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Forming young men of faith, integrity, action and excellence



Reflection

Beginning Anew

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of the old” (Isaiah 43:19)

In the bible there are countless quotes relating to letting go of the past to make a new beginning. The reason for this is the age old problem – change is difficult and it is easier to cling to the old ways of doing things than try to be.g.in anew. However, the message of the writings of St Paul speak again and again of embracing the challenge of being the best we can be by learning from our mistakes and then letting them go. He writes about ‘putting off your old self’ and then “be made new in the attitudes of your minds” (Ephesians 4:22) so challenges us to change our way of thinking so that we can become a new and better version of ourselves, more true to our authentic selves.

The beginning of a new term allows all of us to wipe the slate clean and be.g.in anew – setting goals for ourselves and charting a new way to achieve them. It is a time when we can harness the energy gained from the holidays to put into practice our new determination to succeed. Key to this is rejecting the inclination to settle for second best. As Pope Francis said: “all of us are called to realize how indifference can manifest itself in our lives and to work concretely to improve the world around us, beginning with our families, neighbours and places of employment”. He goes on to say that by embracing the challenge to be the best we can be it will be hard but nothing worthwhile ever comes easily. It takes courage - courage to face our failures and the determination to embrace the challenges ahead.

What he is talking about ties in with Carol Dweck’s work on growth mindset. Central to her theory is the idea that success for many people is tied to how they perceive challenges - are they opportunities for success or an obstacle to be overcome? According to Dweck, successful people are able to respond to challenges with constructive thoughts and determination or grit, thereby allowing themselves to grow stronger through the situation rather than fall into despair and defeatedness. This growth mindset is what I believe the Pope was speaking about last year in the Year of Mercy when he called us all to “embrace, forgive and forget the bad things” so that there may “be a change in the concept of how to be our authentic selves”. New starts require that we let go of the old ways of thinking and doing things differently. However, as the Pope himself stated about change while it can be overwhelming, “it is better to be.g.in with the simplest thing”. May be the start of that is simply beginning to think – how can I do this differently? And fight against the temptation to settle for second best.

“The old is gone and the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Reflection provided by Mrs Kaye Picton (Religious Education Curriculum Leader)

Year 12 Formal

Best wishes to all our Year 12 boys who will be enjoying the St Mary’s College Year 12 Formal this Friday night, 14th July at The Mills Precinct, Ruthven Street. This evening is an opportune time for our boys to dress in traditional attire and partner a young lady to a formal meal, followed by dancing and socialising. The evening will include the boys presenting their partners to the Principal, Assistant Principal Student Welfare and House Leaders and an address by Old Boy, Mr Robin Murphy. Boys will arrive at The Mills Precinct from 5.00 p.m. Enjoy, gentlemen.



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2017 Confraternity Shield

Congratulations to the St Mary's College First XIII Rugby League team who were placed 7th in the 2017 Confraternity Shield. This famous state-wide competition of Queensland's Independent & Catholic schools has a wonderful history and tradition, with a high standard of competition provided each year. Our boys had some solid wins including: 18-8 win against Marymount, Gold Coast, 26-4 win against Padua College and another tough 16-0 win against Emmaus College, Rockhampton. They suffered a 16-6 loss against St Pat's, Shorncliffe on Tuesday afternoon in the quarter-final; and after a positive start the confraternity boys went down 28-14 to St Brendan's College to finish the Confraternity carnival for 2017. In hot conditions the boys prevailed 24-16 over Padua College to be placed 7th out of 48 teams. There is no doubt that the excellent standard of representative Rugby League coaches on staff, our program to increase our boys' fitness and strength in the gym and the additional stronger level of competition we now participate in (Brisbane competition) has made a significant difference to our boys' overall performance. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches and staff who accompanied the boys: Mr Robert Anderson (Coach), Mr Sean Albion (Manager) and assistants, Mr Michael Krog and Mr Mitch Koina. Well done, gentlemen.

