



# St Mary's College

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*Forming young men of faith, integrity, action and excellence*



## **“In some small way, make right the wrongs of the past.”**

On the weekend I was reading and watching an episode of “The Link”, hosted by Stan Grant, on the ABC. The episode was entitled, “What is the role of faith in today’s world?” (abc.net.au). I encourage you all to view it. Among other interviews, he conversed with Paul, a war veteran, who spoke about his belief in God before he went to war and that, as a consequence of war, his belief in a God had changed and now he believed in “myself and my mates”. Although Paul had experienced a change in faith, he still had faith in something. This was a very touching and honest reflection from a man who was deeply affected by his experiences of war.

Following this, Stan Grant interviewed three youthful seminarians from the Catholic Church who are about to be ordained as Catholic priests. He interviewed them frankly on their decision to live celibately and to become priests in this climate of distrust and anger towards a damaged church following the Royal Commission into sexual abuse of children. All three seminarians agreed that this part of the church’s history is “disgusting” and people’s anger and criticism of the church was understandable. However, they explained that their decision to become priests was because they felt called to a life of service and to “make good” on these terrible events. They also said that they felt called “to help people know the love of Christ”. Their faith had led them to a steely determination.

As Nelson Mandela, a role model who witnessed a life of suffering and then made good the wrongs of the past, said “The greatest glory lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall” and “sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation.”

God of the journey, we pray sincerely for all people greatly affected by the wrongs of the Church’s treatment of children as identified in the Royal Commission. This has plunged us as members of the Catholic Church into a place of rock bottom, ultimately challenging our faith and seeking forgiveness. May we, as a Catholic College and member of the Church, humbly find positive ways into the future to make up for the wrongs of the past by our acts of authentic giving and service. Amen.

## **2016 Naplan Results**

The MySchool website Naplan results for 2016 were published last week. If you view results by numbers and compare St Mary’s College to ‘like’ schools of a similar ICSEA, you can view St Mary’s College in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy for Years 5, 7 and 9. St Mary’s College has an ICSEA of 1011, with 1000 being the Australian average. This means that the education advantage of St Mary’s College is very slightly above the average for an Australian school. The ICSEA takes into account: educational background of parents, parental occupation, students where English is a second language, proportion of Indigenous students and whether a school is metropolitan, regional or remote in location. A number is then collated, demonstrating the advantage (or not) of a school educationally when compared to other schools.

The results for St Mary’s College in 2016 show that we are at the required level in all areas compared to like schools with the exception of Year 7 Numeracy which is above the expected level and Year 5 Spelling which is below the expected level. This is a significant improvement if you compare the result to say 2010–2013. Our improvement in Naplan in Literacy and Numeracy compared to like schools is significant. Our challenge is to now have all areas of literacy and numeracy at, or about, the national average in Spelling (Years 5, 7 and 9) and Writing (Years 5 and 7). We continue to work hard as teachers to achieve this further improvement for our boys. Congratulations to our professional and hard-working staff. With good literacy and numeracy your sons have the best chance to improve their academic results and to receive an education that will liberate (a cornerstone of Edmund Rice Education).



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### Extra Literacy and Numeracy and Homework / Tutorials Classes in 2017

My thanks are extended to the staff who will be undertaking extra literacy and numeracy coaching in Years 5 before school and during period 5 on Tuesday (Year 7 and 9) over the coming weeks.

Boys are also encouraged to participate in homework / tutorials – times and days are listed:

Subject	Place	Day	Time
Primary	Classroom	Tuesday and Wednesday	3.05pm – 4.15pm
English	College Boardroom	Monday	7:30 – 8:30am
Mathematics	Library	Monday	First Break
Study of Religion	College Boardroom	Thursday	3.15 pm- 4.30 pm
	College Boardroom	Tuesday	First Break
Art and Drama	Specialised rooms	By appointment	First Break
Science	Library	By appointment	First Break
Technologies	By appointment	By appointment	By appointment

Improvement in literacy and numeracy for the boys is our aim.

