

Saint Mary's Catholic College

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NEWSLETTER

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4th December 2013

realise your dignity

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 4 December

Uniform shop open from
8—11 am.

Thursday 5 December

Christmas Concert P- 6
We start with a sausage sizzle
at 5.00pm.

Friday 6 December

Last day of School 12:30pm

Merry Christmas



From the Principal



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

The early Christians had only one feast 'the day of Kyrios Christ, the weekly and annual Pasch' - in other words, Sunday and Easter.

Christmas, the feast of the Nativity, was not celebrated widely in the church until the fourth century.

Nonetheless, today the Church holds that 'next to the yearly celebrations of the paschal mystery, the Church considers nothing more important than the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations.'

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, that is, Jesus Christ becoming human and living among us.

This is one aspect of the paschal mystery. All the other aspects of this mystery are celebrated within the cycle of the Church year.

At Advent, the Church 'unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from the incarnation and birth until the ascension,

the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the coming of the Lord' at the end of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, staff and students for another wonderful year at Saint Mary's. I wish all families a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing all students and families in 2014.

Yesterday the 2014 Year 8s and Prep students had their orientation day to prepare for 2014. I would like to thank Ms Radcliffe & Miss Carmody for their work with the Prep students and their families. Mr Toms and Mrs Burr did a wonderful job with the Year 8 students and their families in helping sort out any issues for 2014.



Primary Staffing for 2014 is as follows:

Prep - To be advised

Yr 1- Miss Claire Van Dyk

Yr 2- Mr Scott Collier

Yr 3- Mrs Sarah McCarthy & Mrs Shelley Weier

Yr 4- Ms Rachel McNamara

Yr 5- Mrs Leesa Johnston

Yr5/6- Mrs Lauren Arrell

Yr 6- Mr Don Schmidhauser &

Ms Celia O'Connor

The Home Ec and Art room renovations are proceeding according to schedule and will be completed by December 20. The rooms will be available for use by students in 2014. The photo to the right shows the progress of the Home Ec room.



God bless,

Sean Erwin
Acting Principal

From the Deputy

Last Days

Year 7-9 students who have completed assessment and behaved appropriately this week will be taken to movies tomorrow to see *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs II*. All students must **be in full school uniform**, including correct shoes and socks. The college views this as a celebration and it is crucial that all students know the responsibility it involves and impeccable behaviour is expected.

Students must have permission notes and money handed in before school. **No student will be permitted to ring home to gain verbal consent to attend.**

Friday Finish

School officially finishes at 12.30 pm on Friday. There will be no classes after that. Supervision will be provided for any student who catches buses at 3 pm until their bus arrives. If your student needs to remain at school and does not catch a bus, please send in a note addressed to me so I can keep record of who is here. To pick your student up after 12.30, please come to front office or around to courtyard to get their name marked of the roll.

Long Service Leave

I will be having Term 1 off in 2014 to rejuvenate and also try and complete my study. My wife will go crazy if I even mention Saint Mary's in the next 17 weeks but I know it will be very hard not to, and I will find it difficult not to want to pop in. I suppose father duties will see me on pick up and drop off. Saint Mary's is a very special place to my family and me. My children love it here and I feel blessed and proud to be able to work in this wonderful community of staff, parents and students. In many ways I have been challenged by the complexity of a P-12 school but I can feel there is an overwhelming 'something about Mary's' that makes it the right place for my family at this point in time.

Mr Marty Perrett

Acting Deputy Principal

APRE News

This Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent. You may want to speak with your child about what Advent is all about: preparation for Christmas and the birth of Christ. Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Advent is the coming or arrival of something extremely important. It is the start of our Liturgical Year. We are now in Year A. This Friday is the last day of school and we are celebrating with a Mass in the Saint Mary's church. If you would like to come along you are more than welcome. It is the last Mass with Father John Hong as he is leaving this parish to head to Ipswich. I am yet to meet the new priest from India, though I am told he will be here for

Christmas masses. He comes from a parish in Brisbane and has quite a bit of experience with large parishes. Mass begins Friday at 9.15 in the church.

After Mass, the children will be returning to school for various last day activities e.g. shared morning tea, handing out the Secret Santa presents etc. School finishes at 12.30 on Friday.

