Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint Mary’s,

**Presentation night**

Congratulations to all students who received awards last Thursday evening. I would like to congratulate Mr Perrett on his organisation and hard work. I have received many favourable comments from members of the community and I was very honoured to deliver the Principal’s address to highlight what has been another amazing year for our College. The unveiling of the Sister Dolores Carroll Trade Trading Centre and The Daniel and Bridget Carroll Oval was a real highlight. Sister Dolores turned 100 this week and it was a delight to have Dennis Watt receive the photo on her behalf. The Carroll family was represented by Father Dan from Brisbane and Michael and Thomas Carroll from Kingaroy. The Carroll family story is very special to the Kingaroy and Saint Mary’s community and we were honoured to pay our respect by naming the oval after them. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Cross on 40 years of Catholic Education, presented by our Area Supervisor, Mr Peter Stower. Mrs Cross deserved this recognition after a long and distinguished career in schools across the South Burnett.

The major awards were a real highlight with some new students receiving awards and long serving students recognised in the areas of leadership, service to the community and the Arts.

A special congratulations to our College Dux, Rixon Crane. I have taught Rixon Mathematics B this year and it has been an education for both of us. His commitment to Saint Mary’s and his own education has been outstanding and he is a delightful young man who will achieve great things over the coming years.

**Year 12 Last week**

Year 12 students must attend school until Friday, 15th November. On this morning, a Mass will be celebrated in their honour. I look forward to this occasion every year and the morning tea afterwards is for all parents and family members. Congratulations to all Year 12 students and I look forward to next Tuesday night at the Town Hall.

Year 12 laptops must be handed in this Friday 8th November to Mr Tosi for processing/cleaning. Students will be given the laptops upon graduation to keep, as per the agreement signed in Year 9.

**Renovation update**

Work has begun on the Art room while painting occurs in the new classroom and new Home Economics room. New Induction hotplates and ovens will be fitted next week as the project nears completion. Thank you to everyone in our community for their patience during this time of construction. This refurbishment will allow us to extend our Curriculum offerings in the Middle School. Student learning will in first class facilities continue to take place.

God bless and have a lovely week.

Sean Erwin
Acting Principal
**From the Deputy**

**Uniform**
Thanks to all students and parents for the improvement in uniform over the past two weeks. Black leather shoes are definitely part of uniform and I am aware that they are getting small for most feet for the year, tired from all the running, playing and kicking. Please try and keep the shoes alive for another month.

**Apology**
As I thought I had presentation night all covered I wrote in last Wednesday’s newsletter about all the places you could park, adjoining streets etc. and then in the next sentence invited parents to park in our top car park, which was the opposite of the message I wanted and the reason for the article in the first place. Sorry if there was any confusion.

**Dennis Greensill**
Our guest speaker for Presentation Night was a former student of the college who became a paraplegic in a motorbike accident. It was a very moving but inspiring speech. What resonated with me were two things he spoke of:
1. His handicap has actually been an opportunity, and
2. Our choices can and should involve risk, calculated and informed.

Life is about choices and from all decisions and choices we must look for the opportunity to learn.

**Mr Marty Perrett**
Acting Deputy Principal

**APRE News**
This Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Saint Mary’s hall there is an activity afternoon for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For those participating please review the prayers on page 9 of the Reconciliation book. Our Father, Hail Mary and just the first of four of the Prayers of Sorrow would be the prayers that you would need to know at this stage. Next Saturday the 16th November at 4.00pm the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in Saint Mary’s Church. Children at Mass this weekend will be participating in the Sign of Peace.

The children and staff are participating in the annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Each class from Prep to Year 9 has a basket in their classroom. If your child could bring along an item for the Christmas appeal, that would be wonderful. These baskets will be presented to Mrs. Heather Barritt the manager of the Kingaroy Saint Vincent de Paul shop during the Christmas Carols night on Thursday 5th December in the Maryknoll Centre. There is also a basket in the Office for students in Years 10 to 12 who may wish to participate.

