



ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Toowoomba

May 19 2011



Date Claimers

Dear Parents, students and friends,

May 19

Sports Committee Meeting 4pm

May 20

DD Cross Country Nominations Due
Friday Night Volleyball

May 22

College Open Day 10am—2pm

May 24

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day
Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

May 25

Year 11 & 12 Driver Education

May 26

Reconciliation Week
Arts USQ Student Experience Day
College Board Meeting

May 27

Assembly
Rosie's Street Retreat
Interact Meeting
Friday Night Volleyball

Quote of the week

You must do the things you think you cannot do.
Eleanor Roosevelt

Last Friday we gathered to reflect, to remember and to celebrate 150 years of Mercy in Queensland – a journey that we here at St Saviour's are privileged to be part of. This is reflected in our theme for 2011 of *Valuing our Past – Strengthening our Future.*

As partners in the Mercy Journey we gathered in prayer welcoming members of the Sisters of Mercy, both local and from Brisbane, past students, parents and representatives of Catholic Education Office and local and State government.

This year the College joined Mercy communities across Queensland to mark the bravery, vision, passion and commitment of a woman named Ellen Whitty who with a group of young sisters, left the security and comfort of her homeland in Ireland, arriving in Brisbane on May 10, 1861 to commence the vision of Catherine McAuley in Queensland. We note that some of these young women were young as seventeen. Their faith and commitment inspired them to travel across perilous seas in an open boat to an unknown land to enrich the lives, hearts and futures of individuals and communities.

At St Saviour's we proudly mark our Mercy links through our traditions, priorities and even through our building. Hardly a day would pass with each of us entering through the doors of the Ellen Whitty Building – our library.

Ellen's story is one of struggle, hardship and humility. Committed to the vision of Catherine she endured conflict with church authorities steadfast in her mission to meet the faith, pastoral, learning and health needs of initially, the Brisbane community and within a short 12 years, to our own diocese of Toowoomba.

This year students and staff proudly wear our link to this 150 year story through our Mercy badge, not just as a mark of our pride in the enormous achievements of all those involved in the ministry of mercy over these years, but as a mark of our commitment to carrying forward the vision into the lives of others with a similar passion to Ellen. A commitment to be women of faith, of justice, of care and of determination.

Ellen had the faith and strength to put on the lens of care for others and today 150 years on, we need to have faith in ourselves to know that we have the mission, as individuals and together, to continue to enable the flame of hope envisaged by Catherine, to burn for and in the lives of others.

Congratulation and thank you to the wonderful student participation in the special event.

This Sunday we celebrate our annual Open day. I look forward to meeting many of our current and new parents throughout the day. *Come share the St Saviour's Way.*

Enclosed are a to parent education evenings I would recommend you to consider.

God bless us in our shared journey and mission.

Margaret Battle
Principal

NEWSLETTER



St Saviour's College is a day and residential College educating young women from Years 8-12.

Sunday 22nd May
10:00am until 2:00pm

ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE



OPEN DAY

St Saviour's College Neil Street Toowoomba

Catherine Mc Auley Day

Friday was a wonderful day that saw us a College commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Mercy Sisters arrival in Queensland. The morning began in prayer with a Liturgy of the Word where we celebrated the unique gifts provided to us by Catherine, Ellen Whitty and all the Mercy Sister's that have walked in our Diocese and Queensland.

During the Liturgy each key member of our Community was presented with a hand painted candle of Catherine McAuley commemorating the 150th Anniversary. I would like to thank Mrs McNamara -Glasson for all her efforts in painting these candles as well as our College Value banners. We are a very blessed community when members so willingly give of their own time to share their talents with us.

After morning tea the students participated in a workshops that focused on our Mercy Heritage and values, please see choices below. They were challenged to participate in activities that were academic, promoted justice, reflection and compassion in a different way. I thank the teachers for developing these exciting options and our guest presenters Ms Sharon Collins, ex-student and Education Officer Faith Education and Curriculum, Sister Deidre Gardner of the Toowoomba Social Justice Commission and Mrs Christine Baron Yoga teacher.

