



St Mary's College

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Newsletter: 7th March 2017

Forming young men of faith, integrity, action and excellence



The Pre-Season of Lent

The pre-season of preparation has concluded and it is down to action for 16 teams vying for the Rugby League Premiership in 2017. To prepare, teams have improved their fitness, skills, team strategies, leadership, psychology and the like - all with the one central goal of finding success in this, the 109th year of Rugby League supremacy. The best prepared players and teams have now launched into a season with confidence and great hope.

Similarly, we enter into the pre-season of Easter, the most important fast day of the Church's year; the inspiration provided to each one of us to be better people. This pre-season is referred to as Lent, the 40 days in preparation for Holy Week. During this time, we are challenged to reflect, improve, practise forgiveness, self-denial, good habits and to go without personally so as to give in return to others. If we prepare well, we are ready for Holy Week and Easter and Christian lives beyond; lives of fulfilment, generosity, happiness and hope.

God of the journey, may all members of the St Mary's College family enter into the pre-season of Lent with a determined attitude to be better Christian people. Amen.

Business End of Term

With just 17 school days until the end of Term 1, students should be working hard on assignments and in preparation for upcoming exams. For details regarding your son's assignments and exam timetable view the College website on <http://www.stmaryscollege.com/learning-teaching/assessment-dates>.

An interim report, stating your son's grades and progress in Term 1, will be mailed over the holidays. This will be followed on the first Monday of Term 2 (April 24th) with a parent/teacher interview which I would recommend all parents attend. In advance, classes on this school day will officially end at 1.30 p.m., to allow parent/teacher interviews to commence. This earlier start is in response to parent feedback in the 'Radii Surveys' where some families have been unable to gain an interview with a respective teacher in past years. St Mary's College is thrilled with the large number of parents participating in parent/teacher interviews and we will continue to strongly encourage and support this.

QCS Extension Workshops

Best wishes to our Year 12 students who will be involved in the Extension QCS workshops in 2017. In preparation for the 4 QCS papers - writing task, short response and two multiple choice papers - our boys will be involved in extra preparation classes after school throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3. I thank Mrs Liisa Hammond (Acting Assistant Principal Curriculum) and Miss Jen Smeed (Director of Senior Pathways) who will be conducting these workshops. Good luck gentlemen.

Toowoomba Kokoda Team Challenge

St Mary's College staff and boys will again make up a team in the 2017 Toowoomba Kokoda Challenge. This challenge is a 15 km hike around Toowoomba's Jubilee and Redwood Parks to replicate the challenges faced on the Kokoda Track during World War II. The challenge will raise important funds for the Kokoda youth. I thank Ms Charmaine Cridland (Deputy Principal) who will be physically participating with the boys next Sunday, March 12th. Best wishes to the St Mary's College team and well done.



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Debating 2017

Good luck to our Debating teams for 2017 who will participate in the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition between Toowoomba and regional schools each Wednesday evening in Terms 1, 2 and 3. This is a wonderful skill-set for boys to develop including: impromptu speaking and rebuttal, higher order thinking, public speaking and confidence building. I wish the following boys the best of luck: Lachlan Debel, Will Burke, Max McKinlay, Michael Holden, Reagan Pugsley, Will Thomas, Theo Chappel, Alex Myers, Will McCarthy, Declan Perry, Dhairy Shah, Dhyey Shah, Finn McKinlay, Chris Powers, Stuart Krautz, Pat Coleman, Aidan Roache, Tom Murphy, James Powers, Finn Coleman, Darcy Coleman, Tobias McGovern and Corey Buckley.

I also wish to thank their coaches: Mr Benn Tracy, Ms Meg Goodman, Mr Steve Sowter, Mrs Judy Barbe, Mrs Josephine Jaenke, Miss Georgina Baker and Year 12 students Nick Joy and Tristan Bazant.

Good luck to all debaters in all year groups for the 2017 season.

