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

Thank you to all of our past and present students, staff and parents who helped to make our Combined Anniversaries celebrations such a huge success. Over 600 people gathered in the College's Maryknoll Centre for our Combined Anniversaries Mass and dinner on Saturday night. We had around 120 at our Nanango Race Day and over 400 at our College for our Open Day.

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- Our Combined Anniversaries recognising the various incarnations of Saint Mary’s and all of the lay and religious who have worked to create the College community that we have today.

The night continued with live entertainment, food and coffee vendors, photographers and lots of past students and staff catching up. On Sunday, our College Open Day welcomed prospective parents and past staff and students to check out our state-of-the-art facilities and wonderful educational opportunities through displays and performances by our talented students. At 12:30pm, Bishop Finnegan came from the parish’s Sacramental Mass to bless our community, draw the parish’s raffle and hear the roll call of past staff and students.

A number of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We congratulate the following students and their families on this wonderful step on their spiritual journey:

- Samuel Perrett
- Angus McDonald
- Samuel Erwin
- Austin Kelly
- Kaitlin Ritchie
- Mr Scott Collier
- Lachlan O’Kane

This week, we will farewell our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Foody-Versace, as she heads off on maternity leave. Mrs Foody-Versace has been an outstanding teacher across her time with our community. We wish her all the best as she prepares for baby number 2. Mrs Kim Sparrow will continue Mrs Foody-Versace's great work as we look to find her replacement for the new semester.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Deputy Principal News

Prayer for Strength and Determination
My Father, give me a sense of nearness to you when I may be faltering from weariness in well doing.
May I hold to my determinations. Help me to know what is useless, that I may not give unnecessary energy, and to know what is worthwhile, that I may acquire strength through the power of truth.
Amen.

Lord
At this time of year, help us to be strong and determined in our daily work and school life
Give me the strength to complete what I need to do and always be my best
Amen

Out of Bounds
I would like to remind students that the area in and around the Maryknoll Centre is out of bounds. This area includes behind the Maryknoll and the water tanks near the sports shed. Students are not to sit in front of the canteen section of the Maryknoll. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Communion/Confirmation
I would like to also extend my congratulations to the students and Mr Collier who made their confirmation and communion on the weekend. It was a pleasure to see so many of our students and one member of our staff professing their faith and committing to Catholicism for the long term.
God bless
Mr Sean Erwin
Deputy Principal

APA News
Semester 2 Exams and Reporting
Next week at the College, we begin a two week exam block.
During this time, many classes (particularly Years 7-12) will be scheduled for formal exams. Some of these exams may be 90 minute double period exams.

To facilitate these exams, there are very few other events on the College calendar. This is to ensure that students attend all lessons, especially those assigned by teachers for essential revision. Distractions such as excursions and avoidable sporting events have been deliberately excluded from the College calendar.

Parents can assist students at this time of year by taking similar measures at home. Secondary students particularly, need to have conditions that allow them to revise work well before the tests, to have adequate sleep, to manage sport and work commitments effectively, and ensure all assignments are completed well before the due date.

Detailed information about reports, Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews, QCE eligibility checks and OP estimates will be in the following week’s newsletters.

Regards
Mr John Dalton
APA

Counsellor News

“Our crucial task when in pain or despair is not to let the sour feelings spill into everything, so that we stain our sense of the world. Yet we must also take care not to so contain our feelings that they fester and infect our sense of ourselves. Somewhere between these two extremes waits the life of healthy expression, not personalizing everything and not painting the world with our troubles.”
— Mark Nepo, The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have

Regards
Mr Graham Turnbull
Guidance Counsellor

Library News

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.

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.

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 started on Monday 18th May and closes Friday 28th August.

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.

Yours in reading
Mrs Melanie Burr
Teacher Librarian

Prep to Year 6 Student Wellbeing Leader News

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

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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

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning News

Assessment
Please note that the due date for the Year 9 English assessment task (book trailers) has been extended to Wednesday 10th June.

Next week, we begin our Year 7-12 Exam block. Students have been asked to diarise these dates so they are aware of them. Exam block timetables will be displayed in homeroom classrooms.
Regards
Mrs Melanie Burr
Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Year 7 to Year 12 Sports News

Had a lot of activity last week! The College participated in various age groups over three days in the South West futsal titles. We travelled to Toowoomba each day. The only team that made the finals were our open boys but all the others gained valuable experience and are developing as teams. My sincere thanks to Tracy Clegg for training the teams and for assisting everyday at the carnival. Also thanks to Cathy Gartner for assisting on the Tuesday.

On Friday, our Year 5s and 6s went to the South Burnett Winter carnival day, competing in netball, basketball, touch and soccer. All students had a fun day with plenty of competition. Our Soccer A Team won their division. Well done to all.

We have been informed about another Wide Bay regional representative player-congratulations to Ned Madden for making the 11years Rugby League team!

Athletics is in full swing. We are trying to have all discus and javelin events done prior to the carnival for safety reasons. Most can be done in class time, but the 16years and open divisions will be in lunch hours. Please listen to daily notices for more details.