### Somerset Celebration of Literature

Best wishes to our Year 5 and 6 boys who will venture to the annual Somerset Celebration of Literature to be held at the Gold Coast on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. This excursion provides the opportunity for the boys to interact with famous authors as they speak about their works, including: Lucas Proudfoot, Melt Stanton, Carol Wilkinson and Oliver Phommavanh. Our Year 7 boys are studying the novel “Black Snake” by Carol Wilkinson in 2017. These well-known Australian Authors’ books are very popular with our boys. I thank the teachers who will be accompanying the boys and to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Carol McGuire for her organisation of this excursion. Enjoy, gentlemen.

### Year 11 and 12 Buddy BBQ with Year 7 boys

I thank our enthusiastic group of Year 11 and 12 buddies who will be partnering with our Year 7 boys during 2017. The boys will be introducing themselves by letter over the coming weeks and being involved in various activities throughout the year. One such activity is a BBQ on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. I thank Ms Jen Morgan for her organisation and leadership of these activities. The senior boys are looking forward to explaining the many traditions of the College and assisting the boys to continue settling into life at our great College.

### 2017 St Mary’s College Debaters

Best wishes to our College debaters who will compete each Wednesday evening throughout the course of Terms 1-3. Boys involved are pictured below. Good luck for an enjoyable and successful 2017 Debating season.



*2017 St Mary’s College Debaters*

### Sporting Representation

Congratulations to the following boys who represented Queensland at the recent Queensland Schools’ Sport Swimming Carnival Championships in Brisbane. Well done to Joshua Marcinkowski who won a bronze medal – placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Queensland in the U/13 100m Breaststroke and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the U/13 50m Breaststroke. Congratulations also to Joel Collins who was placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Open 100m Breaststroke. Well done, gentleman.



*Joshua Marcinkowski and Principal, Mr Michael Newman.*



*Joel Collins and Principal, Mr Michael Newman*



The following boys will represent Darling Downs Schools in the listed sports: Hockey – Carter Mogg and Harrison Howarth; Football – Riley Lobwein, Brady Mason and Reiley Mason; AFL – Jack Briskey; and Rugby League – Jake Simpkin, Bailey Hope, Luke Maiden, Cory Paix, Nick Thom, Lachlan Thom and Liam Short.

### Primary Chess

Congratulations to the St Mary's College Chess players who recently competed in the Darling Downs Schools' Competition. With some 300 competitors from all schools in the Darling Downs it should be noted that Callum Gordon (Year 6) was placed 9<sup>th</sup>. Well done.



### Lions Australia Presentation

Well done to Thomas Murphy and Jordan Biggar, two Year 11 students who addressed Lions Australia last week regarding the Immersion endeavour that the senior boys will be undertaking to PNG over the Easter holidays. As a result, Lions Australia has made a significant donation to the disadvantaged school that the boys will be assisting. Well done, gentlemen.

*Pictured L to R: Jordan Biggar and Thomas Murphy*

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

**Mr Michael Newman – Principal**

## FAITH SNAPSHOT

There are so many stories of compassion, love and greatness about the school this week – from staff and families cooking meals to support those who are struggling at the moment, to the way the young men support their younger brothers, and to the way we competed in the recent inter-school swimming carnival. But I thought I would pick on one story.

### Tom's PNG Immersion Story

Tom Murphy in Year 11, who is part of the PNG Immersion Trip for 2017, recently - off his own bat - went to a Lions' meeting and addressed the group about our upcoming trip to PNG and the work that we will be doing there. Together with Jordan Biggar, he addressed the Lions' Board, answered questions, talked about the project and reflected on how he saw his immersion experience and what he hoped to get out of it. As a result, the Board added a donation to the money already raised and is interested in ongoing support. Another great story amongst all the great compelling and delicious stories told daily at St Mary's.