Next Friday 15th November, the whole school, will farewell our Year 12 with their Valedictory Mass. It will be held in the Maryknoll Centre at 9.00am. Our Parish Priest, Father John Hong will be the priest celebrating Mass.

A big thank you to all the staff, particularly class and homeroom teachers who keep the Religious Life of our school alive with their daily prayer. It is important that students pray and reflect daily on the love that God has for them, reflect on how to be a friend to others as they embrace and live out the Benedictine Values of our College.

This year is the 95th anniversary of the armistice. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Take time to have a look on the Australian War Memorial website. www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance/tradition

**Armistice Day Australia 1918**

**Ms Pam Radcliffe**
Acting APRE

**APANews**

Congratulations to all the students whose dedication to their academic studies was acknowledged at Presentation Night.

Many people commented that the combination of award types was most appropriate, as it acknowledged a combination of excellence locally, excellence nationally (academic competitions), sheaf hard work (Carroll Award for Diligence), The Arts and Vocational Education.

In case you missed it, here are some photos of some of the awardees.

**Thank you to:**
- Peter Verbakel and John Kefford from the Kingaroy SES group for providing the pathway lighting.
- Kingaroy/Taainga Lions Club - $100
- South Burnett Regional Council - $500
- Australian Defence Force - ‘Carroll Award’

**Prep to Year 6 News**
Swimming begins in week 7. There is a letter going home this week to parents requesting parent volunteers to be in the pool. Each session is 30 minutes in the water.

Report cards will be posted home at the end of the school year, along with other information for 2014.

Orientation for new Prep students for 2014 will be in the form of two sessions. The first session (as per letter home) is Tuesday 26th November at 9.00am.

Christmas Carols night is Thursday 5th December. There will be a sausage sizzle Kumbia Butcher - ($1.00) and ice creams ($0.50) and cordial (free) from 5.00pm with the Carols starting at 6.00pm. There will be a cent raffle on the night with ten prizes to choose from. Thank you to Year 6 for organizing and...
running this raffle. The prizes will be drawn at the end of the night. It is expected that the evening will finish at 7.00pm, so not a late night but a fun night to finish up the year.

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Curriculum Support Teacher P-6

**Music News**

On the 7th of November at 6:30pm, the school is hosting an ‘Instrumental Music’ evening to showcase the talents of our private instrumental students who have been working hard throughout the year. All members of the community are welcome to attend - musically inclined or not!

Mr Michael Scanlan
P-12 Music Teacher

**Year 12 News**

**Saint Mary's Year Twelve Formal**

Come along to watch the red carpet arrivals for the Saint Mary's Year Twelve Formal. Kingaroy Town Hall 5 pm Tuesday 12th November. Don't miss the beautiful cars and gorgeous students as they arrive!

**Library Corner**

**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!
Blue award (9 books) – Harry Flynn
Silver award (25 books) – Lachlan O’Kane
Gold award (50 books) – Lachlan Watson, Patrick Berends

**Textbook Returns Process**

By the end of Week 6/7, all textbooks on loan to students in Year 7-12 will be due back in a good condition. Students will be given a printed record of all their loans and will be encouraged to bring them in by a certain date. Multiple reminders will be given to all students. In Week 6/7, letters will be sent home should these textbooks still be outstanding. Should these books still not be returned, invoices will be sent through the Business Manager in Week 8/9. Please support us by assisting your child to return all their textbooks on time.

This week Yr 7-9 students will receive a list with all the books they have out.

**Curriculum Corner**

**7-10**

**Year 7/8 Orientation Day – Tuesday, 3rd December**

An orientation day event for Year 8s in 2014 has been planned for Tuesday, 3rd December. This will include new Year 8s to the college in 2014 as well as our present Year 7s. The day will provide opportunities for students to socialise and meet some of their new 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 sent home soon including a program for the day. New Year 7s in 2014 will also be invited to spend the day with the current Year 6 class so that they can familiarise themselves with the school and their cohort.