Building and Construction Acknowledgment

Congratulations to our Year 12 Building and Construction boys who will be displaying their practical works on Wednesday, 8th March in the Building and Construction classroom. The boys have been working hard on their partition/wall and tiling and are ready to be critiqued. The morning will include a BBQ breakfast. I thank Mr John Parker (Technology Curriculum Leader), Mr Alwyn Rix (Building and Construction Teacher) and Miss Jessica Skinner (Year 11/12 Hospitality Teacher) and student helpers who will be organising the morning's celebrations.

School Sport Representatives

Congratulations go to Jonathon Moore (Softball) and Benjamin Hockings and Joseph Downs (Swimming) who will represent the Darling Downs School region in their respective sports. Good luck gentleman.

May our loving God walk with all members of the St Mary's College family.

Mr Michael Newman – Principal

FAITH SNAPSHOT

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 08 MARCH 2017



International Women's Day means different things to different people. For some it's a celebration, for others it's a call-to-action to accelerate gender parity, and for many it's an opportunity to align and promote relevant activity. Whatever your objective, International Women's Day is the perfect moment for gender-focused action.

The Story of significant women in our lives

This week is the first week of Lent and we are encouraged to give in love to our neighbours and I encourage you to be part of Dinia's Story – a story of hope from the Philippines (<https://vimeo.com/190179848>). This is also the week that we celebrate *International Women's Day* (8 March), a time to remember those significant women in our lives. I recall my grandmother's gentle love, my mother's determination at 92, my wife's strength and work ethic, and my daughter's aspirations to change the world – all of these women teach me every day what it means to truly human and demand me to give of myself.

May your week be one in which you actively seek your neighbour and be with them.

Mr Paul Grealy, Acting Assistant Principal Identity - grealyp@stmaryscollege.com

Caritas Just Leadership Day – Last Friday some College students and I attended the Caritas Just Leadership Day. In the coming months we will launch an exciting partnership with the ladies of St Saviour's College by starting an Advocacy Action Group that will write and act on justice issues. Well done, ladies and gentlemen! Our students attended this, alongside other students from Catholic schools, to learn about social justice and develop their skills in leadership.

Quotes from the students:

"The Caritas Leadership Day was a day to learn about how to be a just leader and I found it to be an enjoyable experience." **Nicholas Kuhnemann- Student Year 10.** "I

learnt a lot from the just leadership day, it's was a great day with mates and I also learnt about social justice issues in the world. I learnt that we can do a lot to help people that are disadvantaged in many ways and make a change in the world." **Joseph Willet- Student Year 9.** "During my time at the Just Leadership Day at St. Saviour's College, I have learnt that we, as a society, have the power to make an outstanding difference to many lives. We must stop observing and overlooking these villages in horrific conditions and stop waiting around for someone else to do something about it. Instead, we are the ones we've been waiting for, we are the change that we seek."

Jesse Campbell – Student Year 10

Mr Ryan Baines, Campus Minister – bainesr@stmaryscollege.com



Workers of the Week:

Class	Student	Reason
5W	Ethan Lyons	For showing persistence when completing set tasks and ensuring that you always give 100%
5B	Lucas Knight	For doing some incredible work in class and at home
6W	Matthew Holt	For always trying your best
6B	Harry Eyers	For an improvement in ensuring your work is completed neatly and accurately
6G	Lachlan Moore	For your dedication to your reading and improving your skills
LS	Cameron Kleidon	For consistent effort and great independent working skills

Communication:

St Mary's College is much bigger than a 'standard' primary school and, because of this, sometimes the boys and parents are overwhelmed with information and are unsure of who to contact regarding certain problems. I am happy to have you email regarding any issue and I will redirect you if need be. Outlined below is a basic overview of the key people to contact. The key places to find information are the College Calendar, Facebook, the College Website and the Newsletter.

Classroom teacher: (homework and general day-to-day organisation)

- 5W – Mrs Terese Dyne email: dynet@stmaryscollege.com
- 5W - Mrs Judy Barbe email: barbej@stmaryscollege.com (HASS & Health)
- 5B – Mr Brian Steer email: steerb@stmaryscollege.com
- 6W – Ms Sheryl Pilkington email: pilkingtons@stmaryscollege.com
- 6B – Mr Brett Harkins email: harkinsb@stmaryscollege.com
- 6G – Mrs Shari Pauli email: paulis@stmaryscollege.com

Whole School Concerns: (dates, behaviour etc.)