After lunch the Battle of the Homeclasses / Houses began with Running of the Nuns, Maypole dancing and Ball games. I would like to thank Mrs Janovsky and Mrs Battle for leading us in these activities. In all it was a wonderful day of College and Mercy Spirit.

I thank all involved in the Liturgy and in the organisation of the day from our ground and cleaning staff, to our office staff, teachers, teacher aides, student leaders, SRC members. Finally, to all our students who attended this important feast day and made such an impact on all our guests because of your wonderful behavior, dress and ability to engage in conversation and workshops.

This day is essential to who we are as a College and as a Mercy Community. Celebrations like Friday value our heritage and helps us to build College spirit.

Mrs Kay Gleeson

Student Work Shop Selections

Title	Description	Link to values
Survive past Five. 5 th Birthday Party	You are invited to the birthday party to raise awareness of Millennium Development Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality. Find out how you can help achieve the goal	Justice – the right to all to live past 5 years old
Mercy values in fabric	Students print, embroider, glue, paint and bead symbols of mercy values on calico	Direct link to all values
Zumba	Aerobics	Excellence
Gardening	Creating and planting no-dig vegie gardens to extend the existing vegetable garden	Hospitality_ providing food resources for use by the community. Justice – using our resources in a beneficial way
Prayer for the 21 st Century	Developing different prayer ideas including meditation for the 21 st century.	Hospitality, Compassion
Mercy Music	Workshop to introduce music that has been important to our Mercy tradition and College	Linking to the College's heritage and Values through hymns that have been valued by the College
Social Justice in Toowoomba	What is Justice, who in our diocese looks after justice, what happens in Toowoomba and what can I do	Justice / Compassion
Yoga Retreat	2 x 45 minute sessions on quiet reflection, looking for inner peace Max. 15 per session	Excellence, Compassion
Nuclear Meltdown	Team work / problem solving activity. Working as a team under pressure to dispose of spent fuel rods from a nuclear reactor	Excellence compassion
Origami paper crane making	The story of Sadoko and the 1,000 cranes. Understanding the significance of the paper crane. Making paper cranes to take to Japan	Compassion
The Oasis Movie	View a feature documentary about Australia's homeless youth. Possibility of students entering 3 min. film competition (Closes 6/9) "What would make a difference for Australia's homeless?"	Mercy Compassion
A Taste of Spanish	Experience Spanish at SSC	Excellence and Hospitality
African Book Marks	Hessian book marks with wool and beads	Compassion Hospitality
Distortion	Creating figures that represent our heritage through a distorted lens	Excellence, Hospitality
Mercy Movement	Expressing our Values through Movement	All
Part 1 - Math and the Bible	Part 1 - Discovering the math hidden within the bible	Part 1 – Excellence
Part 2 – Math and Social Justice	Using mathematics to teach and learn about issues of social and economic justice	Part 2 - Justice
Road to Mercy	Peer Support leaders facilitate a collage of Catherine's pilgrimage.	Creating awareness of Catherine's journey



Year 11 & 12 Examination block

The senior examination block is only four weeks away. It is most important that all students focus on revision for the exam period over the next weeks. The schedule of exams will be out by the end of this week. Please ensure that your daughter has organised release from part-time work during this week of assessment. During the examination block students are only required to attend school when she has an examination. She should arrive 15 minutes before the commencement of the sessions.

End of Term Schedule

Reflection on learning: a vital part of the learning process Year 8-12

The few days after the completion of formal assessment are vital in that they provide an opportunity for focussed feedback to students on their learning throughout the unit of work. Students will have the opportunity to review their individual folios of work for the semester. A student folio contains the assessment for the semester and is the evidence of learning throughout the unit. It is a time for reflection on their progress resulting in a deeper understanding of the work covered throughout the semester. According to leading educationalists, learning without reflection, ends well short of the re-organization of thinking that 'deep' learning requires. Students reflect on themselves as learners when they evaluate the thinking processes they used to determine which strategies worked best. They can then apply that information about how they learn as they approach learning in the future.

