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

Planning for our Combined Anniversaries Celebrations on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday May 31 is well underway. I would like to encourage all parents and students to set aside from 6pm on Saturday, May 30 to join us for our Combined Anniversaries Mass and Dinner. This Mass will take the place of our Saint Mary’s Feast Day Mass and will have representatives from both the Good Samaritan Sisters and Sisters of Charity present. These orders were instrumental in both founding and staffing St Mary’s for over the first 76 years of our College’s history. Following the Mass families will be able to purchase a reasonably priced meal from hot dogs right up to roast dinners and join us for live entertainment until 11pm. There will also be coffee vans, a P&F bar and memorabilia sales available on the night. Our College Open Day will run from 10am – 2pm on Sunday, May 31. Please let any prospective parents as well as past students and staff know about this opportunity to view our impressive facilities. It will be a big weekend for our community and I would encourage all families to be involved.

From time to time, parents and carers may need to contact staff to discuss the progress of their child/ren. I would encourage all parents and carers do this by a:

- Note in your child’s diary or book.
- Phone call on the College’s general line (07 4162 2011)
- Email to pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au with Att: Teacher’s name in the email’s title

Sometimes, a staff member may give a parent or carer their work email to be used for quick contact in a particular situation. Some staff who have done this are being bombarded by many requests which would be better handled at the office eg. camp / excursion details and other general questions.

I would like to congratulate our College Whip Cracking team on another outstanding performance at the Proston Show. This week, we also saw the start of the Saint Mary’s Chess Club competitions and our new P&F Family Morning Teas and Proteas Flower sales at Kingaroy Shoppingworld. I would like to thank and congratulate all involved for these worthwhile projects.

Once again this year, we will be involved in ANZAC Day marches across the district. It is hoped that we may have a few of our Equestrians keen to ride at the Wondai and Murgon ANZAC Day marches. Our Equestrians have previously marched at Kingaroy and Yarraman. They were meant to march in Cherbourg last year, but we had to pull out due to safety concerns over stray dogs. If any families have quiet horses and would be keen to be involved, please contact either Mr John Dalton or myself at the College. More details on the ANZAC Day marches will be published later.

Please note that Saint Mary’s Catholic College, South Burnett has only one official Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysCatholicCollege?ref=bookmarks). At our P&F meeting parents raised concerns that two other sites were illegally using our name. Please report any other sites to Facebook and let us know.

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the last four days of this term and the first four days of next term to support my wife and daughters as they take part in the Paris Marathon. My efforts will be rather insignificant by comparison and I will take part in the Paris Marathon 5km Breakfast Run, although in my case it will be a breakfast walk. Luckily, there are croissants and coffee at the end.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
Deputy News

Student Wellbeing Contact
I would like to remind parents that if an issue arises please contact the teacher concerned then the relevant middle leader should the issue not be resolved.

Middle Leaders are as follows
- Prep to Year 6 - Ms Pam Radcliffe
- Year 7 to Year 9 - Miss Sonia Robertson
- Year 10 to Year 12 - Mr Paul Fomiatti

If there is a curriculum issue please contact Mrs Lauren Arrell for Prep to Year 6, Mrs Melanie Burr for Year 7 to Year 10 and Mr Gary Curran for Year 11 to Year 12.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APC News

Parent-Teacher Interviews and Reports
Term 1 2015

Dear Parents,

Your students should have received their Term 1 reports by post during the Easter break.

These reports reflect the first 8 weeks of the year only. A much fuller report will be issued at the end of each Semester, and will contain much more detailed information about student results and achievements.

The format of the report differs between Years P-6 and Years 7-12:
- P-6 reports are based on the Benedictine values of Being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Just and Being Your Best.
- Year 7-12 reports have notes about Progress, Effort, Organisation and Behaviour for each subject.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years from Prep to Year 12 on Tuesday, 28th April from 3:20pm.

Interviews will be of 10 minute duration. The interviews can be booked using the Parent Teacher Online facility.