- Primary Leader – Mrs Terese Dyne email: dynet@stmaryscollege.com
- Head of House Purcell – Mr Sean Albion email: albions@stmaryscollege.com
- Head of House McGoldrick – Mr Simon McKeiver email: mckeivers@stmaryscollege.com
- Head of House Bowdler – Mrs Samantha Parle email: parles@stmaryscollege.com
- Head of House Waterford – Mrs Kerrie Connolly email: connollyk@stmaryscollege.com
- Assistant Principal Welfare – Mr Andrew Nielsen email: nielsena@stmaryscollege.com
- Pastoral Leader – Mr Matthew Jahnke email: jahnkem@stmaryscollege.com
- Mentor Teacher

Curriculum: (academic, learning support, specialist lessons)

- 5-9 Curriculum Leader – Mr Brendon Willocks email: willocksb@stmaryscollege.com
- Primary Learning Support – Mrs Annette Murdoch email: murdocha@stmaryscollege.com
- Year 5 Band - Director of Music – Mr Benn Tracy email: tracyb@stmaryscollege.com
- Year 6 Band & Percussion – Miss Christina Marangelli email: marangellic@stmaryscollege.com
- Clarinet and Flute – Miss Jennifer Morgan email: morganj@stmaryscollege.com
- Trumpet & Trombone – Mr Peter Chandler email: chandlerp@stmaryscollege.com
- Spanish – Miss Meg Goodman email: goodmanm@stmaryscollege.com
- Library – Mrs Carol McGuire email: m McGuirec@stmaryscollege.com
- Sport – Director of Sport and Physical Education – Mr Robert Anderson email: andersonr@stmaryscollege.com
- iPad – Miss Leah Dempster email: dempsterl@stmaryscollege.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of these people above and they will endeavour to answer your questions or find a solution.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your son's classroom teacher.

Mrs Terese Dyne, Primary Leader – dynet@stmaryscollege.com

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Year 5 Band Program

The boys are settling in well to the routine for Music so far. The support they receive from home can be the most important factor in their success, but assisting your son can be quite difficult when faced with an instrument you've never had to deal with before. Here are a few tips to encourage your son:

- Ask him to demonstrate something he's learned on or about the instrument last lesson.
- Ask him to explain something about his music or his instrument to you; if he doesn't have an answer, ask him to speak to his tutor.

If he says he's struggling, ask him "What would your tutor tell you to do?". This can sometimes remind the boys of the problem-solving prompts that their tutor is teaching them.

- Use the question area of the practice book to remind him to ask his tutor.

Contact me to seek any assistance you may need; you are not expected to be experts in everything just because you have children. I'm happy to help out in any way I can. Thank you again for your support in your son's learning experiences.

Mr Benn Tracy, Director of Music – tracyb@stmaryscollege.com

Year 6 Music:

Assessment: Students should all have their “Quick Study” task to work on this week. The piece to play is different for each instrument and can be found in the *Standard of Excellence Book* that each student was issued with at the beginning of the year. The boys will need to perform this, as well as sight read three short rhythm exercises, in their next tute. This mark will merge with the previous Star Challenge and their performance mark for the term.

Quick Study – located in the back of the Standard of Excellence Books, “Excellerators”

Clarinet p.39 #31B

Trumpet p.39 #39

Trombone p.39 #3B

Mallets p.40/41 #33 and/or #66

Snare Drum: full page of rhythms handed out in the tute to the newer boys to the college.

Based on a survey that the students completed after the Star Challenge, 88% of the students preferred these goal-orientated challenges to a time-orientated goal.

If you have any questions on this, please contact me as soon as possible.

Miss Christina Marangelli, Music Teacher – marangellic@stmaryscollege.com

FINANCE NEWS

COLLEGE FEES – A Term 1 Interim statement was forwarded last week. This was forwarded as a reminder to those families who pay their fees by term. If you have not finalised your account please forward your payment promptly or, alternatively, contact the finance department. Those families on a periodical payment plan, your payments will continue as usual. Please take this opportunity to check your statement to see that your regular payments are being processed.