Year 10 Induction to Senior Schooling and Senior Education and Training Plans

Following the formal assessment, Wednesday June 22 will involve Year 10 students being inducted into senior schooling. It is an important stage in developing their pathway through their senior phase of learning. Throughout this term your daughters will be developing their Senior Education and Training plans (SETp). It is important that you have substantial conversations with your daughters as she explores the options and is led through a decision making process to discover the most appropriate pathway for her. As part of the process all Year 10 students and their parents or carers are required to have an interview with staff to discuss their SETp. These interviews will take place in the first weeks of Term 3. Attendance at the Year 10 Induction into Senior Schooling is compulsory for all Year 10 students.

Year 11 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test Induction

Apart from reflection on their learning throughout semester 1 of their senior phase of learning, our Year 11 students will have the opportunity to delve into the aspects of the QCS test. The QCS test is a statewide test that students sit for in their final year of schooling. It contributes information for the calculation of the Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs), which are used to rank students for tertiary entrance. The induction will be held on Tuesday June 21 for all Year 11 students.

Catherine McAuley Day

One activity held to highlight our Mercy value, Justice, was the ‘Survive Past Five’ 5th Birthday party. At the party, students explored the Millennium Goal 4, Child Mortality. The goal, developed in 2000 by world leaders, aims to cut infant and child deaths by two-thirds by 2015 from 1990 levels. Our government needs to commit 0.7% of our national income (GNI) to overseas aid to meet the Millennium goals. The students were asked to send an e-card to our Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kevin Rudd. The following photographs were taken at the party, an activity promoted through the Micah Challenge. The Micah Challenge has been set up by the Catholic Church to keep the governments accountable for the promises they made towards the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015. From the Bible in the book of Micah, “And what does the Lord require of you?” To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” It is our hope that the students who participated in this activity will be enlivened to respond to the promotion of justice in our community.

Mrs Kathryn Janovsky



From the AP -Administration

This Sunday from 10.00am until 2.00pm our College opens its doors for our annual Open Day. We will have displays from each of our departments showcasing our curriculum, and highlighting our Pastoral Care program, House system and extra curricula activities. We hope to be joined by prospective and current parents for a chat and a BBQ. This year most of the displays will be in the Callaghan Centre, however we also have Hostesses who will take tours of the College. The stage will be busy with the Choir, Boarders Choir and our dancers entertaining our parents and community members.

Our Year 11 and 12 cohorts are participating in the RYDA Road Safety education program at the Oakey showgrounds on Wednesday 25th May. Students will be bussed to the Oakey showgrounds on Wednesday morning, leaving the College at 8.40am and will return by 2.45pm. You should have received an information sheet on the day from your daughter.

Mrs Linda Creedon

At its monthly meeting, the members of the board were extremely interested to learn of the proposed changes (due to come into effect in 2012) to the formula followed by the Federal government with relation to how private schools will be funded. Mrs Battle explained the history behind existing funding arrangements and how absolutely essential it has been in allowing private schools, particularly Catholic schools to build and upgrade facilities throughout the years.

All members of the Board have asked to be kept apprised of the changes as they are announced, and if necessary, have agreed to lobby all relevant members of parliament to ensure the welfare of Catholic schools is guaranteed under any new arrangements. As part of our ongoing task of Constitution review, the Board validated recommended changes to some sections of Article IV, and then went on to Articles 5, 6 and 7. Some minor changes were suggested and these will be brought back to the May meeting for further deliberation and validation. May meeting will hopefully have our task completed and our suggested revisions will then be forwarded to Board Liaison Officer (CEO) for final consideration.

The Board has lost one of its members and Mrs Battle will advertise the vacancy in the school's newsletter. Please encourage anyone whom you believe may be interested to contact Mrs Battle or myself via email or phone.

