I invite you to participate in a research project that explores the Catholic identity of our school. As a pilot school in the project that involves a number of Catholic schools across Australia and is being conducted in partnership with the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, we have an opportunity to understand how our Catholic identity is expressed within our school community and to develop strategies for moving forward in this critical area of school life.

We need you to participate so that robust relevant data is collected that will be of use for our community’s planning.

To participate, you are asked to complete four online surveys which take approx 40 minutes in total. The data will be invaluable in framing our ongoing efforts to ensure that our Catholic identity is focused, relevant, contemporary and strong.

What do you do?
Website address:  [http://www.schoolidentity.net](http://www.schoolidentity.net)
Password: Oceania

Once you are on the site,
Click on “To the Surveys”
Then “New User”
Then select “St Joseph’s Primary School, Nambour” from the drop down box.

A box appears with your personal ‘User Code’ and ‘Password’. I urge you to print these as you may like to complete the surveys over a number of sessions and this information is required so that you can go back into your survey in subsequent sessions.

As coordinator of the Project for our school, I have immediate access to raw data including how many people have completed it. I will keep you updated on our progress!

While the site is available until 15 April, I urge you to get it done this term!

An incentive to participate!
Once you have completed it, bring your ‘User Code’ to the school’s office and put it with your name in the box! (The information remains confidential as it cannot be accessed without the ‘password’). **On the last day of term at assembly, there will be a lucky draw, the prize being dinner to the value of $150.00 at a local restaurant.**

Have your say! Be part of influencing the forward planning of our school! And you never know, you might just get lucky and have a night out too!

God’s blessings to you and yours this week!

Mary Pont
PRINCIPAL

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**P.&F. Executive 2012**
We congratulate our new Executive -
President: Kirsty Dare
Vice President: Karen Lee
Treasurer: Kym O’Leary

We still need someone to be Secretary for 2012!

**Are you interested?**
It’s a great way to get involved, meet new people......And your name does not have to start with K! Contact the office if interested.

Next meeting: 19 March 2012.

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**Reflection**
People may forget what you say, they may even forget what you do, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

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**State Election Campaign**
In preparation for the State election in a few weeks time, it might interest you to know what the issues are for all of us involved with Catholic education. Attached to today’s newsletter is a summary of 5 key issues identified by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. It makes for interesting reading!
APRE NEWS

Project Compassion, Week 1, brings you the story of Flabiana.
Flabiana lives with her family in the remote province of Oe-cusse in Timor Leste. With training from Caritas Australia, Flabiana and other members of her community have started a business producing tofu and tempeh which has enabled them to improve their livelihoods.
Your donation to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion provides villagers like Flabiana with the opportunity to learn new skills, enables them to move away from dependence and debt and assists them to become self-supporting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Pancake Day last week on Tuesday. Our donations towards Project Compassion for the first week of Lent so far exceed $500. A special thanks to students and parents who cooked the pancakes for students to enjoy.

Staff Professional Learning: We continue to work with Deb Tyson from Pat Edgar Consultancy to enhance our literacy blocks. Staff attended a twilight meeting with Deb on February 6th.

Last week four staff attended a two day coaching course. This coaching course focuses on developing clear goals, shared ownership, enthusiasm, collaborative relationships, team thinking, conversations and responsibility. This will be beneficial in all aspects of our school, particularly with our focus being on the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History this year.

Narelle Harney APRE

The University of NSW Australian Schools Competition 2012

I/We wish to nominate __________________________Class______ for:
(Please tick the appropriate boxes)

☐ Australian Schools Science Competition: Monday 4th June, 2012. Cost $7.70
☐ Australian Schools English Competition: Monday 30th July, 2012. Cost $7.70

The Total Competition Entry Fee of $________ is included.

NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR ALL ENTRIES WITH PAYMENT IS WEDNESDAY MARCH 28TH, 2012.

I/We understand that if our child is absent on the day of competition – then the entry fee will not be refunded.

Signed: _________________________________________________(Parent/ Caregiver)

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has indicated that it is undertaking a collection of non-government school student addresses during March 2012. These addresses will be used in conjunction with data from the 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census to calculate SES scores for schools for 2014. This process is being completed to ensure the continuity of business while the recommendations of the Gonski Review are being considered.

As a part of this process, Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is collecting data on the residential addresses for all of BCE’s school’s students. This data will be automatically collected from BCE’s centralised student administration system, eMinerva.

According to the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988, residential address information is classified as "personal information." For this reason, please be advised that your residential address will be provided to the Department in keeping with the Privacy Notice attached to this week’s Newsletter.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J  Sally Finter  For great improvement in writing her name and concentrating during guided reading.

Prep S  Cade Lamont  For being a wonderful friend and creating some lovely friendships in prep. Cade works very hard at school and is well on his way to being a great reader.

1J  Lachlan Ponder  For really trying hard in all his school work especially his sight words. Lachlan has made lots of friends since coming to St Joseph’s and he is a good friend to his classmates. Keep smiling Lachlan.

1S  Freya Smith  Freya is always well organised and has what she needs ready for the task. She is working very hard with her sight words. Freya is a role model to her rotation group when it is an independent working time.

2J  Oliver Baker  Making positive choices and showing how responsible he can be.

2S  Jack Staite  A fantastic class member who is always trying his hardest, listening carefully and following directions. Jack is a quiet achiever, a kind friend and a true asset to our class. Keep up the fantastic work Jack.

3J  Saxon Herbert  For making good choices in and out of the classroom and for the progress he has made in becoming an active and independent learner. Well done Saxon.

3S  Corey Sellies  For making a fantastic attempt to ensure he is doing the right thing at the right time. Corey is doing an excellent job of self monitoring himself. Go Corey!

4J  Lucy Schulz  For being an engaged, diligent and co-operative student. Well done Lucy, keep up the good work.