PERIODICAL PAYMENTS – If you wish to commence a direct debit please contact Anne for assistance.

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS – Please note that sundry items e.g. camps, larger excursions, iPad/Laptop repairs, senior jerseys etc. are NOT invoiced on the term account and need to be paid separately.

England Football Tour 2017 – please ensure you continue to make payments when due.

Europe History Tour 2018 – please ensure you continue to make payments when due.

PNG Immersion 2017 – final payment is due 25 March 2017. Statements were forwarded last week.

Year 6 Sydney/Canberra 2017 – Full payment is due by 18 June 2017. Statements were forwarded last week.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure when paying for sundry items by direct deposit into our bank that you use as a reference your family code together with a brief description e.g. BLOGG01 iPad. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Anne in Finance. If you pay your tuition account by direct deposit into our bank account, please ensure that you use your family code as the reference e.g. BLOGS01

If you need assistance or have a query with regard to your tuition fees and sundry fees please don't hesitate to contact the Finance Department on 4631 7308 or email Anne on sleemana@stmaryscollege.com

Mrs Sonya Lynch, Business Manager – lynchs@stmaryscollege.com

FROM THE RELIGION DEPARTMENT



12 Religion and Ethics - Telling their Story Project

Last week the Year 12s began working on their assessment by interviewing retired members of our wider community to try and come to terms with how our values and beliefs influence our decisions and life. We have been very fortunate to have had such a great start to the project with so many old boys and members of the St Thomas More's Men's Group participating. This project will continue until the end of term when there will be a formal presentation of videos to those gentlemen involved.



Mrs Kaye Picton, Religious Education Leader – pictonk@stmaryscollege.com

SENIOR PATHWAYS NEWS

2017 Year 10 Work Experience is part of the St Mary's College educational program where students experience the world of work, often for the first time. It is the short term placement of students with employers to provide insights into the industry and the workplace in which they are interested. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise. It is undertaken at the employer's premises and has enormous benefits for students. St Mary's College allocates a five-day period for the Work Experience Program for all Year 10 students which will run from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th September, 2016**. The following documents were emailed to you and a hardcopy was handed to your son:

- Letter outlining the Year 10 Work Experience Program
- Insurance Information for Parents and Students
- Expression of Interest form (with a link to complete this form online)

These documents are also available for you to download from the St Mary's College Website, <http://www.stmaryscollege.com/> under **Latest Forms and Letters** and the St Mary's College Careers Website at <http://www.stmaryscollegecareers.com/?page=required-documents>

While the work experience program does not commence until the end of Term Three, it is strongly advised that you assist your son in securing a placement for this period in the near future. However, it is important to note that the onus on finding a placement is on your son as we seek to provide him with the communication skills he needs to be successful in his post-schooling endeavours.

If students in Years 10-12 wish to undertake work experience during school holiday time, this is supported by the College. Paperwork must be collected from Miss Smeed at least one week prior to commencing and be returned before placement commences.

Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session: Wednesday, 1st March 2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. at the, Milne Bay Training Depot. Visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/GTNGXE/> or email TWBCPT@dfr.com.au

ADF Trade Careers Information Session: Monday, 20th March 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Milne Bay Training Depot. Visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/KCT2YR/> or email TWBCPT@dfr.com.au

Submariner Information Session: Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Milne Bay Training Depot. To register please visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/MXLHGH/> or email TWBCPT@dfr.com.au

ADF Gap Year Information Session: The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished year 12 (or equivalent), to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Thursday 23rd March from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. at the Milne Bay Training Depot. To register visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/1PP2AD/> or email TWBCPT@dfr.com.au

SBA Vacancies

Certificate III in Glass and Glazing - Lowes Glass and Aluminium (Closing date 30.04.2017). Open to Years 10, 11 12.