*Thomas Murphy and Jordan Biggar*

### Our Lenten Story – Martina's Story

Thanks to the boys for their generosity so far this Lent; please take time to watch this week's video is Martina's Story from Timor-Leste – <https://youtu.be/7MNafGpnVBE>.

May your week be one in which you take time to sit and appreciate the gifts you all have.

Take care,

**Mr Paul Grealy, Acting Assistant Principal Identity** - [grealyp@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:grealyp@stmaryscollege.com)

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – STUDENT WELFARE

Recently I have had a number of parents raise concerns about the amount of 'screen time' their sons are having. By screen time we are talking about time on computers, iPads, phones, computer games etc. Below are a few tips we strongly recommend you implement at home to help your son develop good 'screen habits'.

Strategy	Reason
Don't allow any screens in the bedroom (phone, TV, computer, Play Station etc.)	Every boy needs a safe place to retire to. Allowing phones, internet-based games etc. in their bedroom permits cyber bullies and social media issues into their safe place. Boys need a place to relax and forget about all the stuff that is going on in their lives. It is very common for boys to receive messages etc. at 2 or 3 a.m. This breaks their sleep cycle and can increase anxiety levels.
Turn off all electronic devices at 7 or 8 p.m. (or 2 hours before bed where possible)	This helps boys wind down before they go to bed, and it helps provide opportunities for socialising with the family - allows for family time and a sense of belonging.
Have a central charging station in a common area.	This helps boys get used to not having their electronic device on them or next to them all the time. It is okay not to have their phone with them 24/7. It helps them 'switch off' the need to be in contact with everyone all the time. Buy your son an alarm clock so they don't need their phone alarm to wake up in the morning.

It is likely that your son will not agree with some of these suggestions, but please persevere with them as it can take a little while to get used to the changes; but the changes are certainly for the best. If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Leah Dempster or myself at the college. [dempsterl@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:dempsterl@stmaryscollege.com)

**Mr Andrew Nielsen, Assistant Principal Student Welfare** – [nielsena@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:nielsena@stmaryscollege.com)

## PRIMARY NEWS

### Workers of the Week

Class	Student	Reason
5W	Darcy Shelton	For being a positive contributor to class discussions and always completing set tasks conscientiously
5B	Charlie Coldstream	For giving 100% at all times in class activities
6W	Cameron Kleidon	For always giving 100%
6G	Callum Gordon	For having an excellent attitude to completing all school activities
LS	Mitchell Chambers	Great effort during all maths activities

### Somerset Literature Festival

This Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, all of the primary boys will be travelling to the Gold Coast to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature at Somerset College, Mudgeeraba. It is crucial that all boys are at the College by **6:30 a.m.** for a 7 a.m. departure. All boys are to wear academic uniform and the College hat. The boys are to bring their College sling bag with small snacks to eat throughout the day and a drink bottle. Please ensure that there are no nuts. If your son would like to purchase a book they are allowed to bring \$20-\$25 in a named envelope; they will not be able to purchase any food or drinks. If your son is sick on Friday morning, please email Mrs Terese Dyne [dynet@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:dynet@stmaryscollege.com) by 6:45 a.m. We anticipate that we will arrive back at the College at 5 p.m., but will update Facebook as we get closer to the school on our return.

### Social with Glennie

Thank you to all those boys who have eagerly returned their notes for the social with Glennie next **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Please remember that the social is from **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** so the boys are welcome to stay at the College until the social begins. We will meet the boys on the oval at 3:30 p.m. and mark a roll to ensure all boys are present. During the afternoon a few seniors will be helping the teachers to facilitate some games and activities. We will then go over to Anzac Place and finish the afternoon off with a BBQ. Please ensure that you are at the College by 5:30 p.m. to collect your son. You will need to come and sign your son out with one of the teachers before he can be released. We are looking forward to a great afternoon of interaction with the Glennie girls.

**Mrs Terese Dyne, Primary Leader** – [dynet@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:dynet@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 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 that your regular payments are being processed on your statement.