Our May meeting will largely be taken up with beginning deliberations on the Board's Faith and Spirituality Policy. These discussions are always enlightening, often lengthy and occasionally exhausting! Please remember us in your prayers.

Donna Sainsbury
Chairperson.

Catherine McAuley Day



Who Stole the Sole?

A high impact theatrical journey exploring the teenage world of cyber-bullying
**EXPLORING THE COMPLEX WORLD OF TEENAGE COMMUNICATION ON AND OFFLINE INCLUDING:
 Cyber safety / Bullying / Relationships / Homophobia / and sexism**
 Creating a catalyst further for discussion, developed for middle school audiences, years 7,8 & 9 and parents.
DATE: Wednesday June 1
TIME: 6.30pm—8.30pm
VENUE: Empire Theatre Church, Neil St, Toowoomba
WHO: Parents & Students in Years 7,8 and 9 (Please note the performance is not suitable for children under 12 years of age)
COST: Gold Coin Donation
RSVP: Places limited—Please Book—Ph: 46316372

Darling Downs Cross Country

Reminder - Darling Downs Cross Country Competition on Tuesday May 31.

We have had a meeting with all girls involved and reminded them that their permission slips and \$15 are due ASAP.

Training for Running Club is held on the school oval on Wednesday mornings 7 – 8am and Friday afternoons from 3:10 – 4:00pm. It would be beneficial for everyone to attend combined with regular training from the training program on the back of the letter.

St Saviours College Volleyball Competition

The following Volleyball Interschool Competition will be running on Friday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30pm. This is a competitive competition will trophies being presented and winners being announced. Participation must be given in this Friday afternoon competition if students would like to be involved for the upcoming Tuesday Night Competition. Competition dates are as follows: Friday May 20, Friday May 27, Friday June 3, Friday June 10.

Sports Representatives

Congratulations to the following Madison Mogg that made the Regional Darling Downs Hockey team as the umpire. The girls will be competing later this year.

Netball Development Squad

The Teams training for Vicki Wilson and Southern Skies are continuing training on a Wednesday afternoon for the rest of the Term. Training is compulsory and notification must be given if you are unable to attend.

Darling Downs Tennis

Anyone that is interested in trialing for Darling Downs Tennis on Sunday May 22 please see Mrs Varley by Friday May 20.

Toowoomba Chess Club

If anyone is interested in playing in a Chess Tournament on Saturday and Sunday June 18 and 19 please see Mrs Varley.

Mrs AbbyVarley

Interact Students at NyMylo

On Saturday May 7 the Interact students went to NyMylo to help the Rotarians with a Mother’s Day lunch. Lauren, Tess, Bridget, Elaiza, Lilly, and Nicole all helped to serve the meal and present flowers to the residents. Zania and Chered entertained both the high care and the residential with their beautiful voices. The Rotarians once again cooked a great meal.



Mrs Marilyn Jackson

Traineeships

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have secured traineeships in the last two weeks

Chelsea Lassere Cert III Business Administration

Andrea Hennessy Cert II Retail


Elizabeth Bryan Cert II Hairdressing

If any parents would like to offer our students a traineeship particularly in Business Administration, could you please contact Mr Eiser at the college. We do have some excellent students who are keen to secure a traineeship in Business Administration.

Mr Lester Eiser



Winner
The winner of the Tuck shop Big M Competition is Lilly-Anne Van Daaken of M1. It was drawn on 08/04/2011 by John Woodward & witnessed by myself. She has won a Big M Esky with 28 x 500ml Big M's of her choice.