Certificate III Commercial Cookery x 2 positions – Primitivo (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

Certificate III Hospitality x 3 positions – Primitivo (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

Certificate III Hospitality x 3 positions – Cioccolato (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

Certificate III Hospitality x 3 positions - Nando's (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

Certificate III Hospitality- Wendy's, Clifford Gardens (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

Certificate III Hospitality - Oakey Great Country Pies (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11. **Applicants must be able to work in Oakey.**

Certificate III Business x 2 positions – Spotlight (Closing date 16.03.2017). Open to Years 10 and 11.

If you like to apply for a SBA vacancy that has been advertised (in the newsletter or by email), you need to write a simple resume, a short application letter to the potential employer and complete the SBA Expression of Interest form. Sample covering letters and resumes can be emailed to assist you in completing these documents. Once completed, pass these documents (or email) to Miss Jennifer Smeed – smeedj@stmaryscollege.com or Mrs Lisa Cocks – cocks1@stmaryscollege.com for submission on your behalf.

Miss Jennifer Smeed, Director of Senior Pathways – smeedj@stmaryscollege.com

NIGHT OF NOTIABLES – THE LIVING LIBRARY

All things visual related to a memorable life experience of each and every year 8 student!

Where: Clive Berghoffer Stadium.

When: Tuesday, March 28.

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Stadium open for year 8 students from 4:30 p.m. onwards.

BBQ and DRINKS for sale from 5:00 p.m. onwards, proceeds to CARITAS.

All materials used for the presentation **MUST** be taken home at the end of the evening.

All members of the St Mary's College community are welcome.

Mr Tim Connolly, Teacher – connollyt@stmaryscollege.com

Primary Sport –

Primary Sport Results – Friday 3 rd March 2017					
Softball					Player of the Match
St Mary's – Jnr A	13	def	Rangeville SS	11	Sebastian Earle
St Mary's – Jnr B	10	draw	Darling Hts SS	10	Fletcher Carlish
Rangeville SS	9	def	St Mary's – Snr A	0	Matthew Hurst
St Mary's – Snr B	10	def	St Thomas More	10	Xavier Brown
AFL					
East SS	28	def	St Mary's – Jnr A	7	Kallen Gierke / Harvey Steffen
St Mary's – Snr A	29	def	East SS	27	Harry Evers / Sam Hinton
St Mary's – Snr B	30	def	Rockville SS	9	Ned Brady / Deegan Martland

Primary Sport Draw for Friday – 10 th March 2017			
Softball	St Mary's Team	Opponent	Venue
1.00pm	SMC – Jnr A	TCC	Captain Cook Oval – Diamond B
1.00pm	SMC – Snr B	Fairview SS	Captain Cook Oval – Diamond E
1.45pm	SMC – Jnr B	TCC – Jnr A	Captain Cook Oval – Diamond D
1.45pm	SMC – Snr A	TCC	Captain Cook Oval – Diamond A
AFL			
1.00pm	SMC – Jnr A	Concordia	Queens Park – Field 4
1.45pm	SMC – Snr B	Wilsonton SS - 1	Queens Park – Field 5
1.45pm	SMC – Snr A	Our Lady of Lourdes	Queens Park – Field 4

Secondary Sport –

Secondary Sport DRAW – Wednesday 8 th March 2017		
St Mary's	Opposition	Venue
AFL		
Jnr A	TSHS – Jnr A	CONC – field 3
Snr A	CONC – Snr A	CONC - field 1
	WSHS – Snr A	CONC - field 1
Futsal		
7/8A	SJC – 7/8A	SJC – field 1
7/8B	SJC – 7/8C	SJC – field 5
9/10A	SJC – 9/10A	SMC - field 1
9/10B	HSC – 9/10A	SMC - field 3
11/12A	TCC – 11/12A	SMC – field 8
11/12B	CONC – 11/12A	SMC – field 6
Touch		
7/8A	DDCS – 7/8A	KS – field 3
7/8B	WSHS – 7/8A	KS – field 6
9/10A	SJC – 9/10C	MR – field 1
9/10B	DDCS – 9/10A	MR – field 6
11/12A	WSHS – 11/12A	KS – field 9
11/12B	TSHS – 11/12A	KS – field 10
Volleyball		
7/8A	WSHS – 7/8A	CONC – Pri 9
7/8B	BYE	BYE
9/10A	TACAPS – 9/10A	CONC – O/D 7
9/10B	SJC – 9/10A	CONC – O/D 4
11/12A	SJC – 11/12A	CONC – I/D 2
11/12B	SJC – 11/12C	CONC – I/D 1

