Making the effort...

In this past month, I have been continually impressed by the tangible sense of community here at Joey’s. Yet why be so surprised? Our community’s reputation for a warm welcome, a genuine interest in each others’ welfare, and friendly and happy kids flows from and stands firm in a long history of ‘being community’. The founders of our school, the Good Samaritan Sisters lived according to the Rule of St Benedict in which community is a central theme, not in some ‘airy-fairy’ sense of the word but in a very human way.....and we continue to live out this value.

‘The importance of community life is a great theme of Benedict’s Rule. .....St. Benedict teaches that growth comes from accepting people as they are, not as we would like them to be. His references to the stubborn and the dull, the undisciplined and the restless, the careless and the scatterbrained have the ring of reality. Though Benedict was no idealist with respect to human nature, he understood that the key to spiritual progress lies in constantly making the effort to see Christ in each person—no matter how irritating or tiresome.’

‘About the Rule of St. Benedict’ Jane Michele McClure, OSB

In spite of no car parking, wet weather, hot weather, some classes working in conducive surroundings, and noise, dust, mud and heat -

- You have your children at school on time, ready for work, looking smart and proud!
- You have ‘put up your hand’ to be Parent Contacts and to take on roles of the P&F Executive for 2012.
- You have cooked home-bake for the tuckshop and pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.
- You have rostered on to support learning in our classrooms....and the list goes on.

One’s real character however, is ‘tested’ in adversity. Last weekend, one of our families lost their home and possessions in a house fire and as the word has spread, the support has grown exponentially. Meals, clothes, household items, gift cards.....! Generosity abounds. As one mum described it this morning, it’s been like a “group hug!”

So it is in this community of St Joey’s, Nambour that in 2012, we are called to make the effort to see Christ in each other....regardless of the frailties of human nature. In doing so, we model to our children what it means to be people who “positively contribute to our rapidly changing world.” (St Joseph’s Primary’s Vision Statement - excerpt)

May God bless you and yours this week!

Marg Pont
PRINCIPAL
**APRE NEWS**

**Project Compassion**

Last week we launched our Project Compassion appeal for 2012. There will be a visual display for Project Compassion in the display case outside the Yr 7 classrooms. As we raise money we will add the missing pictures (worth $200 each) to show our progress throughout the term.

Our visual picture this year is called ‘Seeds of Peace’. If we raise $1000 we could help eight families in Timor Leste attend training sessions. There they can learn how to grow vegetables, trees, animal food and timber, and how to process these. With these skills and knowledge, they can feed their family, increase their income and create a healthier environment. Students will be learning about other ways our money can help those in Australia and other countries through the help of Caritas Australia.

Thank you to all families and students for your participation (or cooking) yesterday in our fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday).

**Ash Wednesday**

The season of Lent commenced today with Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday we celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent, a time when we prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter.

The season of Lent is a time of reflection, transformation and conversion as we seek healing for the brokenness of our world and its people.

Thank you to the parents and members of the community who joined us this morning at mass along with our classes from Yrs 4-7.

Students in Prep-Yr 3 held liturgies in their classrooms and also received the ashes.

*Peace and Best Wishes*

*Narelle Harney  APRE*

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**“TAKE IT UP”… for LENT:**

Give up wanting…*Take up Giving!*

Give up frowning…*Take up smiling!*

Give up criticism…*Take up complimenting!*

Give up whingeing…*Take up encouraging!*

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**“GIVE IT UP”…for LENT:**

Give up misery…*Take up Hope!*

Give up giving up…*Have another go!*

Give up watching…*Take up a game!*

Give up putting people down…*Start building them up!*

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**FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR**

**Preparing for bad weather - Triple P Positive Parenting Program**

As I write this, the last rumblings of this afternoon’s storm pass overhead, and the flash of lightning can be seen through the windows. Although we are nearing the end of summer, it seems that at this time of year severe weather activity steps up a notch. The recent rain and flooding reminds us of that. Depending where on the Sunshine Coast you live, you may or may not have been caught in the middle of a severe storm this summer. Nevertheless, we are aware that nature can produce serious weather events at short notice. These can be frightening for all of us. The Child and Adolescent Disaster Response Deputy Chair, Dr. Vanessa Cobham, and Chair, Associate Professor Brett McDermott, have teamed up with Professor Matthew Sanders at The University of Queensland to develop the Preparing for Bad Weather Triple P Survival Guide. This support package is based on the well-known Triple P Positive Parenting Program. It offers a number of practical suggestions on how parents can promote their children’s emotional resilience, before and throughout our storm season. I encourage you to visit the website below and take a look at the available resources for parents.


Andrew Wood
(Guidance Counsellor)
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J  Dominic Eldridge - for wonderful counting and quick knowledge of number facts. In maths rotations in Prep J.

Prep S  Bridget Kruger - for always putting in her very best effort. Bridget works very hard at everything she does. She is a kind and caring prep member. We are very proud of Bridget’s start to school. Well done Bridget!

1J  Jayden Herron - for being so diligent in learning his sight words. Jayden is making great progress because of his fantastic attitude to his learning. Well done Jayden you are a star.