Remember next year **Liturgy of the Word will start at 8.00am on Sunday 5th January**. Mass will stay at 10.00am but Liturgy of the Word will now start at 8.00am on the Sundays when there is no mass. **Liturgy of the Word is every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month**. Mass is every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Saturday night masses and liturgies stay the same and masses and liturgies at Our Lady of Peace, Kumbia stay the same. I would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas. Jesus' birth is a blessed event and a wonderful sign of what is to come. Enjoy your family and friends and take a moment to say Grace before the Christmas meal. Simply holding hands around the table and bowing your heads and sitting quietly for a moment as each person connects to God is a moment of Grace and thanks.

Thank you
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Acting APRE

APANews

Reports

The Semester 2 reports are currently being produced by the teachers and the office staff.

They are in a similar format to the Semester 1 reports, with only minor changes to the layout and nature of the comments.

The reports will be posted to all families in the week beginning 8th December. Included in the package will also be the 2013 College Magazine and information about returning to school in 2014.

Mr John Dalton

Assistant to the Principal

From The Office

Gentle reminder – fees are now overdue for payment. If you have not settled your account, can you please do so immediately. If you are experiencing hardship and would like to request a payment extension, please make an appointment to see the Business Manager.

Plates from awards night – thank you to those families who provided cakes/supper for the presentation evening. There are still some plates that need to be collected from the office.

Ms Kym Schultz

Acting Business Manager

Prep to Year 6 News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers – Miss Nichole Carmody, Miss Claire Van Dyk, Mr Scott Collier,

Mrs Kirsty Piper, Mrs Jennifer Foody Versace, Ms Rachel McNamara, Mrs Lauren Arrell, Mrs Leesa Johnston and Ms Celia O'Connor – it has been a pleasure to work with you all and to ride the ups and downs on the roller coaster known as "Primary Teacher".

I would also like to thank the School Officers whose dedication and love for the children make the teachers' and students' lives a lot more pleasant. Thank you Ms Pauline Roberts, Ms Chris Molloy, Mrs Beryl Parfett, Mrs Jenny Lutz, Mrs Alison Humphreys, Mrs Jenny Mazzer, Mrs Leanne Higgins, Mrs Barbara Paterson and Mrs Val Matthews. I look forward to working with you again next year. The Year 6 Rite of Passage was on Monday night and it was my pleasure to be part of this ceremony. Thank you to Mel and Celia for organizing this annual event.

I was appointed to the role of Curriculum Support Teacher Prep to Year 6 this term. It has been – I was going to say a busy term but every term is a busy term – a very rewarding year getting to know all the students a little better and working more collegially with the teachers.

I look forward to continuing in this role through 2014. I will still be acting in the role of Assistant to the Principal Religious Education in Term 1 of 2014 as Mr Perrett will be on Long Service Leave. Ms Louise Pace will be continuing in the role of Support Teacher Inclusive Education while I am APRE in Term 1.

Don't forget our Christmas Concert Thursday 5th December. Sausage Sizzle at 5.00pm (P and F are cooking) with raffles and free tea & coffee drinks. Icy tubes and Sausage are 50c and \$1.00 respectively until 5.55pm. Bring a blanket, pillows, cushions for a relaxing sing along while raising money for the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. We begin the sing along at 6.00pm. Children are encouraged to wear 'Christmas clobber' unless the class teacher has specified something in particular. Just a reminder that we are only using half the Maryknoll Centre and children are requested to play outside rather than run around the Maryknoll Centre, particularly during the concert items. See you there for a fun family finish to the school year.

Ms Pam Radcliffe

P-6 Curriculum Support Teacher

Swimming for 2013

As the swimming coach for this year I would like to commend the students from Prep to Year 6 who participated in the swimming block in Term 4. As a coach trained in coaching students across the spectrum - from students with a disability to proficient swimmers - it was extremely gratifying to see students gain confidence every day. How wonderful at the end of the block to witness children change from clinging to the edge (and me) and not wanting to enter the water to confidently entering the water and 'swimming' a short distance. I am particularly proud of the

students who tried their best every day and went the 'extra' mile to improve. In particular I'd like to acknowledge the following students – Prep - Gypsy-Rose Chinnock, Year 2/3 - Tehya Tones, Year 2 - Mason Tones, Year 6 - Tia Kanay, Year 3 - Georgia Stephen, Year 1 - Caleigh Stephen, Year 4/5 - Holly Stephen Year 4 - Rory Voller, Year 5 - Paige Parsons.