ACCOUNTING TUTORIAL AVAILABLE

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY
TIME: FROM 1.00PM (Lunchtime)
WHERE: JANE GORRY 3

PLEASE CONTACT MRS HOLMES FOR FURTHER ENQUIRES



To understand Mother's Day and what it really means you need to understand the person in your life called 'Mother'. Mother is one who nurtures you in her womb for nine months and brings you forth to enjoy the supreme blessing on earth, that is, Life. Mother is one who guides you through your infancy and turns the soft, helpless creature to the powerful and successful YOU. She is the guardian angel protecting you and supporting you, feeling for you and serving you silently always with a smile on her face. She prides herself watching you grow and provides you a shoulder to cry on whenever you need. She is every child's best friend. For a child, every single day should be a Mothers Day. The essence of the meaning of Mother's Day is in the fact that we should try and make this day every year a memorable one for your mother. She should cherish the special feeling of this day and the intensity of that feeling should last her the lifetime.

This is the day to stop, remember, and pray for that special person in our life, without whom we would not have been, what we are today; a day to prove that all her efforts, towards making us a complete person, have been worthwhile and make her feel proud for us. In the broader sense of the term, Mother's day is a day to be grateful to God for being so kind as to bless us with an angel in the form of Mother.

MOTHER'S DAY POEM

A mum is a small portion of God's love in action.

She looks with her heart and feels with her eyes.

A mum is the bank where her children deposit all their worries and hurt.

A mum is the cement that keeps her family together and her love lasts a lifetime.

You can have everything in life but you only get one mum and let her know

She is absolutely wonderful!

Jan Pearman

Head of Boarding



Our Boarders Choir at Salem Nursing Home

On Sunday May 8 on Mother's day, the boarding choir went to visit the Salem elderly nursing home. We performed and sang a song to entertain the residences, being there as the part of the group on that special occasion was a great experience, watching the smile on their faces made my day, the visit was worth it after all, celebrating Mother's day with the Salem residents was enjoyable.

ROSEMARY TOPURA

When I first went to the nursing home, I thought that it was going to be a bad day for me. But it all turned out that it was one of the best experiences I had in my life. Everyone that lives there is so kind and I felt the presence of the elderly people most welcoming. The best part of the day was talking to them and getting to know them. The saddest part of it was saying good-bye and leaving them. They just made my day and I am looking forward to visiting them soon.

ROSEMARY CEDRICK

On April 16th, Sarah Gale made her debut in Miles at the Anglican Debutante Ball. Her partner was her brother Andrew, and flower girl was Natasha Hoffman. Ten other girls also made their debut, and were presented to the Anglican Archdeacon, Val Graydon from Chinchilla. The evening was enjoyed by the large crowd of family and friends who came to celebrate with the lovely young ladies.

On May 6, Sarah, Katie and Angie participated in a cadet training exercise. It went for the whole weekend, and was held at the Cabarlah Rifle range. While there, Katie and Angie participated in camouflage exercises, and exercises on how to move around while being unseen and silent. On Saturday night, we put these new skills into action with a lantern stalk, in which we had to silently creep up on some officers guarding a glow stick. Katie had an amazing and sneaky success in grabbing the glow sticks, but Angie was not so successful. We also learnt how to prepare our own meals on a hexy stove with a hexamine tablet, erect a hutchie, and how to generally survive the bush. Altogether it was a very profitable and fun weekend.

Angela and Katie Gale

McAuley Activities

We decided to offer the girls a few different activities on the weekend. Last weekend Miss Munt took the girls to "Ten Pin Bowling" and this weekend they tried "Indoor Rock Climbing". The girls came back very excited from both activities. There is quite a lot on offer including Mini Golf, Toowoomba Zoo, Picnic and bush walking at Picnic Point.



We are having so much fun at the park!



Indoor Rock Climbing

cybersafetysolutions

kEePiNg SaFe iN cYbErSpAcE:-

An informative, entertaining and enlightening session for Parents and carers will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:-

- ❖ Popular sites for youth – What are they?(including MSN instant messaging, social networking sites such as MySpace & Facebook, virtual chat rooms such as Club Penguin, Moshi Monsters and the dangers of online games such as World of Warcraft.)
- ❖ What do kids do online? Where do they go? The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger.'
- ❖ Online Grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur?
- ❖ Misuse of mobile telephones, email, MSN, blogs, webcam etc. including legal consequences and the possible criminal charges. (What is cyber bullying and harassment?)
- ❖ 'Sexting' – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences.
- ❖ Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online.
- ❖ Learn the lingo.....be able to converse with your children in the language of cyberspace
- ❖ Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use in the home
- ❖ The session will conclude with time for questions and Susan provides a range of useful handouts and information about where to go to access further up to date information.



Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) Cybersafety Committee and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base

*What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.
(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)*

www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au

Defence Force – Leadership and Motivation Series

The Australian Defence Force is currently in the process of conducting a series of presentations across Southern Queensland titled "Leadership and Motivation - presented by Officers in the Australian Defence Force with international command experience". This presentation is aimed at school leaders such as School Captains/Vice Captains and also School Principals.

The presentation centres around what Officers have learnt during their time in the military focusing on essential elements of leadership, methods of motivating yourself and your team and how to deal with adversity. Presenters demonstrate how the characteristics required for success on the battlefield relate directly with the characteristics for success in everyday situations such as school, tertiary studies, professional development & sporting.

This event is now being conducted on Monday May 23 at Harristown State High School commencing at 6pm. I encourage any girls who are in leadership roles or thinking about career pathways that involve leadership to attend. Please contact Ms Noble via email noblen@stsav.qld.edu.au for further information.

BOND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION EVENING

A free seminar titled 'Investing in Your Future' is being held by Bond University here in Toowoomba to give Year 12 students and parents information regarding the scholarships that are available. The Bond Scholarships are designed to reward and encourage Year 12 students who excel in Academics, Community Service, Leadership. Topics covered are as follows:

- Fast-tracking success at Bond
 - Bond University Scholarships
 - Fees and costs
 - FEE-HELP loan
- ANZ Bond University Student Loan Scheme

Date: Monday, June 13, 2011

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Toowoomba Grammar School – Old Hall, 24 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Parking: There is free parking available at the school through the Herries Street entrance. Please refer to a [map of the area](#).

Registrations: To register please go to: [online registration form](#).

UMAT REMINDER

Year 12 students who are intending to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test this year are to register by Friday June 3.

The UMAT test date is Wednesday July 27 2011.

To read the UMAT2011 Information Booklet go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO 2011 – JULY 16 & 17 2011

Go to the following website for further details:

www.tsxpo.org

THE CHRONICLE TOOWOOMBA CAREERS EXPO 2011 – JULY 26 2011

Go to the following website for further details:

www.careersevent.com

CAREER RESOURCES

University information booklets have started arriving from various universities outlining courses that will be offered in 2012. These booklets can be found in the Careers Pathways Room (PD1) or alternatively there are copies on display in the Library. Brochures on exchange programs, vocational training, volunteering and private colleges are also regularly being received so be sure to keep up to date on what is available to you.

I am available to discuss Career options with students and parents on Thursdays throughout term from 9am – 4pm. Please make appointments through Mrs Rowe at the Student Desk.

Naomi Noble
Careers and Pathways Counsellor

<p>The Darling Downs Etiquette School Business and social etiquette Employability skills Life skills Contact: Natalie Kings Training Consultant PO Box 866 Toowoomba Qld 4350 M 0409 897 079 F 07 46937099</p>	<p>YOU'RE INVITED TO A VERY SPECIAL TONY FENELON FLOOD RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT Date: Friday May 20 2011 Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm Venue: TP O'Brien Hall, St Marys' College, West Street Toowoomba Tickets: Family—\$25.00 / Adults—\$10.00 / Children—\$5.00 ONE CONCERT ONLY—DON'T MISS OUT! Tickets available from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Phone 46341453</p>	<p>St Saviour's College Uniform Shop & Clothing Pool Y's Clothing Tuesday 3.00pm—5.00pm Thursday Lunchtime 1.00pm—1.30pm Thursday & Friday 7.45am—8.45am</p>
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