**Year 6 Rites of Passage Ceremony**

The college will host another Rites of Passage ceremony for our Year 6s on Monday the 2nd December at 6pm-7:00pm. This event will commemorate students’ transition from one phase of learning into another by celebrating an important milestone within their schooling i.e. Year 6 moving into a new Teaching and Learning Community. An invitation has been sent home to families this week.

**Weekly STUDY Strategies**

This term is a busy one for assessments as it is a shorter term. I have encouraged students to ‘be organised’ and try to do a little bit each night towards their tasks rather than waiting for the weekend before the due date. Time-management is a really important skill to focus on this term.

**Bookclub News**

The last brochures for the year went home this week, all orders and money are due on or before the 11.11.2013.

Please ensure all orders have a name and correct money with/on them.

If you do not want your bookclub order to go home with your child/ren (if they are gifts etc), please enclose a note with a contact name and number, and I will ring you once the order arrives.

Thanks for your support this year.

Leanne Higgins
Bookclub Coordinator

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**From the Guidance Counsellor**

Lack of sleep can affect children’s behaviour.
http://www.nhs.uk/news

“Children with regular bedtimes less likely to misbehave, research shows,” The Guardian reports. The advice is prompted by a new study into the effects of irregular bedtimes on children’s behaviour. The researchers studied more than 10,000 children whose behaviour and bedtime patterns were monitored when they were aged three, five and seven years. It found children who had non-regular bedtimes had more behavioural problems over the years than those who had regular bedtimes. This was assessed using a validated mother- and teacher-completed behaviour questionnaire. Encouragingly, the association between irregular bedtime and misbehaviour appears to be reversible. Many children with a previous history of ‘acting up’ experienced an improvement in behaviour once their bedtime patterns were better regulated. One suggested explanation for the results was that those with non-regular bedtimes were getting less sleep. This could, potentially, affect the development of regions of the brain associated with behaviour regulation. However, they didn’t measure sleep directly so this remains an assumption.

This study alone cannot prove that other factors aside from bedtime patterns weren’t also influencing behaviour. Child behaviour is an incredibly complex area and many factors have the potential to affect it. With these limitations in mind, setting a regular bedtime schedule is thought by most childcare experts to be an effective method of making sure your child gets the right amount, and improves the quality, of sleep.

Mr Graham Turnbull
Counsellor

**Tuckshop News**

Friday’s extra choice menu

**Morning Tea & Lunch:**
Roast & Gravy Rolls $3.50

**Lunch Only:**
Oven Baked Fried Rice $3.50

Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor
Kingaroy Junior Soccer Club
AGM
Wednesday 27 November 2013
7pm at the Clubhouse, Oliver Bond St Kingaroy
All members are encouraged to attend
Nominations for ALL positions close at 5pm on Wednesday 13 November. Nomination forms or more information can be obtained from the Secretary, Cathy on 0408072 238

South Burnett Regional Council
Yesterday at 9:27 PM 🗓
Council is currently advertising the following four (4) traineeships:

1 x Information Technology
1 x Soil Laboratory
2 x Horticulture

Applications close on Friday, 15 November 2013
For further information and application packs please contact South Burnett CTC on 07 4162 2566 or email: admin@sbctc.com.au

Looking for a Summer sport?

Come Play Softball!!

Burnett Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming summer season.

When: Friday afternoons from 4pm
Where: Nanango Sports Grounds – Burnett Street
Commences: 8th November 2013
Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to Masters

Contact: Karen 0422204661 or secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com

SOUTH BURNETT COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Concert at Murgon:
When: Saturday 23 November
Doors open 6.30pm. Concert at 7.00pm
Where: Murgon Town Hall
Cost: Tickets are $15 each (children $10)
Includes a delicious supper

Concert at Kumbia:
When: Saturday 20 November
Doors open 5.00pm. Concert at 5.30pm
Where: Kumbia Hall
Cost: Tickets are $15 each (children $10)
BBQ dinner concert—meals can be pre-purchased or BYO!
Family Tickets available for $40/family.
Pre-School age children FREE.