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Full and easy to follow directions for using PTO will be included with the reports, and you will be able to access the system by going to a section of the college website (www.saintmrys.qld.edu.au)

- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to 9.00am on Monday, 27th April (the day before interviews).
- If you see this symbol displayed along side the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.

Thank you,
Mr John Dalton
Assistant to the Principal

World Day of Prayer

Last Friday, the 5th of March was World Day of Prayer. This is an annual devotion to the importance of universal and personal prayer. It was heartening to attend an ecumenical ceremony and to get a feel of other Christian denominations’ worship and practice.

As always, students from our college were involved. Mr Hutton organised three students from Mrs Collins’ year nine drama class who presented a dramatized gospel account of the washing of the apostles’ feet by Jesus. It could be daunting performing in a ceremony like this in an

Isabella Maddock, Earnest Corbet and Stuart Hetherington, our gospel performers
unfamiliar church in front of strangers but Earnest Corbet, Isabella Maddock and Stuart Hetherington performed with distinction. At late notice, Richelle Bethke became narrator of the Gospel story and Rory Browne and Tristan Green joined the others in a procession later in the service.

Father Nigel spoke with clarity about the power of prayer in his life and intentions were offered for people of the Bahama Islands, written by residents of the many islands that make up the archipelago. There seemed a very tangible feeling of unity and universality about the ceremony which was affirming of Catholicism in the broader Christian tradition.

RICE (many can't) Day – Friday 13th March
Reminder that this Friday there is NO CANTEEN. If your child cannot or does not eat rice and usually gets tuckshop on Fridays, please pack them another lunch to sustain them. Only rice and water are available all day. All produce was supplied by the staff and all proceeds go to CARITAS.

The information and picture below will go on every cup of rice served on Friday.

Food for LIFE – Saint Mary’s RICE Day
Remember I Can Eat (many can’t)

Mariama is raising her daughter in a country that suffers widespread poverty and inequity. When her little girl becomes malnourished, she receives life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre supported by Caritas Australia.

Regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

From the Office

College Fees now overdue
Reminder Fee Statements printed on green paper have been sent this week to families who have yet to pay their Term 1 Fees or who have not contacted the College to make a formal payment arrangement. If unable to pay in full immediately, please contact the College to organise an instalment plan and to prevent unnecessary fee follow up procedures. 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.

Regards
Miss Kym Schultz
Business Manager

Counsellor News

Parent Volunteers – Code of Conduct and Student Protection information session
It is a requirement that any parent who is volunteering at the college in any capacity (tuckshop, library, classroom, uniform shop) needs to complete the Volunteer Code of Conduct and Student Protection session. The Guidance Counsellor Mr Graham Turnbull delivers this session. The next session will be 9.00am FRIDAY 27TH MARCH IN THE BOARDROOM.

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library Corner

Accelerated Reader
Over the last couple of weeks I have been working with Year 3-6 students and their teachers to introduce the Accelerated Reader Program. Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice. It motivates students of all ages and abilities to read for pleasure, whilst allowing the teacher to guide reading practice for literacy success. Your child will be bringing home a flyer this week with more information. They have borrowed their first reader and will begin taking quizzes at school this week. I will provide an ID card for the students next week which has their details.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

realise your dignity
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader News

**P-6 Celebration of Learning – Now Thursday 19th March 2015.** Cooking starts at 6.30am with hot food served from 7.00am at the Maryknoll Centre outdoor canteen area. All welcome - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles – come and meet the teachers of P-6 and visit the classrooms. Bell goes at 8.20am and family is asked to leave at that time so that way the children can get ready for the day after such an exciting morning.