NAIDOC Week

St Mary's College will be celebrating NAIDOC week from July 17 – 21. This week will celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Australia's first inhabitants, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Celebrations for the week include a special College Assembly in Anzac Place where we will unveil four story poles that were painted by Peter Mulchay and our Indigenous students earlier this year. There will be a parent/student dinner and our indigenous students will participate in indigenous art, games, dance, story and culture. St Mary's College certainly welcomes and values all of our indigenous students, families and their cultures. Let's celebrate NAIDOC Week together as a College family.

James Phelan Author Visit

St Mary's College is looking forward to hosting the well-known Australian author, James Phelan on the 17 & 18 July. All year levels will be attending sessions during the visit, which will promote reading and effective writing skills to our students. A special thank you to our library staff for organising this event: Mrs Carol McGuire, Mrs Cathy Collins, Mrs Karen Maben and Mrs Lori Pott.

The Vinnies Winter Sleepout

The Vinnies winter sleepout will take place on Monday, 17th July 2017 in the T.P. O'Brien Hall from 5.30 p.m. The sleepout is to raise awareness of people in our community who spend many nights out in the cold, with limited personal belongings and limited food. Students who have volunteered to sleep out on Monday (overnight and in the cold) will be supervised by a number of staff. As well, the SMC St Vinnies Youth Team will be there to coordinate aspects of the night. The night is designed to be a fun, light hearted evening that is engaging for our boys.

Year 6 Camp to Sydney and Canberra

Good luck to all the staff and students who will be heading off next week to Sydney and Canberra for 6 days. Whilst in Canberra, the students will visit such places as the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, The Royal Australian Mint and have a snow day at Perisher Valley. Heading back to Sydney, the boys will get to see The Rocks, Bradman Museum, Hyde Park Barracks and get to go on a Captain Cook Cruise on Sydney Harbour. Enjoy boys!

Academic Interviews for Year 12 Students

The College will be holding Academic Interviews with each Year 12 student over the course of weeks 2 and 3. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings to support their son's success through their final semester of schooling. The Academic Interview time and venue for each student will be sent home via post and email in the coming days.

Important events to note in Week 3:

- Subject Selection Night: Monday 24th July for 2018 Yr 9, 10 & 11 students
- Hearing Health and the Impact on Education sessions: Monday 24th July for Yr 5, 6, 7 and 8 families at 5.15 - 5.55 p.m.
- Athletics Day has been changed from Wednesday 26th July to TUESDAY 25th July
- Grandparents Day: Thursday 27th July
- Bishops In-service Day (Pupil Free Day): Friday 28th July

Ms Charmaine Cridland – Acting Principal

FAITH SNAPSHOT

The Story of Sickness

Welcome back to term 3 – I hope that the title of my story doesn't put you off, but as I have found recently the story of sickness can affect us at any time, and often is a thief in the night – but like all stories it teaches us.

For me the key part of the story, as I have just lived it, is that you feel weak and vulnerable, and the only way to 'get well' - whatever that means - is to accept what is happening to you, and to accept, more importantly, the overflowing generosity of individuals who care for you. This accepting of others, of their gift in your weakness, is not easy; it doesn't sit peacefully with an impatient middle-aged male. It requires you not to be in-charge, in-control – it has forced you to be out of control, and therefore weak – but it requires you to name your weakness, to accept the gift, and be healed. Thanks to all those who are pages in this story of sickness, who have held me, sat with me, laughed with me, confronted me, and prayed with me – so that I can do what I can today.

This story (I think) links to the story that was retold as communities gathered on Sunday.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” **Matthew 11:29-30**

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – STUDENT WELFARE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after a short, but fulfilling break. Our goal is to help your son to grow into fine, respectable young men and live a life which is holistic. This means that they will be given opportunities to develop academically, socially and culturally.

Below are a few small things to help your son get back into routine for the second semester -

1. Set up routines for the week to help your son know what he is expected to do on each day. As the term gets busy many boys tend to achieve better if they have set routines where there is time for study, family interaction, sport, work and socialising.
2. Please ensure that your son wears the full College uniform with appropriate hair length and style. We would expect that the uniform is worn correctly at all times. Uniform is vital; it reduces bullying and peer pressure and helps boys 'switch on to student mode'.
3. Please ensure your son is present and punctual and prepared for school. Any absenteeism requires a signed note to the College Mentor teacher explaining the absence from school.
4. Set high standards of behaviour. Boys are welcome to attend classes and school functions if they meet the expectations we place on behaviour.

