been planned for Tuesday, 1st December. The day will provide opportunities for students to socialise and meet some of their new classmates and teachers. Students will participate in activities for the day including sport, science, workshop, art and drama in various specialist rooms. Detailed information via a letter will be posted home this week, including a program for the day. Please contact me should you have any questions.

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

Year 10 to Year 12 Student Wellbeing Leader News

Parents and Carers of Year 11 students please be aware that there will be a letter coming home from Paul Ninnes the Managing Director of Real Talk Australia. The letter will explain the content and themes for talks next Wednesday, 18th November at the school. The Reflection Day for Year 11 students will tackle the issues associated with their age group’s physical and emotional development.

Year 12s Last Week Information

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Regards
Mr Paul Fomiatti
Year 10 to 12 Student Wellbeing Leader

Year 11 Work Experience News

A reminder that all Year 11 students are required to complete work experience in the week of the 23rd to 27th November 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to sample a career they are interested in and could see themselves doing in the future. Work Experience Packs will be distributed to the students next week. Should there be any queries, please contact me to discuss.

Kind regards
Mrs Megan Holt
Career and Employment Transition Coach

Indigenous News

Annual Indigenous End of Year Celebration
A reminder that our Annual Indigenous End of Year Celebration is on next Monday, 16th of November. We would love to see all of our Indigenous students and their families join us from 4pm at the Cherbourg Catholic church. All the children will receive a certificate of completion, followed by a light supper (BBQ & salads)

In Class News
Solomon and Hayden doing experiments in Year 9A Science. They were testing the PH levels in different solutions.

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

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“Celebration of the Arts” Success

As this is my first year at the College, I was very impressed by last week’s celebration of the incredible talent present within the student body at Saint Mary’s. Thanks to Mr Dalton for all of the photos, and congratulations to all staff and students who contributed to the evening.

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir will be performing the hit song, “The Best Present Ever!” on the following dates:

- Sunday, 29th November
  Light Up Advent Celebrations at St Mary’s Church, Kingaroy, 5:15pm
- Thursday, 3rd December
  Saint Mary’s College Carols Night
- Sunday, 6th December
  **Kingaroy Town Hall Combined Ministries Community Carols Night**

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!

There is a letter circulating. Please ask your Junior Choir member to dig it out of his/her bag.
**Recorders - Years 3 - 6.**

A final reminder to all families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that recorder practical assessment is happening **THIS WEEK.** All children in these year levels need a recorder to complete this assessment, and should be practising at home at least a couple of times each week. On “high rotation” should be “Good King Wenceslas”, “O Christmas Tree”, and for more advanced children, “Carol of the Bells”. Those students with recorders who are competing home practice are now making great progress. Congratulations!

**Year 9 Music Update**

The newest addition to the thriving College music scene is “The Pink Turtles”! (Crowd goes wild.) The students in Year 9 Music have followed the lead of the Year 10 Music class and formed their own covers band, kicking off with The Script’s hit “Breakeven”. In other news, guitarist Connie Wilson has been flexing her musical muscles with performances in the “Celebration of the Arts” gallery and also for one of our Prep classes, where she wowed the crowd with an upbeat performance of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”. Congratulations to Connie and ‘The Pink Turtles’ for demonstrating initiative in such interesting ways.

I wish you all a music-filled week.

*Ms Jane Iszlaub*
Music Coordinator

**Tuckshop News**

**Friday Specials**

Morning Tea and Lunch – Savoury Mince Roll $3.50

Morning Tea and Lunch – Chicken Chow Mein $3.50

Please note: As the year is drawing to a close, some stock will not be available for purchase. Currently the items **not** available are: Smith’s BBQ Chips, Lemonade & Cola Quench. Thank you for your understanding.

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 placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings and this is then delivered to the tuckshop. Orders will be filled and returned to the classes at morning tea and lunch. This will ensure that they will have their lunch on time. **Please do not use sticky tape or staples** when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. **Plastic bags are not suitable** for ordering, it is very difficult to place your child’s order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for .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 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

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Prep to Year 6 Christmas Carols

Thursday, 3rd December at 5pm to 7pm
Saint Mary’s Catholic College Maryknoll Centre

Junior Choir Christmas song performance and Prep to Year 6 class performances.

All families welcome

SOUTH BURNETT CHORALE
with South Burnett Community Orchestra
Antonio Vivaldi present
Gloria RV589 – arranged by Paul Everett

The Christmas Light
Cantata for Advent and Christmas – edited and arranged by Patrick Liebergen

KINGAROY - St. John’s Lutheran School Hall
84 - 92 Ivy Street, Kingaroy
Friday 27th November 2015 - 6.00pm

Admission - $10.00 (children 12yrs & under free)
Proceeds to - Australian Lutheran World Service

OTHER VENUES
NANANGO - Community Baptist Church - Saturday 21st November 6:00pm
WONDALU - Wondal RSL Club - Sunday 22nd November 4:30pm
MURGON - St. Joseph’s Catholic Hall - Sunday 29th November 6:00pm

SBCO Community Orchestra
SOUTH BURNETT COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
SBCO CELEBRATES 2015

END OF YEAR CONCERT
Saturday 28th November
5.30pm
KUMBIA STATE SCHOOL
UNDERCOVER SPORTS AREA

Optional BBQ dinner at interval

Meals vouchers must be prebooked by 23/11
Includes Steak or Sausage burger, Salads,
Dessert, Punch, Tea & Coffee
Adult meal $12.50
Child Meal $7.50 (under 12)
Beer & wine available to purchase

Tickets
Family $30
Adult $15
Concession $10

Tickets & Meal Vouchers Available from:
Or email: sborchestra@hotmail.com
Or phone 0418 847067

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Blue Light Disco

20 November 2015
6:00pm to 8:30pm
Kingaroy Town Hall
Glenden Street, Kingaroy
$5 entry
Prep to 14 years
High School ID must be shown
Proudly supported by:

Twilight Artisan’s Market

4pm—8pm
Friday 6 November
Friday 4 December
at The Winds of Change Art Gallery
8 George Street, Nanango

Find original and creative handmade gifts for Christmas and enjoy an evening of music,
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