St Mary's College – Secondary Sport RESULTS – Wednesday 1 st March 2017				
AFL				
TSHS – Jnr A	21	d	SMC - Jnr A	8
CONC – Snr A	32	d	SMC - Snr A	21
SMC - Snr A	-	d	WSHS – Snr A	forfeit
Futsal				
WSHS – 7/8A	4	d	SMC - 7/8A	3
SMC - 7/8B	7	d	WSHS – 7/8B	4
WSHS – 9/10A	6	d	SMC - 9/10A	2
TSHS – 9/10A	8	d	SMC - 9/10B	6
CONC – 11/12A	9	d	SMC - 11/12A	3
SJC – 11/12A	10	d	SMC - 11/12B	2
Touch				
SMC - 7/8A	14	d	WSHS 7/8A	1
SJC – 7/8C	10	d	SMC - 7/8B	0
SMC - 9/10A	-	d	BYE	BYE
SJC – 9/10A	8	d	SMC - 9/10B	4
SMC – 11/12A	5	d	TCC – 11/12A	4
SJC – 11/12A	6	d	SMC - 11/12B	5
Volleyball				
TSHS – 7/8A	2	d	SMC - 7/8A	1
WSHS – 7/8A	3	d	SMC - 7/8 B	0
SMC - 9/10A	3	d	TACAPS – 9/10B	0
TSHS – 9/10A	2	d	SMC - 9/10B	0
SMC – 11/12A	2	d	SJC – 11/12B	0
SMC - 11/12B	-	d	BYE	BYE

We would like to wish the students that will be participating in various Toowoomba and Darling Downs Trials this week, the best of luck with their trial.

Please take note of the following **trial dates**, if the students meet the relevant criteria, and are interested in trialling, they can come to the Sport Office and speak to Mr Anderson.

Important Dates for Trials and Sporting Events

- Basketball 10 – 12yrs – Wed 8th March – (Noms close 2/3)
- Softball 10 – 12yrs – DD Trials Sun 12th and Mon 13th March
- Basketball – Open – Wed 15th March – (Noms Close 10/3)
- Orienteering – 13-19yrs – Mon 20th March – (Noms close 13/3)
- Rugby Union – Open – Mon 20th March
- Touch 10-12yrs – Thurs 23rd March – (Noms close 14/3)
- St Mary's Cross Country Carnival – Mon 27th March
- Rugby Union 14-15yrs – Tues 2nd May – (Noms Close 26/4)
- Golf – 10-19yrs – Tues 2nd May – (Noms Close – 21/4)

SMC = St Mary's College	CONC = Concordia
TSHS = Toowoomba State High School (Mt Lofty)	TCC – Toowoomba Christian College
HSC = Highfields Secondary College	DDCS = Darling Downs Christian School
SJC = St Joseph's College	WSHS – Wilsonton State High School
KS = Kearney Springs	MR = Middle Ridge Park
O/D = Outdoor Courts	I/D = Indoor Courts
PRI = Primary Courts	
TACAPS = Toowoomba Anglican Church and Preparatory School	