1S  Caleb Schembri - for being such an enthusiastic member of 1S who is always ready to learn. He tries hard in all he does and is a great role model to his friends. Well done Caleb! Keep up the good work.

2J  Dylan Beasley - for sharing his amazing wealth of knowledge so gracefully and we are so proud of his resilience and sense of responsibility! He is a super keen worker and a great friend to others.... Wow.

2S  Sophie Skorpil - for a wonderful start to the year. Sophie always brings a beautiful smile to the classroom that brightens our day. Keep up the fantastic work Sophie.

3J  Tessie Savage - for always thinking of her classmates before herself and for the special care she gives to those children who need her support. Congratulations Tessie.

3S  Harriet Fearn - for being a kind natured class member that is always trying her very best. Good on you Harri!

4J  Parker Connolly - for being a fantastic helper in the classroom. Parker is always offering to do the jobs nobody else wants to do. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

4S  Kyle Hamilton - for leading the class in our exercise routine. Kyle showed great leadership skills by leading the class in our morning routine.

5J  Jenelle Webber - for the way she has settled into her new class, for her friendly manner and for the effort she is putting into her work. Well done Jenelle.

5S  Jacqui Lavery - for writing a wonderful rap for our assembly.

6S  Sean Bunter - for his strong work ethic. Sean always works hard and is to be commended for always going that little bit further. Particularly in his writing. Well done and keep it up Sean!

7J  Lachie McKenna - for the consistency that Lachie shows in every subject area every day.

7S  Hannah Reif - for always applying herself to her studies with determination and energy. Hannah always looks to what needs to be done next and is always helpful and cooperative in class. Thank you Hannah and keep up the great work!

PE Award : Holly Adams (Prep S) for showing great concentration and control over her body during our PE lessons. She always listens to instructions and although she is quite she sets a great example for the rest of her class. Keep it up Holly.

Literacy Award (Cathie Menck) : Alicia Fay (5S) for making a great effort in speaking without the L (like) word. Keep it up.

Music Award : Harry Ford (6S) - for being so helpful in Senior Singers.

Maths Enrichment Award (Dorothy Devlin): Esther Cargeeg (5J) for flying along with missing digit subtraction.
YOUR VOICE MATTERS.....
The Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Project will help us to determine the real Catholic Identity of our school and determine future directions for forming our identity. The four parts to the survey will explore: Faith attitudes in our school community; Realistic Options for forming our future identity as a school; realistic options for religious education in our school and Individual questions concerning Catholicity, values education and diversity.

The voice of parents is essential in this process. As one of 50 Catholic schools nationally participating in this project we will get our best results if all parents can have their say. The difficulty with online survey is that only some parents can find the time to contribute. For the sake of our Catholic School please make your voice heard when the survey opens from next Monday, 27th of February. Your invitation and details on how to log on will be sent to you next week. Stay tuned!

Hello from the Tuckshop!
Some of you may have had the experience (?!?) of seeing me paraded on stage by Ms Pont last week at assembly (all 7 shades of red that I went) to celebrate an award we received. The reason that St Joseph’s won the Healthiest Menu in Queensland Award is because our whole school community supports & encourages these healthy choices for our kids. The families & staff of our school are setting our kids a great example, and the fact that we just had a really busy week shows that our kids are responding positively to that message. Be really proud St Joey’s!

This Week: Special> Crunchy Chicken Drumsticks
Helpers & Homebake> Year 5

Next Week: FUN FOOD FRIDAY!!!
Nachos, Icecream & LOL (no special Wednesday)
Helpers & Homebake> Year 6

Remember! Tuckshop only happens with YOUR help!

Lee Etheridge
(Tuckshop Convenor)

St Joseph’s brings home the ‘Chris Howard’ District Swimming Aggregate Trophy
Last Thursday, 22 students from Years 4-7 represented our great school at the Nambour District Swimming Carnival. Our team, led by Jezze Gorman and Brittany Stark competed with courage and humility against fierce competition from 11 other schools. The tremendous effort of our swimmers was enough to win the Chris Howard Aggregate Trophy and finish a close second in the overall standings to Sienna Catholic Primary School. Individually, many students recorded personal bests.

Bo Daniel, Mary-Ellen Bonser and Jezze Gorman won Age Champion titles and Kayleigh Foster finished a close second. My sincerest thanks must go to the wonderful parents who came to the carnival and helped with timing, supervising and supporting our swimmers.

School Cross Country Update
A reminder that the School Cross Country will be held on Friday the 9th of March. Students in years 4-7 wanting to participate in before school training should meet Mrs Devlin (Tuesday) or Mr McCall (Thursday) on the Office Veranda at 8:00am. Students should have appropriate footwear and clothing. Training sessions will finish at approximately 8:15.