A reminder to all parents/carers and students to ensure that permission slips are returned promptly.
Yours in Sport
Mr Allan Medlen
Year 7 to Year 12 Sports Coordinator

Wednesday, 17th June
6.30pm to 8.00pm
Outside Maryknoll Centre

Please rsvp to Mr Dunbrack
Everyone welcome!
Visual Art News

Senior students from Saint Mary’s Catholic College are currently finalists in an exhibition run by the University of Southern Queensland called ‘Future Visions’. This is quite a prestigious exhibition and we were lucky enough to have five pieces of work make it to the finals this year.

The students that made it to the exhibition are: Emily Faulkner, Hannah Depper, Monice Hurlbutt, Richelle Bethke, Sean Newman and Sam Vinci. Sam Vinci produced a film that also saw him use his talents as an electronic musician to create the music to accompany the images within this piece.

Congratulations to the students. Their work is on exhibition at USQ in the art gallery in their Visual Arts building until the end of the month.

Regards
Mrs Bronwyn Langford-Martoo
Visual Arts teacher

Music News

Anniversary Celebration Performances

Congratulations to all of the young musicians who contributed their talents to our weekend events. Both the Junior Choir and the Senior Girls’ Vocal Ensemble sang beautifully at Mass, and received great praise from Father Nigel, Mr Nayler, and several members of the congregation. In addition, the soloists who performed at Sunday’s Open Day really added to the atmosphere; showing the depth and breadth of talent present at Saint Mary’s. In particular, Sam Vinci, our resident Year 12 Electronic Music Producer, really turned heads with his performances. Congratulations to you all, and a huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children to represent their College at these important and historical events. We should also acknowledge the efforts of Mr Neil Hutton, Miss Amy Woodruff, Mrs Tamara Collins, and School Captain, Rory Browne for sharing their musical talents as members of the Liturgical Band on Saturday evening.

Welcome to Mrs Pink

We are fortunate to have Mrs Christine Pink with us for the next four weeks as she completes her final Practicum placement as part of her Education studies. Mrs Pink is a fabulous pianist, and has been a studio teacher for many years. We value her talents and experience, and wish her all the best during her time with us.

Saint Mary’s Orchestra

Places are still available in the College Orchestra. This is an advanced ensemble, catering for students who have achieved a Level 2/Book 2 standard. Application forms are available from Mrs Rutley in the office.

Senior Vocal Ensemble

I am interested in hearing from students interested in establishing a Senior Vocal Ensemble for male and female singers from Years 9 to 12. Students are encouraged to add their names to the list at the office by Monday if interested.

Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials
Morning Tea and Lunch - Shredded Pork and Gravy Rolls - $3.50
Lunch Only - Hawaiian Baked Potatoes - $3.50

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

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**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

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**Whip Cracking News**

**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**

Hi Everyone, well what a busy weekend we have just had! Thank you to all the wonderful people who took time out of their weekend to help us in the canteen on Saturday night and Sunday. I can’t say how proud I am of our school and its history. It was lovely to talk to so many past and present students, families and staff. It is a credit to all the people involved in helping organise such a wonderful event. Everyone I spoke with enjoyed the weekend.

Our next fundraising event is this weekend. We start our month off with sausage sizzles at IGA. So once again we are in for a very busy month.

Thanks again to all our wonderful volunteers and members of the P&F.

We have started practicing for our Rock on Stage act. If anyone would like to join us, you are most welcome. We are also searching for some brave grandparents to join our group. Don’t worry, it is all fun and nothing too serious! If I can do it with my two left feet, anyone can!

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th June from 7pm in the College Board room.

As always if you need to contact me my number is 0419766141.

God bless
Mrs Susan Robertson
P&F President

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Congratulations to the 13 candidates who received the final sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Congratulations to: Samuel Erwin, Samuel Perrett, Angus McDonald, Kaitlin Ritchie, Austin Kelly, Lachlan O’Kane, Jamaica Evangelista, Tasleigh Gangemi, Liam Zammataro, Bridget Barr, Percy Curtain, Sidney Curtain and our own Mr. Scott Collier. Scott has been preparing with Father Nigel Sequeira and his sponsor throughout this year.

The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin late in Term 3 and be completed in November 2015. The sacraments of initiation begin with Baptism. These sacraments are what are needed for candidates who are interested in becoming a Catholic. Children should be in Year 3 or older when receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will need to have received this sacrament first in order to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2016. More detailed information on parent sessions and an activity afternoon about Reconciliation will become available as soon as Father Nigel Sequeira sets the date in November 2015. Contact Pam Radcliffe at the College 4162 2011.

Year One Classroom News - Fire Education

“The fire fighters came this morning, they talked about fires and they said to us that if there was ever a real fire you would get on the ground and put your nose on the ground”. Rory

“My favourite part was when they put the jacket and the helmet on us and I learnt about when there is a fire you have to go down to the ground”. Ruby

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 “automail@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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