There are times within a young man's life that he may find himself falling short in their approach to striving for the crown. They should not let that discourage their goals. It is vital that they develop "GRIT". Grit is defined as having perseverance and passion for long-term goals and working hard towards challenges, even when failure and adversity present themselves. Grit is a 'non-cognitive' skill, similar to self-control, resiliency, and curiosity.

Researchers now realize that grit is as important, if not more, than academic skills! We know that teaching literacy and maths skills are important for a student's long-term success. But what happens when the maths gets a little tricky? Or when the reading is "boring"? What keeps a student from giving up? G R I T! That's what!

And, grit can be taught. Here's how to help your child develop grit -

1. Praise the effort, not the grade. When you praise the 'stick-to-it-ness' of your child's efforts, they will be more determined to continue working hard. Praising your child's hard work will encourage them not to give up.
2. Let them struggle. As hard as it is to see your child struggle, they need to learn how to work through frustration and failure. If you swoop in and save them before they fail, they will never learn how to deal with failure, which is a part of life. While they're struggling, praise their effort!
3. Create and talk about your own goals. If your goal is to clean the basement, repaint the bedroom, or run that half-marathon, talk about it as a family. Share what small steps you are taking along the way to meet your goal, and talk about your own struggles and how you plan to get past them.
4. Keep and model an open mindset. An open mindset is believing that things can change, that we can improve our skills and knowledge, and that we can get past challenges. Instead of saying, "I can't do this!" you can say, "I can't do this.... yet."
5. Find ways to challenge your child. Encourage your child to try new things, even if they aren't sure they're any good at it. Trying new things is how we learn from our mistakes. Give them age-appropriate chores at home. Find new hobbies and involve your child. Praise their effort along the way!

Mr Matthew Jahnke, Acting Assistant Principal Student Welfare – jahnkem@stmaryscollege.com

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

Responses to Report Cards: At the end of Semester One, all students received a report card which outlined their learning achievements across the semester. Whilst there is no formal parent/teacher interview evening this term, as a College we are always keen to work in partnership with you as parents and welcome any informal parent teacher meetings. I encourage parents to contact any teacher regarding a particular grade or comment if you require additional explanation or assistance. The best initial contact can be made via email – surnamefirstinitial@stmaryscollege.com (e.g. willocks@stmaryscollege.com). An email response may suffice or a follow-up appointment can be made to further discuss your son's progress and what is required to improve his results in the future. We certainly value strong communication and partnership with parents to enable the best possible academic outcomes for your sons. I look forward to a positive semester of academic studies with your son.

Term 3 is always a busy time in the Curriculum sphere. It is a vital time for all learners – but of particular importance to students in Year 12. It is the term when their levels of achievement are solidified and they will sit the QCS test in late August. Complete focus and commitment is required from each and every Year 12 student for this vital term.

Important Date Claimer

2018 Subject Selection Night for 2018 Year 9, 10 and 11 students: Monday 24 July, Subject Selection night will occur. On this night important information about the subject selection processes, subject offerings and pathways for students will be delivered. **It is vitally important that all students in these year groups attend with their parents.** Each year group will be.g.in in the T.P. O'Brien Hall with a year level specific presentation and then parents and students will be encouraged to move to the library for specific subject area information from Curriculum Leaders. You will be able to ask subject specific questions at this time of individual specialists in these areas. Information will also be available about the School Based Apprenticeship program, the VET qualifications on offer as well as TAFE in Schools.

Year 9 2018 - begins at 6.00 p.m. Year 10 2018 - begins at 6.45 p.m. Year 11 2018 - begins at 7.30 p.m.