A very big thank you to the many parents who met us at the pool and braved the waters. Also a big thank you to our wonderful school officers who supported the teachers and students. This level of support ensured that students in need received 1:1 coaching and support. Some parents came every day and some could come for one session. It made a tremendous difference and it was appreciated. Thank you. All this is possible thanks to Donna and Joe Dangerfield, the managers of the Kingaroy Pool and Krysty Connelly. Their support and professionalism has been of great assistance. It doesn't seem that many years ago that Joe and his brothers and indeed Krysty were powering through the water in the Saint Mary's swimming carnival adding points to their houses and Donna with a stop watch permanently in her hand, helping out as usual. In fact I think some of their 'times' still stand. I look forward to working with P-6 next year in Term 4 and seeing them demonstrate their new found abilities in the P-6 Swimming Carnival in Term 4 next year. Jenny Lutz
Swimming Coach

Library Corner Lexile Awards



Congratulations to the following students who have received Lexile awards!

Blue award (3 books)

- Nicholas Erwin

Bronze award (25 books)

- Tennae Francis, Julian Seng



Textbook Returns Process

Letters were sent home last week as the final reminder that textbooks are outstanding. If you have received a letter, please encourage your child to return their textbooks immediately. We need to ensure that these are ready and available for student borrowing in the new year. **Thank you to all those students who displayed**

what being responsible is by returning their textbooks on time and in good condition.

Curriculum Corner 7-10

Year 7/8 Orientation

**Day – Tuesday,
3rd December**

Yesterday, our current Year 7s were joined by new Year 8s in 2014 to participate in an orientation day. The day was centred around five small goals: for the students to meet new friends, meet some of their teachers next year, get familiar with the college's facilities, have fun and be their very best! I think these students achieved these goals very well. A big thank you to Mr Byrnes, Mrs Cran, Mr Toms, Miss Cook, Miss O'Connor and Mr Curran for organising great activities to make the day a successful one for the students. I am certain that many of their anxieties at the beginning of the day no longer exist.



Year 6 Rites of Passage Ceremony

On Monday night, we held our second Rites of Passage for the Year 6s who will be entering the next phase of their education next year. This was a significant ceremony for these students and one that was very well received by students. Students were given certificates and a gift to commemorate the occasion. We are very proud of all of them and know that they will continue to grow and develop into responsible adolescents with the support of their teachers, parents and friends.



Warmest wishes for a fantastic and blessed Christmas and holidays to all the Saint Mary's families.

**Melanie Burr
Teacher-Librarian/Middle-School Coordinator**

From the Guidance Counsellor

Researchers find being exposed to fast food symbols makes it harder to appreciate everyday joys

www.generationnext.com.au

Success, in the Western world, means "gaining time," according to French philosopher Jean-Francois Lyotard. The faster we do things — work, eat, sleep, read — the more time we "gain."

But this focus on time efficiency could be making the small things in life harder to enjoy.

A trio of Canadian researchers has discovered that simply being exposed to symbols of Western society's culture of convenience can undermine people's ability to find pleasure in everyday joys.

"It is ironic that technologies designed to improve well-being by minimizing time spent on mundane chores may ultimately undermine the surplus leisure time they permit. By instigating a sense of impatience, these technologies may prevent people from savoring the enjoyable moments life offers serendipitously," doctoral student Julian House and professors Sanford E. DeVoe and Chen-Bo Zhong of the University of Toronto wrote in the study.

*Mr Graham Turnbull
Counsellor*

Tuckshop News

*As there will be no more tuckshop until 2014 we would like to say
A BIG THANK YOU for all your support throughout the year.
2014 Tuckshop Menu will be sent home with your child's report card.*

P & F News

With your newsletter this week is a flyer from Bright Star Kids Stickers. This company is running a fundraising sticker drive for our P & F. When looking at organising your back-to-school please try and use this company to support the P & F. All sorts of labels and gift ideas!
*Damien Martoo
P&F President*

Saint Mary's Five Values demonstrated through your generous spirit.

Aussie Animal Cards – Thank you to everyone who brought in their cards. As a rough estimate we counted close to 3 000 cards. I am sure they'll have lots of fun with the cards. We also raised over \$330 dollars from the **Free Dress Day** run by the Year 11s before they left, all for the Bacolod kindergarten in the Philippines. We also had our Christmas Appeal as you know across Prep to year 9. In addition there was a dedicated crew of Year 3 girls who made plaited wool bracelets and sold them over the term and made \$43.45 cents for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**, that plus other little donations brought their total to \$65.45. A big thank you to all our students and families.