Mr Robert Anderson, Director of Sport/PE - andersonr@stmaryscollege.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Wednesday 8 th	International Women's Day Interschool Sport Yr 12 Building and Construction Display and BBQ QDU Debating
Thursday 9 th	TSSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 10 th	Friday Night Basketball Primary Sport
Sunday 12 th	Toowoomba Kokoda Challenge
Monday 13 th	Basketball 10-12 Yrs. Softball 10-12 Yrs.
Tuesday 14 th	Aust. Football 10-12 Yrs.
Wednesday 15 th	Interschool Sport QDU Debating
Friday 17 th	St Patrick's Day Somerset Celebration of Literature – Primary 7am – 5pm Rosies Friday Night Basketball
Monday 20 th	Aust. Football 10-12 Yrs. Orienteering 10-19 Yrs. Rugby Union, Basketball 18 Yrs. Tennis 10-12 Yrs. Future Planning 6pm Board Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 21 st	EALD Dinner Harmony Day Touch Football 10-12 Yrs.
Wednesday 22 nd	QDU Debating Interschool Sport
Thursday 23 rd	Soloist Concert 6.30pm
Friday 24 th	Glennie Primary Social – 3.30pm – 5.30pm at SMC Yr 12 B & C Field Day Primary Sport Friday Night Basketball
Monday 27 th	Cross Country
Tuesday 28 th	QCS Practice Yr 12 Business Excursion Advocacy Interactive Display Yr 8 Night of Notables
Wednesday 29 th	Yr 11 B & C – Concreting QCS Practice Term 2 Secondary sport trials QDU Debating
Thursday 30 th	Show Holiday
Friday 31 st	Term 1 Reports Issued Easter Liturgy 2pm Term 1 Concludes 3.05pm
April	
Monday 24 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews





Squash at Toowoomba's Development Day with Master Coach - Robyn Prentice



Sessions will be run for all levels of juniors. All Southern Region top juniors are invited to attend for advance training

When: Sunday 12th March (registered players will be notified of times by Friday 10th March).

Where: Toowoomba Squash Courts, 242 James Street, Toowoomba.

Cost: \$10
BYO Lunch

To register or find out more information contact Rosemary:
rosemarylord1@gmail.com / 0438 963 761




St Anthony's Primary School will be hosting a 'Bogan Bingo' on Friday 17th March from 7pm.
For more information check out www.boganbingo.com
Tickets are available via www.eventbrite.com.au



Global Volunteer Notice: Sending people can be more important than sending money. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia.

Information Session: Saturday March 18, 11:15 a.m. Brisbane Square Library (266 George St) RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 0431 995 058 can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available OR Look first via Palms' two-week Encounter. Go with a friend and get great discounts!

Rugby Union - 'Open boys wanting to nominate for this team'.

Please see Mr Anderson for details

In 2017 the **Under 18 Combined Catholic Colleges team (CCC)** will play Combined High Schools (CHS) on **Saturday April 29 at Suncorp Stadium** as the main curtain raiser to the **Queensland Reds super rugby match against the NSW Waratahs**. An invitation is extended to the students from your College to participate in an invitational game for rugby players outside of the GPS/AIC system. Since 2010, an invitational **Combined Catholic College's (CCC) Rugby Union Team** participated in a Tri series against Combined High Schools and Combined Independent Colleges team at Sunnybank Rugby Club. The 2 leading teams usually go on to play a final at **Suncorp as the curtain raiser to Super Rugby match at a date to be confirmed. In 2017, there will be no Tri series matches. CCC will play CHS at Suncorp as curtain Raiser to the QLD v NSW Super Rugby match.**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students to play on Suncorp Stadium in front of a large crowd. (Usually the biggest OLD Reds crowd for the season)

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Helping Hands Community

Dear Parents and Friends,

The past several years has seen an increase in families within our College community struggling with health issues and grief. Concern for the growing numbers of these families was raised at the last P and F meeting and a decision was made to create a "Helping Hands Community". The group will provide meals, morning teas and lunches **anonymously** for boys and their families who are in need of initial support during a trauma or diagnosis, in an attempt to ease some of the day to day burdens.

In order to begin our new venture we are seeking the help of College families and friends to be on standby to cook a meal, cake or slice every now and then. Our College vision is that we would have a large number of families on a roster and work our way down the list throughout the year. If you are able to help, or have a family member or friend who would be interested in being a volunteer for our Helping Hands meal group, please email your interest to Katrina Thom at trinethom@bigpond.com.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide a tuckshop meal to a student of a family in need, please place your donation in the envelope provided and return to the College. As parents, you will understand that this will allow families the ability to send their children to school without worrying about making lunches for a short period of time.

We are hoping our "Helping Hands" community will be a large one and that the adage 'many hands make light work' will be the case.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our group, please contact myself or Katrina. We look forward to your anticipated contribution and a strong start to our newly formed community.

Kind regards,

Paul Grealy