On the same evening there is a concurrent optional parent information session in relation to "Hearing Health and the Impact on Education". This session will be conducted by Mrs Anna Chandler, Education Officer: Sensory Impairment Teaching and Learning from Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office. The intent of the session is to: highlight the importance of identifying and maintaining good hearing health; ways in which poor hearing health can impact on education access; and what to look for at home.

Mr Brendon Willocks, Acting Assistant Principal Curriculum – willocks@stmaryscollege.com

SENIOR PATHWAYS NEWS

University Scholarships: A reminder to all Year 12 students who are interested in studying at University to start looking for scholarships online now.

UQ Young Scholars Program: The 2017-2018 UQ Young Scholars Program involves: a five-day (four night) Residential Camp at the St Lucia campus, YSP Open Day Reunion (Early August 2018), Facebook Group networking and support and regular newsletters. Students will gain valuable insights into university life and fields of study they may not have encountered as part of the school curriculum. They will hear from leading thinkers and engage in discussions and collaborative forums in group settings. A range of social, sporting and cultural activities will complement the academic program. While on campus, students are housed in single rooms in one of UQ's residential Colleges. The Program is administered and supervised by University staff and Student Mentors. Visit <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/files/8051/UQ-YSP-brochure-2018.pdf> to view the UQ Young Scholars Program information brochure. UQ Young Scholars Program applications close Friday 11th August 2017 at 4.00 p.m.

Year 10 Work Experience will run from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th September**. Please return your Expression of Interest form to Mrs Lisa Cocks this week. The Work Experience Agreement Form will be issued this week and must be signed by all relevant parties prior to the placement commencing.

Year 11 Work Experience (compulsory for OP ineligible Year 11 students) will run from **Monday 9th October until Friday 13th October**. Expression of Interest forms are to be returned by Friday 14th July.

Apprenticeship Vacancy (full time). Alpine Refrigeration (Qld) Pty Ltd in Toowoomba have an opening for a first year Refrigeration Mechanic starting at the end of November 2017. Work involves domestic, commercial and industrial air conditioning and refrigeration and duties include assisting mechanics and attending TAFE. A neat appearance and good communication is essential as you will be working with clients each day and a current licence is preferable but not essential. Please direct all cover letters and resumes to carolyn@alpinerefrigeration.com.au. Please let Mrs Hannam or Mrs Cocks know if you apply for this position.

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 Mrs Eleigha Hannam – hannam@stmaryscollege.com or Mrs Lisa Cocks – cocksl@stmaryscollege.com for submission on your behalf.

Mrs Eleigha Hannam, Acting Director of Senior Pathways – hannam@stmaryscollege.com

FINANCE NEWS

Sundry Accounts – A statement of sundry items was forwarded last week; payment would be appreciated. All sundry items e.g. camps, larger excursions, iPad/Laptop repairs, snr jerseys etc. are NOT invoiced on the term account and need to be paid separately. Camps and tours have due by dates. All other items on your sundry account are due and payable now.

Year 7 Camp – Please ensure all camp fees are paid by the extended due date 13 September 2017.

Year 9 Camp – Please ensure all camp fees are paid by the extended due date 4 October 2017.

Year 11 Leadership Camp – Full payment is due by 2 August 2017. All camp information is on our website.

Year 12 Retreat – To ensure your place on the retreat please make payment of the deposit of \$150.

Year 12 Formal – There are some families who have not yet paid, please make payment urgently.

England Football Tour 2017 – Final payment is due 18 August 2017.

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

Year 6 Sydney/Canberra 2017 – Full payment was due by 18 June 2017. There are a number of students who need to return their chocolate money. Please do so as a matter of urgency. Please be aware that any fundraising over and above the cost of the camp will be refunded back to you.

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 with regards 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

EFTPOS MACHINE - TUCKSHOP

EFTPOS MACHINE:

Is now available for use in the College Tuckshop!

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❖ No cash out facilities available

PRIMARY NEWS

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 boys will soon be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

A few reminders as camp is just around the corner. Only 6 more sleeps until we fly out on Monday 17th July. Please remember to keep checking the weather. Right is a forecast for this week.