Work out the following mathematical code and then solve the following message.

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| A = (4 x 3) x 2 | B = (A + 6) x 2 | C = 144 ÷ [48 + (6 x 2)] |
| D = 75 ÷ (12 ÷ 4) | E = 105 ÷ (7 x 5) | F = (E x 9) ÷ 3 |
| G = [(6 x 3) ÷ 2] + (54 ÷ 9) | H = (24 - 15) + (3 x 4) | I = (H - G) + (21 - G) |
| J = 11 + 10 + 9 + 8 + 7 | K = (33 + 11) x (42 ÷ 7) | L = (C + K) ÷ 2 |
| M = (12 - 10) x (4 + 2) | N = (100 ÷ 4) + (16 - 11) | O = (B + M) + (N - E) |
| P = (9 ÷ 9) x (63 ÷ 9) | Q = (50 - 30) ÷ 10 | R = N x Q |
| S = (18 - 11) + (12 ÷ 3) | T = 1 000 ÷ [(6 x 5) - 10] | U = (L + F) + F |
| V = Q x E x N | W = (H + P) x (P + Z) | X = [(W - T) x R] ÷ N |
| Y = 80 ÷ (B + M) | Z = (2 x 9) - (25 ÷ 5) | |

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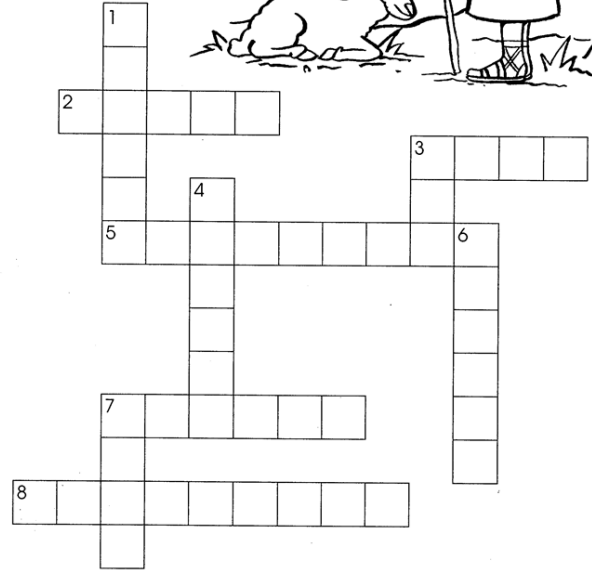
Using the same code, make up your own Christmas message, then give it to a friend.



Christmas Crosspatch

Across

- A messenger from God.
- A gift from the wise men.
- Men who mind sheep.
- Used instead of a crib.
- Joseph's job.



Down

- A time for counting all the people.
- Jesus is the Son of ...
- The place where God and the angels live.
- The building where Jesus was born.
- The mother of Jesus.



Saint Mary's Catholic College
Invites applications for the positions of

Finance Secretary - Term Time 38 hours per week

Contract Term 1 and 2 2014

(Long Service Leave Replacement - with possibility of continuing)

Student Services Officer - Term Time 35 hours per week

Continuing position

Applications need to be lodged via
www.catholicjobsonline.net.au
closes Friday 6th December 2013

Violin for Sale

3/4 Violin (with hard case)

Price - \$240 o.n.o.

Very Good Condition only 12mths old

Contact Amanda on 0437 533 499



Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert P- 6 is on Thursday night 5th December.

We start with a sausage sizzle at 5.00pm. Thank you to the P & F for cooking the BBQ. The concert starts at 6.00pm.

It is a good idea to bring a blanket to sit on during the concert. There will be chairs as well if you prefer. There will be free cordial and zooper doopers for 50c. Sausage sizzle is \$1.00. Ten raffle draws will be held during the evening. We will also hand over of our Christmas hampers to Mrs. Heather Barrett the local Saint Vincent de Paul store manager.



Kingaroy Touch Assn. 2014 Dates

Junior Sign-on & Games - Monday 03/02/14 from 5pm

Senior Men & Women Mixed Sign-on - Monday 03/02/14 from 6pm

At the Touch grounds - Contact: Lee - 0407 034 021



Kingaroy Netball Association AGM will be held
on

Monday 9 December, 6 pm at the club house
at the
corner of Fisher and Alford
Streets