Mooloolaba Triathlon Offer
The Mooloolaba Triathlon is offering students from St Joseph’s discounted entry fees on 3 different events this year. If you would like to participate in The 5km Twilight Run, The SUPerridz Triathlon or the Mooloolaba Ocean Swim, please see Mr McCall for an entry form or you can download it online at www.mooloolabatri.com.au. Entries must be received by the 9th of March to receive the discount.
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!
Feb 26th Jazmin O’Leary
21st Briana Herron
Annaliese Shannon & Isabelle Shannon
22nd Saxon Herbert
Zane Watson
26th Isabella Harry
Leorna Ngoma

MUSIC NEWS
10 minutes a day, that’s all it takes!
To get better on an instrument you need to practise every day for only 10 minutes.
Why not, do your 10 minutes of practice as soon as you get home? You build up muscle strength and memory recall that cannot be done in a short burst just before your music/instrument lesson. You and your family will eventually hear and enjoy the improvement!
All vocal groups and bands have begun practices and all permission slips need to be in as enrolment forms will be removed from the office at the end of the week. Thank you to those students who have joined a wonderful program.
Next Wednesday we have a musician/entertainer performing for the whole school. Her name is Gillian Eastoe and she will be doing a 1 hour show about What Is Style? More information will be given to the students in their music lesson.
We are still missing two three-quarter sized guitars. Could you please check at home as they are distinctive for their coloured dots on the fingerboard.
Keep singing!
Paula Simpson
(Music Specialist)

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS…. 3J
3J have hit the ground running this year with lots of exciting learning happening in all areas. In science we are discovering the motion of the earth, moon and sun. In history we are investigating Australia’s early beginnings. While in English, literacy rotations are well and truly in motion with all the children beginning to take responsibility for their own learning.

The best thing about Year 3 is –
“our new playground” Saxon Herbert
“learning about space” Catyn Carey
“the new desks and that in science we are learning about space” Isabella Dall
“learning is fun and learning is good for us” Charlotte Simpson
“the best maths I have ever had” Phoebe Erbacher.

UNIFORM SHOP
Hours are 8am – 9am
Next Days: Thursday 23rd Feb & Tuesday 28th Feb
Glenys Appleby
(Uniform Shop Coordinator)

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS
Term 1 Fee Statements have been posted.
Any families on a REGULAR Payment Plan (i.e. Direct Debit or regular Bpay), please DO NOT pay on this statement. As your plan is spread over the full 2012 year, this information is an update of your account progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on kmhigginbottom@bne.catholic.edu.au if you have any queries regarding your fees.

Kathy Higg
(Finance Secretary)
St. Joseph’s Parish Easter Choir:
Rehearsals for Easter will commence on Sunday 26th February in the Community Centre following the 9am Mass. Any new singers are most welcome. These practices will be held over a six-week period and all are expected to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions. A practice schedule will be available at the first rehearsal.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact me either through the parish office or on 54 761 405 after 5pm.

ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR
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Wednesday 22nd February  Ash Wednesday
8:30am RCIA Group 2
9:30am Reconciliation
10:00am Mass; Years 4-7
12:00pm Reconciliation Year 6J
7:00pm Mass for Ash Wednesday

Thursday 23rd February
5.30pm-6.30 Liturgy Group meeting in Community Centre

Friday 24th February
6.30am Mass
7-8.00am Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
8.00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25th February
4.30-4.50pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Evening Mass for Sunday

Sunday 26th February  FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
7.00am Mass
9.00am Mass
Baptism: Harrison Borsato (Angela & Daniel)
11.00am-4.00 Adoration in the Chapel
3.00pm RCIA Rite of Election at Cathedral
5.30pm Mass at Palmwoods (at the Anglican Church)

Monday 27th February
8.00am Mass
6.00pm-7pm Helping Hands meeting

Tuesday 28th February
7.00pm RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 29th February
8.30am RCIA Group 2
9.30am Reconciliation
10.00am Mass; Years 5J & 5S
12.00pm Reconciliation Year 7J
7:00pm-9:30 Quilt Craft Group

Thursday 1st March
11:15am Mass at Nambour Nursing Home

St Joseph’s Nambour
Confirmation/First Communion Program 2012
Enrolment forms for Children year 4 and older preparing for the Sacraments in 2012 are now available from the Parish Office or St Joseph’s Primary School Office Enrolments close Friday 9th March 2012

St Joseph’s Parish
Children’s Liturgy Leader
We are currently calling for expressions of interest in the leading of...
Sat 6pm, Sun 7am or 9am Children’s Liturgy
No prior experience is necessary... You will be given all resources and lots of guidance!!

A Blue Card is required and is issued with the assistance of the Parish office.

Please consider this opportunity to join in such a valued role within our parish community.

For more information or to register your interest please contact...
Cass Huntley (Children’s Liturgy Coordinator) ph: 54421385/0400758734 e:cashuntley@hotmail.com

St Joseph's Parish &
St Vincent de Paul Society
are hosting a (fundraising)
St Patrick’s Day dinner dance
on Saturday, 17th March from 7pm in the school hall.

All welcome, whether you be an O’Flaherty or an O’Kotznitschke or a Mac -Tse Tung.
Details to come.

Enquiries: Kath Ashworth kashworth@westnet.com.au 0428 286 134

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