CANBERRA 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST							
	Mon Jul 10	Tue Jul 11	Wed Jul 12	Thu Jul 13	Fri Jul 14	Sat Jul 15	Sun Jul 16
Summary	 Mostly sunny	 Frost then sunny	 Frost then sunny	 Frost then sunny	 Late shower	 Possible shower	 Possible shower
Maximum	13°C	14°C	13°C	13°C	13°C	11°C	11°C
Minimum	-1°C	-3°C	-4°C	-4°C	-1°C	-2°C	-6°C

Important details to remember:

- Meet at the College at 5 a.m. for 5.30 departure
- Ensure all medication has a doctor's prescription label and is packed in your suitcase
- Home baking to be packed into your suitcase
- Wear leader's shirt with College tracksuit and have sling bag
- NO electronic devices or snack foods
- Pack warm clothes

If any of your son's medical details changes between now and when we depart please ensure that you inform me so that your son's group leader has accurate and up to date information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or your son's classroom teacher to get clarification or refer to the PowerPoint that was emailed out last term after the information session.

Upcoming Dates:

- 14th July – Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
- 17th – 22nd July – Year 6 Camp
- 25th July – Athletics Carnival
- 27th July – Catholic Schools Touch Carnival
- 28th July – Pupil Free Day – Bishop's In-service Day
- 11th August – Social with Glennie

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

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to Term 3! The start of the term is a crucial time to re-establish practice habits that may have become rusty over the holidays. Please remember that staff are always available to assist your son in developing his practice skills and habits. In addition to asking their tutor directly, general assistance for all students is available in the Music Room (COPAS17) 2nd break each Monday.

Primary students should contact their Class Band Conductor:

Year 5: Benn Tracy at tracyb@stmaryscollege.com

Year 6: Christina Marangelli at marangellic@stmaryscollege.com

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

Year 6 Music:

Welcome back to the last Semester of the Primary Ensemble Program!

The boys received their practice charts last term and all parents should have received an electronic copy of this via e-mail. The first week's goals are to refresh their musical talents with Bingo and Scale Study #66.

Please see the list below of equipment required for every music lesson (both band and tutes):

Instrument	Diary	iPad	Music Bag (on the booklist for this year) with practice chart, Standard of Excellence Book (music), pencil case (pencil, sharpener and eraser) and music class booklet
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Awards reminder: The year 6 boys will again be recognised for their display of excellence and commitment to their music study and class preparation this year. Please use this as motivation.

There are three awards the boys can earn:

1. **Shooting for the Stars:** Boys that have earned 10 stars, totalling a minimum of at least 600 minutes' practice over the Semester.
2. **Music Star:** Boys who have earned a star at every rehearsal attended for consistent music practice.
3. **Music Super Stars:** Boys who have 100% attendance and have earned a star at every rehearsal attended for consistent music practice.

A star means that they have practised for at least 60minutes from band day to band day.

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

Primary

- This term the Primary students will be playing Rugby League, Soccer and Development Sport at PCYC. Sport will commence in Week 2 for the Year 5's and then Week 4 for the Year 6's.
- The **Under 12 Development Cup Rugby League game against** Our Lady of Southern Cross School for the Darling Downs final will be played this Wednesday afternoon on the St Mary's oval at 3.30 p.m.

Secondary

- This Wednesday the **1500m** and the **Hurdle** races will be run during Wednesday afternoon sport time.
- Sport for the Secondary students this term will be social sports. There are a variety of sports on offer and the students are in the process of choosing the sport they would like to do for this term. Wednesday afternoon sport will commence in Week 4.

Results – Mon 19 th June – Fri 23 rd June				
Rugby League – Bronco's Challenge				
St Peter Claver	12	def	St Mary's – 15A	8
St Mary's 1 st	12	def	St Peter Claver	4

We would like to wish all of the following boys the best of luck at they compete in their representative sport this week. A great achievement to all these boys for being selected in these teams. Well done to you all.