**Stop Drop and Go**
Parents please remind your children to wait under the big trees out the front of the College. Children are not to wait on the steps in front of the office or up near the loading bay. Children are supervised under the tree. It is a waiting area not a play area, therefore no handballs, or footballs etc due to the possibility of these balls heading on to the road and the inability to keep an eye on the vehicles arriving at the zone.
Children are reminded during the afternoon to keep checking for their cars to avoid the need for parents or family members to park in the zone and look for their child.
Regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader

**Prep to Year 6 Teaching and Learning News**

**Helping Your Beginning Mathematician at Home**
Practise counting with your child. Ask them questions such as “Can you get me 4 apples?” or “How many people will there be for dinner?”

- Read numbers in your environment together, e.g. street numbers, number plates and prices of items in a supermarket.
- Talk to your child about time throughout the day.
- Be sure to record the day's occurrences in your child's planner.
- Encourage your child to use mathematical language such as lighter, heavier, more than, less than, equal to, bigger, smaller, full, empty, half, etc.

Children need to learn the importance of maths and how we use it in our daily lives. Make maths enjoyable by playing games, chanting and singing songs.

**St Patrick’s Day Hat Parade**
Who - Prep to 6 Students
What - St Patrick’s Day Celebration - Green Hat Parade
Where - Mary Knoll Centre
When - Tuesday, 17 March from 9am
(Please send your child to school with a Green Hat for the Parade. Parents are welcome to join us for this fun celebration. Special guest appearance by some Irish Characters and Live Irish Jigs & Music).

**Prep Sugar Gliders & Whip Tail Wallabies Farm Excursion**
Wednesday, 18 March from 9.30am to 11.30am at Kingaroy State High School Agriculture Department.

**Prep to 6 Celebration of Learning**
Thursday, 19th March from 7am to 8.30am (Outside Maryknoll Centre).
BBQ Shared Breakfast & Open Prep to 6 Classrooms.

**Prep to 6 Assemblies**
Every Friday from 2.15pm to 2.45pm in the Maryknoll Centre.
All Parents Welcome to Attend and celebrate your child’s weekly achievements.

**Primary Netball Team**
We are looking at forming a Primary Netball Team from Year 4 to Year 6.
Interested students please see Ms Thomas or Ms Inwood to signup.
God bless
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Prep to Year 6 Teaching and Learning Leader

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**Green Hat Day**
St Patrick’s Day
Prep to Year 6 Hat Parade
Tuesday, 17th March
9am to 9.30am
Maryknoll Centre

IT WILL BE GRAND TO BE SURE TO BE SURE!!
South Burnett Winter Trials 10 – 12 years

Next Friday, 20th March is the Winter Trials for South Burnett. These sports include Rugby League, Soccer, Netball and Tennis. Information should have gone home yesterday (Tuesday) and needs to be brought back by Tuesday (17th March) next week. The front page of the activity information is the correct information for the trials.

Thank you,
Ellen Inwood
P-6 Sports Coordinator

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader News

Assignment Extensions and Non-Submission Process

I would like to draw your attention to the Assignment Extensions and Non-Submission Process within our College’s Year 7-12 Assessment Policy. This process has been explained to students by their teachers and will continue to be reinforced throughout the year.

1. All assignments are to be ready for submission at **8-45 am on the due date**. However, depending on the daily timetable, they may be collected at any time of the day. If students are planning to use college printing facilities, this must be done prior to the due date.

2. Where an extension is sought, it must be for valid reasons, and submitted to the curriculum coordinator **at least three days** before the due date. It must be submitted on the **Assignment Extension Form** which is available from the student secretary at the office. Only in unforeseen circumstances will an application be approved if it is submitted less than 3 days before it is due.

3. Approved applications will be attached to the late submission.

4. If a student is absent on the due day, the assignment will be due to the subject teacher before home room on the day the student returns to the college. A note of absence must be attached to the late submitted work.

5. Failure to submit will result in teachers supervising the student to complete the assignment on the due date. Students are not to be given overnight to complete the work.

6. Teachers are to enter all cases of non-submission into the Behaviour Management Log.

7. When this action for non-submission has occurred, the teacher will contact the parent by phone or email to inform them that this process to ensure submission has been completed.

