**SWPBS focus:**
We are safe, we are responsible and we are respectful

**Date claimers:**

Term One commences – Tuesday 27 January 2015
Breakfast program – from Monday 2 February 8.30 am – 8.50 am
Parent information session – Tuesday 10 February 3.15 – 5.15 pm – tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available

**Reminders:**
**NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK**

**Sunday Night is Nit Night**
Please update your email address, along with phone numbers and residential addresses.

Wanted/ For Sale
Second-hand Uniforms: Please contact Mrs Dixon to sell and buy second-hand uniforms.

Please ensure all school fees are up to date. EFTPOS available.

No Smoking Zone
Please remember that all government property is a no smoking zone.

**From the Principal:**

I would like to welcome all new and returning families and all new and returning staff. I hope you enjoyed a safe and pleasant summer vacation. Staff members were back at work last week and on Thursday and Friday, and teachers and teacher aides spent some 15 hours focusing on learning at Mary Valley State College in 2015. In brief – Measure what we Value and when we Succeed, Celebrate.

Coming soon – Our College Facebook Page. All students are required to complete an up to date Media advice form, to let the college know, whether or not student images or work may be published to our Facebook Page. In the next few days we will send out a form for you to update and return – ASAP and watch out for details of the page.

At the meet and greet parent and teacher information evening on Tuesday 10 February from 3.15 – 5.15 pm, parents will be able to find out more information about what this means for them and for their children. Teachers will again be focusing students on Reading, Writing, Number, Behaviour and Attendance and these will be discussed along with class programs at the meet and greet. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Kate Watson will be the Head of Department during first semester 2015, while Helen Grogan is acting Deputy Principal at Jones Hill SS. Kate has been at the college since the commence of 2013 and will be teaching Home Economics, Textile and Food Studies and Economics and Business. Also joining the secondary term during semester one is Susanne Smith, who has most recently been the Teacher Librarian at Dalby SHS. Susanne will be teaching primary and secondary science and secondary geography.

All secondary students and teachers will commence and finish each day on the main administration campus, with students and staff moving to the secondary facilities at the commencement of period 2 and returning at the end of the second recess. Miss Watson can be found in the resource centre each morning before school and all secondary students are to wait in the area outside of the resource centre.

Primary students arriving before 8.30 am are to wait in the main undercover area. At 8.30 when a teacher aide comes on duty, students may move around the grounds, with secondary students remaining on the oval side of A block and primary students on the undercover area of A block. The area under A block is out of bounds for both groups of students.

The P and C continue to support the wearing of school uniforms for all students, including both the navy shorts/skirts/skorts and the college polo shirts as well as the wearing of sun safe hats at the college, which include broad brimmed hats, bucket hats with a brim of approximately 6 cm and legionnaire’s hats. Secondary students must also wear a sun safe hat – not a cap. Students out of uniform at the commencement of the school day are to report to Miss Watson in the resource centre. Alternative uniform items will be available to be borrowed.

As part of the school wide positive behaviour program, teachers have been asked to teach lessons specifically about routines. These routines include lining up, using the toilet, eating in designated areas and playing in designated areas, as well as routines about arriving at school and leaving the school grounds. Students should not be in classrooms without a teacher or a teacher-aide being present.

**Safe, Respectful, Responsible**
From the secondary campus

The staff at the Secondary Campus would like to welcome, not only the continuing secondary students but also the year 7 students, who have joined us from the primary campus, and all the new students who have started with us today. It was great to see that the majority of students arrived to school with the correct uniform and all the required equipment. Please remember that all secondary classes will now start and end the day on the primary campus and this will now be the pickup and drop off point for the buses. We are looking forward to working with all the students in 2015 at Mary Valley State College.

Though we have had a great start to the year, unfortunately Laura Barton won't be returning. Laura was able to attend the secondary campus half way through last year after having time away for cancer treatment. Laura was doing extremely well on her return to school and had great support from her peers. During the Christmas break, however, Laura and her family received news that she had relapsed. Laura has already started treatment for this cancer and is likely not to return to the College in 2015. We would like to send our support and positive energy to her and her family through this time. Please let the school know if you would like to pass on any messages to Laura.

Jenny Kent, Principal

Swimming

In week two, students from all year levels will commence swimming as part of their HPE program. Students must return the permission notes that will be sent home this week.

Costs…..

The cost for Prep to Year 2 students is $60, for workbooks, worksheets and teacher prepared materials which compliment/substitute textbooks in other key learning areas.

Years 3 and 4 is $72; Years 5 and 6 $90. This includes art and craft supplies, cooking materials, manual arts materials and for those studying LOTE, access to Language Perfect.

The student resource scheme for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 is $160. Forms should be completed and returned by the end of week three, with payment to enable students to access resources.

The laptop scheme will be operational for students in years 7 to 10, however, there will be NO take home option this year. Students will be assigned a laptop for use at school and will be responsible for that laptop. Laptops will not be assigned until fees are paid and the agreement has been signed.

Community notices

Imbil Mary Valley Scouts invites boys and girls to try scouting

Visit our Information Display at Imbil Markets, Sunday February 8, 9 am-12 noon.

Does your child like camping, hiking, abseiling, or canoeing?

Would they like to learn campfire cooking, orienteering, and bush survival skills?

Are they interested in building useful things using poles, ropes and knots?

Scouts have been teaching social and leadership skills through challenging activities and outdoor adventure for over 100 years. There are over 15,000 scouts in Queensland and 40 million worldwide. Imbil Mary Valley Scouts have been part of the local community since 1939 and have their own building on William Street, Imbil.

Cubs – ages 7-11 meet Mondays 3:30 to 5:00
Scouts – ages 11-15 meet Mondays 5:00 to 7:00
Venturers – age 15-18 meet Tuesdays 6:00 to 8:00

For more information visit scoutsqld.com.au or contact Carol Harris, 0437 426 055

Mary Valley Pony Club

AGM and Sign On
February 8 at 9.30 am
Showgrounds Hall
Contact Chris – 54886831; 0458931918

Chappie Jen will start Breakie Club on Monday 2 February. These breakfasts will be held every Monday and Wednesday outside the teacher resource room in D block from 8.30 am – 8.50 am. Jennie will also be running some energetic and interesting activities for those who attend. Thanks to Jennie, the Victory Care program, our local RSL and our many volunteers for their ongoing support of this initiative.

The whole school behaviour focus is on being safe, respectful and responsible. Parents may like to remain after school to supervise their own children on the playground, otherwise, children should not use the playground after school.

As part of the college’s commitment to sustainability, the P and C supports the reduction in ‘land-fill’ rubbish from the college by requesting all students and staff take home their land-fill rubbish in their lunch boxes. There will be bins for composting and bins for recycling, however, all land-fill items that students bring to school eg. plastic food wrappers, will be put back into lunch boxes for students to take home as house hold rubbish. Nude food and using paper wrapping in re-usable plastic containers is the best option.

Jenny Kent, Principal

Gympie Touch Football Association

Season 1 2015 Junior sign-on
Date: 4th February 2015
Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm
Venue: Albert Park, Bruce Highway
Enquiries: gympietouch@gmail.com