- Congratulations to **Cory Paix** on his selection in the **QLD U/18 Schoolboys Rugby League Team**, he is playing at the National Rugby League Titles in Sydney this week.
- We would like to wish **Declan Trezise** and **Jacob Holt** the best of luck this week as they will be competing at the **Cross Country State Championships** at Bald Hills in Brisbane.
- Congratulations to **Jake Simpkin** on his selection in the **U/16 Qld Origin team** which will be playing this Wednesday before the 3rd State of Origin match in Brisbane.
- Congratulations also goes to **Ryan Bidgood** for being selected in the **Qld U/13 Hockey team** being played in Perth.
- Congratulations also goes to **Carter Mogg** on his selection in the **2018 State Squad for Hockey**.
- Well done to our **Rugby League 1sts** who competed at the **Confraternity Carnival** in Brisbane in the first week of the holidays. It was a great week of rugby league with our boys finishing 7th in their pool. Congratulations to **Luke Maiden** for receiving the **St Mary's College Player of the Carnival** and to **Liam Carrington** who received the **Spirit of Confraternity award**. A huge thank you to all the supporters and to everyone that helped out with the boys during the Carnival week.

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 –

- **St Mary's Hurdles & 1500m** – Wed 12th July
- **Rugby League Dev Cup final** - Wed 12th July
- **Catholic Schools Primary Athletic Carnival** – Fri 14th July
- **St Mary's Athletic Carnival** – Tues 25th July

PLEASE NOTE –

The St Mary's Athletic Carnival will now be held on TUESDAY 25th JULY and NOT Wednesday 26th July as stated in the calendar.

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

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulation to the following riders who attended the 2017 South QLD BMX Championships in Ipswich over the holidays.

Harvey Steffen U11 Boys Novice – 2nd Place
 Bart Steffen U12 – 3rd Place – Bart is now ranked 3rd in South Qld
 Riley White U13 – 12th Place

Pictured Bart Steffen Yr6, Harvey Steffen Yr5.

Year 10 Immunisations - Wednesday 19th July 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

July	
Monday 10 th	Term 3 Commences
Wednesday 12 th	Hurdles and 1500m
Friday 14 th	St Mary's College Year 12 Formal
	Primary Sport
	Primary Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Monday 17 th – 21 st	NAIDOC Week
	Year 6 Camp
	Economics Week
Monday 17 th -18 th	James Phelan – Author Visit
Monday 17 th	Vinnie's Sleep-out – T.P.O'Brien Hall 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 18 th	NAIDOC Assembly
Wednesday 19 th	Secondary Sports Selections
Thursday 20 th	NAIDOC Dinner
Friday 21 st	Primary Sport
Monday 24 th – 28 th	Catholic Education Week
Monday 24 th	Subject Selection Night - 2018 Yr 9 6 p.m. 2018 Yr 10 6.45 p.m. 2018 Yr 11 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 25 th	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 27 th	Grandparents Day
	Primary Catholic Schools Touch Carnival
Friday 28 th	Bishop's In-Service Day – Pupil Free Day
August	
Friday 11 th	Primary Social with Glennie



**Wednesday 13th and
Friday 15th September
2017
Armitage Centre
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SPORTING SUCCESS OVER THE HOLIDAYS



St Mary's College Merchandise:

- College Bucket Hat - \$10.00**
- College Cap - \$10.00**
- College Sports Bag - \$10.00**
- College Library Satchel - \$10.00**
- College Umbrella - \$35.00**

**All these items are available from
the College Front Reception.**

Library News

JAMES PHELAN—AUTHOR VISIT

Date: 17-18 July 2017

Venue: St Mary's College, Toowoomba

The St Mary College Library is very excited to announce that well-known Australian author, James Phelan, will be visiting our school in July 2017, which will be a highlight on the Library Calendar. All year levels will be attending sessions during the visit, which will promote reading and effective writing skills to our students.



Born in Melbourne, James Phelan grew up in Parkville, going to sleep to the sound of lions calling in the night at the Melbourne Zoo. His creative spirit was nurtured from a young age and he credits his overactive imagination to being exposed to authors such as Roald Dahl and Paul Jennings. He holds an MA and PhD in literature and is the author

of 27 novels, including The Last Thirteen Series. For more information: <http://www.jamesphelan.com.au/>



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