**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.

**Year 7 Camp** – Camp letter, medical forms etc. were forwarded by mail on Friday. Due to the lateness of this information being sent, there has been an extension on the payment date. A payment plan was also enclosed to assist families with their budget for this camp. **Although the payment is not due until after the camp, please ensure all medical and permission forms are returned as soon as possible.** All camp information will be posted on our website.

**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 - updated statements were forwarded last week.

**Year 6 Sydney/Canberra 2017** – Full payment due by 18 June 2017 - statements were forwarded last week.

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure when paying for sundry items by direct deposit into our bank, you use as a reference your family code together with a brief description e.g. BLOGG01iPad. 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 in 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](mailto:sleemana@stmaryscollege.com).

**Mrs Sonya Lynch, Business Manager** – [lynchs@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:lynchs@stmaryscollege.com)

## 2016 COLLEGE YEAR BOOKS

If you are wanting a second copy of the 2016 Year Book, you are able to purchase one from the College office for \$35.00. We only have a limited supply. Please contact Bec Quinn on [quinnr@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:quinnr@stmaryscollege.com) or come into the office to make your purchase.

**Miss Rebecca Quinn, School Officer** – [quinnr@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:quinnr@stmaryscollege.com)

**The University of Queensland, Rural Clinical School** is offering Year 11 students the opportunity to experience ‘A Day in Medicine’. Students who are keen to pursue a career as a Medical Doctor are invited to apply for a place in the program. Placements are limited and students who identify as Indigenous or as coming from a rural/remote region will be given priority. The program will include: procedural skills and simulation workshops, an opportunity to meet with current medical students and talk to them about studying at UQ and an information session on pathways to the Medicine programs at UQ. Should you have any questions about the program, please contact Ms Norma Robinson on 4633 9709 or [n.robinson3@uq.edu.au](mailto:n.robinson3@uq.edu.au). For an application form, please see Mrs Cocks.

**2017 Year 10 Work Experience** will run from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**. 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.

**ADF Trade Careers Information Session:** Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:TWBCPT@dfr.com.au)

**Submariner Information Session:** Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 and 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.
- 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](mailto:smeedj@stmaryscollege.com) or Mrs Lisa Cocks – [cocksjl@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:cocksjl@stmaryscollege.com) for submission on your behalf.

**Miss Jennifer Smeed, Director of Senior Pathways** – [smeedj@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:smeedj@stmaryscollege.com)

**SPORT NEWS**

We would like to wish all students who will be participating in various sporting trials this week the best of luck with their trial. Special mention to the following students - **Nathan Hoger** who last week participated at the State Championships in Townsville for Tennis, **Jaiydan Craige** who will be participating at the Water Polo State Championships this week at Southport, and to the following boys that are participating in Darling Downs trials – **Seth Hardaker, Lachlan Moore, Harrison Clancy, and Noah Clancy (Softball 10-12 years), Harry Eyers and Matthew Holt (Basketball 10-12 years)**. Well done boys and we wish you the best of luck this week.

**TSSS Swimming Carnival** – Congratulations to our secondary swimming team on finishing runners-up behind TGS at the Toowoomba Secondary Schools Sports Association Swimming Carnival at Milne Bay last week. The boys represented the College with pride and all boys swam very well. Special mention to Brock Smith and Joshua Marcinkowski for winning their respective breaststroke events and to the boys that swam in the relay events, the boys managed to take out 2<sup>nd</sup> placing behind TGS in every relay. The competitors were **Joel Collins, Jaiydan Craige, Ronan Drever, Brock Smith, Joshua Marcinkowski, Ben Hockings, Kahn Asgill, Thomas Below, Bailey Duncan, Edward Witherspoon, Tanna Black, William Downs, Jordan Brown, Tyson Liesch, Cody Gould, Laurence Profke, Diarmid Campbell, Declan Trezise, Cody Liesch**. Also, congratulations on a great effort to the boys that swam in multiple events on the day.