8. **Loss of student work due to computer malfunction is not a valid excuse for non-submission.** It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that assignments are backed up to reliable alternative sources such as a USB or self-emailing of a copy.

9. Where a student is absent due to a planned school activity or excursion, and an assignment is due on that day, prior negotiation with the teacher is the responsibility of the student.

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

Year 10 to Year 12 Teaching and Learning Leader News

Year 11 Dinner

On Wednesday night 4 March, the Year 11 students were invited to a dinner at the Carrollee Hotel with Mr Curran and Mrs Langford Martoo. The occasion allowed our students to socialize in an informal setting and get to know each other better. This was the first of four anticipated dinners the Year 11 students will be invited to throughout the year. The Year 11 students attending thoroughly enjoyed themselves and conducted themselves in a manner bringing credit to themselves and the College.

Regards
Mr Gary Curran
Year 10 to Year 12 Teaching and Learning Leader

Cricket Team News

Cricket training starts this week on Wednesday afternoon at 3:10pm - 4:10pm. Please remember you cricket gear.

Thanks
Mrs Angelique Arden

Whip Cracking News

The Saint Mary’s Team had a wonderful time competing and performing at the Proston Show on the weekend. Many thanks to the Proston Show Society and to the judges Mr Radke and Mr Duff for their support and kind comments regarding the team. The team competed in the following categories: Pee Wees, Juniors and Juveniles. Some of the fathers found themselves nominated mysteriously
in the Open event, much to their embarrassment, and felt an initial stage fright. However, impressive displays and techniques were showcased. A big thankyou to all the team for participation, sportsmanship and teamwork. A big thankyou also to our Boss Drover, Olivia Frahm, who wrote the script for Saturday as well as choreographing and showing true leadership skills with the team. Our team is grateful also to our dedicated parents who drive their children to events and who support the team in so many ways, from making crackers, supplying picnic baskets of goodies to share, and for encouraging all the team to be their best.

Results from Whip Cracking Competition at the Proston Show (Saturday 7th March)

Pee Wee (8 years and Under)
- Samuel Erwin
- Douglas Hoare
- Zoe Hoare

Junior (9-12 years)
- Hannah Lipsett-Batts
- Meg Wernecke
- Isla Airs
- Junior Encouragement - Jorja Curran

Juvenile (13-16)
- Olivia Frahm
- Steph Arrell
- Gabbie (Nanango High School)

Open (17 and over)
1. Mr Wooller
2. Mr Sean Erwin
3. Mr Carl Currin

Crack-Up Sister Workshop
This Saturday 14th March the Saint Mary's Whip Cracking Team will be participating in a Workshop with the legendary Crack-Up Sisters on the bottom oval at 9am until 11am.

Please send a packed morning tea and plenty of water. Only students who are attending the Gympie Performance on Saturday, 21st March will be able to attend this workshop to organise a performance.

SMCC & Crack Up Sisters Performance and Workshop
Meeting at Gympie Civic Centre on Saturday, 21 March 10am - Performance and Workshop to follow
Until our next whip cracking adventure,
Take Care,
Mrs Lauren Arrell
Whip Cracking Coordinator
**Tuckshop News**

**Friday, 13th March**

A reminder that this Friday there is NO CANTEEN. If your child cannot or does not eat rice and usually gets tuckshop on Fridays, please pack them another lunch to sustain them. Only rice and water are available all day. All produce was supplied by the staff and all proceeds go to CARITAS.

There are no pies or sausage rolls sold on Friday's.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no meat on Fridays until Term 2, due to Lent.

**Volunteers**

Friday, 13th March - Jessica Langley, Jacob Arden and Nichole Moller.

Monday, 16th March - Jacob Arden.

Wednesday, 18th March - Jacob Arden and Lee Ponder.

**Tuckshop Menu**

There is a new tuckshop menu for the year. Please use the 2015 tuckshop menu as prices have changed. Bags are available to purchase from the tuckshop for 5c. Please ensure that you send your child's tuckshop order in a paper bag. It is not safe to put hot food in plastic bags.