*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 – Open – Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March – (Noms Close 10/3)
- Orienteering – 13-19yrs – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March – (Noms close 13/3)
- Rugby Union – Open – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Touch 10-12yrs – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March – (Noms close 14/3)
- St Mary’s Cross Country Carnival – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Hockey 10–12yrs – Thurs – 20<sup>th</sup> April – (Noms close – 24/3)
- Rugby Union 14-15yrs – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May – (Noms Close 26/4)
- Golf – 10-19yrs – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	

**Primary Sport –**

**No Primary Sport this Friday due to the students attending the Somerset Celebration of Literature.**

Primary Sport Results – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2017					
Softball			Player of the Match		
TCC	10	def	St Mary's – Jnr A	6	Lucas Knight
St Mary's – Jnr B	12	def	TCC – A	8	Sam Gleeson
TCC – Snr A	13	def	St Mary's – Snr A	2	Charlie Coorey
St Mary's – Snr B	5	def	Fairview SS	2	Callum Gordon
AFL					
St Mary's – Jnr A	17	def	Concordia	13	Cohen Stockwell/Troy Kiepe
St Mary's – Snr A	37	def	Our Lady of Lourdes	8	Noah Clancy/Noah Gierke
St Mary's – Snr B	46	def	Wilsonton SS - 1	25	Ned Brady/Jake Gudgeon/Isaac Anderson

**Secondary Sport –**

Secondary Sport DRAW – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017		
St Mary's	Opposition	Venue
AFL		
Jnr A	BYE	BYE
Snr A	CONC – Snr A WSHS – Snr A	CONC - field 1 CONC - field 1
Futsal		
7/8A	CONC – 7/8A	SJC – field 2
7/8B	TACAPS	SJC – field 6
9/10A	CONC – 9/10A	SMC - field 2
9/10B	SJC – 9/10B	SMC - field 1
11/12A	WSHS – 11/12A	SMC – field 6
11/12B	TCC – 11/12B	SMC – field 8
Touch		
7/8A	SJC - 7/8A	KS – field 1
7/8B	TSHS – 7/8A	KS – field 5
9/10A	CONC – 9/10A	MR – field 3
9/10B	WSHS – 9/10A	MR – field 5
11/12A	SMC – 11/12B	KS – field 10
11/12B	SMC – 11/12A	KS – field 10
Volleyball		
7/8A	WSHS – 7/8B	CONC – Pri 8
7/8B	TSHS – 7/8A	CONC – Pri 9
9/10A	TCC – 9/10A	CONC – O/D 4
9/10B	TACAPS – 9/10A	CONC – O/D 5
11/12A	TCC – 11/12A	CONC – I/D 3
11/12B	SJC – 11/12A	CONC – I/D 2

St Mary's College – Secondary Sport RESULTS – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017				
AFL				
SMC - Jnr A	-	d	WSHS – Jnr A	forfeited
CONC – Snr A	45	d	SMC - Snr A	33
SMC - Snr A	-	d	WSHS – Snr A	forfeited
Futsal				
SJC – 7/8A	8	d	SMC - 7/8A	6
SJC – 7/8C	5	d	SMC - 7/8B	4
SJC – 9/10A	15	d	SMC - 9/10A	2
HSC – 9/10A	10	d	SMC -9/10B	6
SMC - 11/12A	5	d	TCC – 11/12A	4
CONC –11/12A	14	d	SMC - 11/12B	4
Touch				
SMC - 7/8A	14	d	DDCS – 7/8A	0
SMC - 7/8B	2	draw	WSHS – 7/8B	2
SJC – 9/10C	4	d	SMC - 9/10A	2
SMC - 9/10B	7	d	DDCS – 9/10A	1
SMC - 11/12A	8	d	WSHS – 11/12A	5
SMC - 11/12B	7	draw	TSHS – 11/12A	7
Volleyball				
SMC - 7/8A	3	d	WSHS – 7/8A	0
SMC - 7/8B	-	d	BYE	BYE
SMC - 9/10A	2	d	TACAPS – 9/10A	1
SJC – 9/10A	2	d	SMC - 9/10B	1
SMC – 11/12A	2	d	SJC – 11/12A	0
SMC - 11/12B	3	d	SJC – 11/12C	0

**Mr Robert Anderson, Director of Sport/PE - [andersonr@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:andersonr@stmaryscollege.com)**

**NIGHT OF NOTABLES – 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](mailto:connollyt@stmaryscollege.com)**




## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport QDU Debating Homework tutorial 3.05 p.m.– 4.15 p.m. Buddy BBQ – Yrs 7, 11 and 12
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day Somerset Celebration of Literature Primary 7 a.m.–5 p.m. Rosies
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Night Basketball Aust. Football 10-12 Yrs. Orienteering 10-19 Yrs. Rugby Union, Basketball 18 Yrs. Tennis 10-12 Yrs. Future Planning 6 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day Touch Football 10-12 Yrs. Homework Tutorial 3.05 p.m.–4.15 p.m.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	QDU Debating Interschool Sport Homework Tutorial 3.05 p.m.–4.15 p.m.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Soloist Concert 6.30 p.m.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Glennie Primary Social 3.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m. at SMC Yr 11 Concreting Primary Sport Friday Night Basketball
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	QCS Practice Yr 12 Business Excursion Advocacy Interactive Display Yr 8 Night of Notables Yr 11 B & C – Concreting Homework Tutorial 3.05 p.m.–4.15 p.m.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	QCS Practice Term 2 Secondary Sport Trials QDU Debating Homework Tutorial 3.05 p.m.–4.15 p.m.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Show Holiday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Term 1 Reports Issued Easter Liturgy 2 p.m. Term 1 Concludes 3.05 p.m.

### Library News

## Reader of the Month



This year the SMC Library is recognising a borrower as **Reader of the Month**. The library acknowledges students who are high frequency borrowers and have a love of reading. Congratulations to **Michael Holden** from Year 7 for being chosen as Reader of the Month for March!

**What's your all-time favourite book?**  
*Conspiracy 365 Series*

**Who's your all-time favourite author?**  
*Gabrielle Lord*

**Do you have a favourite time or place to read?**  
*In the morning or afternoon, lying on my bed, with the window open so the breeze comes through and it's nice and sunny.*

**In the past, was there someone who really encouraged you to read?**  
*Dad encourages me to read because when he was younger he didn't read as much and now he realises the benefits of it.*

**Where do you get your ideas from about what to read next?**  
*My favourite genres allow me to choose my next series.*

**I research my favourite authors on the internet and through the SMC Library search.**

**How does reading help you in your school work?**  
*Reading helps me become familiar with new and different words which helps me to understand my assessment topics.*

**Library Search link -**  
<http://www.accessitsoftware.com.au/STM20/>  
Enquiries: phone 46317338 or email [library-staff@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:library-staff@stmaryscollege.com)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers –

- George Allport – Old Boy 1945-1954. Husband of Shirley and father to Terry and Catherine. Passed away recently.
- Kevin Hurst – Brother of Year 6 student Matthew Hurst – unwell and currently undergoing treatment.
- Scott Kuhnemann – Father to Nicholas (Year 10) and Matthew (Year 6) – unwell and currently undergoing treatment.

## 2017 ANZAC DAY SERVICE



### ANZAC DAY SERVICE – St Mary's College Oval – 8.30 a.m. start – Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

This is a call to all families with a Dad or Mum, brother or sister in the Armed Services, that you are very welcome to be part of our service.

If you are able to attend, could you please let Mrs Lucia Armstrong know.

Please contact: Mrs Lucia Armstrong on [armstrongl@stmaryscollege.com](mailto:armstrongl@stmaryscollege.com)

### 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.**

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