**Donated Items**

Donations of self raising flour, caster sugar and any dry goods, as per back of the Tuckshop Menu, would be greatly appreciated. A big THANK YOU to all those people who have donated dry goods.

Regards

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convener

**Parents and Friends News**

**P&F AGM**

The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18th March at 7pm. The committee for 2015 will be voted on. If anyone feels that they may like to nominate, or have someone in mind for the President position please let Mr Nayler or me know.

**Protea Fundraiser**

Thank you to the community who helped support us with the purchasing of the beautiful proteas last Saturday. A big thankyou to Michael and Tina Torrens for donating the proteas. Early figures show $500 has been raised to be put back into the school community.

Kind regards

Mr Damien Martoo
P&F President

**Sacramental Program**

Thank you to the parents who came along to the parent information session and to the parents who put in their apologies and have since contacted Pam Radcliffe. If you have not contacted Pam Radcliffe about your child’s Confirmation and Communion can you please do so immediately on 4162 2011 or pskingaroy@bne.catholic.edu.au Sacramental Program as the subject.

The preparation time for these sacraments has begun some weeks ago and without the proper preparation it would be difficult for your child to receive the final sacraments of initiation on the 31st May 2015.

**Kingham’s Mothers Day Classic**

Sunday, 10th May 2015

8am to 11.30am

10km run starts at 8.45am

5km walk/run starts at 9am

Looking for volunteers for the day.

For more information please go to [Mothers Day Classic Webpage](#)
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sunshine Beach
25 Years “In Truth and Love” - Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Please set aside these dates.
Sunday 17th May, 2015
Jubilee Mass 9.30 am followed by
Family Day at the school

Saturday, 23rd May, 2015
Jubilee Gala Evening at the school
featuring “Art Show”

Please spread the word!
We look forward to welcoming back past students and their families, past staff and supporters to celebrate this significant milestone
in the history of St. Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach.

South Burnett Saints
AFL
Come and Try
Aussie Rules Football (AFL)
(for 8 – 16 year olds)

Free Saturday morning clinics
Saturday 21st and 28th February
Saturday 7th and 14th March 2015
Time: 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Venue: Wondai State School, Kent Street, Wondai

Attend 3 out of the 4 clinics and receive a free
South Burnett Saints Pack (on the last clinic day)

For any enquiries please contact:-
President: Dan Clary – 0413 853 103
Email: southburnettsa@gmail.com
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Saint Mary’s Catholic College
Combined Anniversaries Celebrations
St Mary’s Convent School 1929  St Mary’s Secondary College 1965  South Burnett Catholic College 1990

Calling all past students and staff

Saturday, 30th May 2015
1000pm  Nanango Races
6.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Mass
7.00pm - 11.00pm  Combined Anniversaries Dinner and live entertainment

Sunday, 31st May 2015
10.00am - 2.00pm  College Open Day, memorabilia sales, classroom displays and tours.
12.30pm  Official welcome, past student and staff time line and past staff and student roll call, plaque and time capsule.

RSVP at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSPV_SM2015

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Proston Show

Whip Cracking Performance

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School Holiday Groups
Expression Of Interest

Would your child benefit from joining one of the following Easter School Holiday Groups? Groups will be run by our Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapists

- Handwriting Group (Targeted at learning handwriting skills in a fun and engaging way)
- Communication Group (Targeted at talking and listening to others)
- Fine and Gross Motor Development Group (Targeted at learning skills such as hopping, skipping, scissor use etc).
- Sensory Skills Group (Targeted at learning strategies that can assist with calming and alerting their sensory systems)
- Social Emotional Skills Group (Targeted at learning at resilience skills)
- Play Skills Group (Targeted at younger children struggling with play involving others)

Groups are open for children in Prep – Yr 2; Yr 3 – Yr 6; Yr 7 and up.

Please contact us on 0408 369 103 to express interest in your child attending our holiday groups. Times and dates will be finalised based on demand.