4S  Teah Hughes  For firing on all cylinders during comprehension activities. Teah has excelled in both speed and accuracy. What a combination!!

5J  Thomas Back  Has really put an effort into improving his behaviour and as a result is achieving great things!

5S  Sean Fellows  For beautiful manners. Sean always has the most gracious vocabulary. He opens doors and gates for members of the community, and always allows females to enter rooms before him. Sean is a courteous student who is a role-model for everyone - old and young!

6J  Sebastian Russo  For intelligent and insightful contributions to class discussions. He also went to extreme efforts to save the life of a baby bird. Sebastian you are kind, compassionate and clever—what an awesome combination! Well done Seb, 6J are very proud of you.

6S  Finley Hornby  For his insightful contributions made during class discussions and guided reading. Thank you for bringing your positive attitude and happy, smiling face to school each day. It is a pleasure having you in 6S!

7J  Peri Marshall  Peri’s presentation of tidal power as a renewable source of energy, in science, showed great understanding and was presented beautifully.

7S  Sean Neilsen  For working like a Trojan on his daily maths activities and for always being ready and organised to begin work in 7S. Sean never has to be asked to organise his things and he is a motivated and enthusiastic worker. Thanks Sean!

Maths Enrichment Award: Bailey Lawson 3J
For well thought out answers in class discussions and a high accuracy rate in problem solving.

PE Award: Cooper Falkiner 2J
Cooper has impressed me with his positive attitude to HPE, great listening and support for his classmates. Well done and keep up the hard work in all aspects of your school work.

Music Award: Ben Hutson
Ben has shown great progress on the trumpet in the Yr 4 Instrumental Immersion Program. Keep up the good work, Ben!

Literacy Enrichment Award: Lily Renshaw 7J
For showing great skill in punctuating direct speech - not an easy thing to do, and for being an insightful contributor to our punctuation discussion. Thanks Lily, it’s a pleasure having you in the group.
LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who are our Library Assistants for 2012:

6J  Stella Haycock
    Adele Wight
    Catherine Quinn

5J  Olivia Claridge
    Esther Cargeeg
    Zariah Lamont
    Lachlan Renshaw (Computers)
    Liam McEntee (Computers)
    Liam Todd (Computers)
    Harrison Blinco (Bins)
    Angus Mohr (Bins)

5S  Paige Darracott
    Emma Lusk
    Alex Wallace
    Grace Bishop
    Kayla Baker
    Jack Beetson
    Corey Schembri

These children will be serving our whole school community by working, mostly behind the scenes, to ensure the smooth running of our library for everyone’s benefit and we thank them for putting themselves into this position. Why do we need Library Assistants … see the quote below!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck
Teacher Librarian

“A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them.”
- Lemony Snicket

BOOKCLUB

Issue 2 bookclub closes next Tuesday 6th March. Please remember to name both the envelope and the order form as it gets a bit tricky returning items with no names.!

Cheers
Dorothy Devlin
Bookclub Manager

MUSIC NEWS

Lindsay, our instrumental teacher, is now online. So if you are interested in learning the keyboard, guitar, woodwind, drum-kit or singing than go to www.lindzmuse.com and send him a message. Lindzmuse is the musical tuition business headed by Lindsay Macdonald-Clow and currently includes the following teachers: - Shaun Mulick (guitar), Jacob Trotter (drum kit & guitar), Emily Coumbis (keyboard) and Gary (woodwind). We also have Alex Patri, our strings teacher, and he has enrolment forms at the office.

The Yr 4’s in our Instrumental Immersion Program are powering along and the teachers are already seeing an improvement. A reminder to all our students who are learning an instrument, to practise regularly for a short amount of time.

We welcome to the Senior Singers our new conductor, Terese Forrest, who is a qualified music specialist and has a long association with the St Joseph’s Parish. I will be assisting Ms Forrest with the Senior Singers and any administrative matters regarding the St Joseph’s Vocal Program. We also welcome one of our past students as the accompanist, Laura Malone. Laura will be assisted by Elsie Ford who will accompany the choir in practices when Laura has work commitments. Both are parishioners of St Josephs and Ms Ford was at one time a school officer with the Preps.

Paula Simpson
(Music Specialist)

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Hello from the Tuckshop!
Many thanks to the Year 5 families for their support last week, We look forward to seeing Year 6 this week, especially for FUN FOOD FRIDAY !! Remember to order online for a discount on the Fun Food Nachos, Ice-cream & LOL fizzy drink... YUM! We will be having another morning tea bake stall on Tuesday March 20 where kids can get a bargain treat from our homebake selection... watch this space!

This Week> Helpers & Homebake: Year 6
Special: FUN FOOD FRIDAY
(no special on Wednesday!)

Next Week> Helpers & Homebake: Year 7
Special: Pasta Napolitana pasta with tasty tomato sauce & cheese

Remember…. Tuckshop only happens with YOUR help!
Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours are 8am - 9am
Next Days: Thurs 1st March & Tuesday 6th March
Glenys Appleby
(Uniform Shop Coordinator)
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!
Feb 27 Kayla Baker
     28 Kyle Sun
March 1 Oliver Coppo, Kaylee Kajewski
      2 Isac Kennedy
      3 Zach Wilson

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS…. 2S
In year 2S we have been learning about water and the world and we have been doing Literacy rotations every day and we get to go on the computer and we have been learning about numbers and pluses. It is fun!
(By Lacey Lamont)
In 2S we have had a brilliant start to the year. We have done some rotations each day of each week. We all keep our tidy trays nice and clean. We also have chair bags; we put our dictionary, pencil case and our catch up folder in them.
(By Lily Norcott-Wall)
In 2S we have learnt about the way that water works and the water cycle. We learnt about each other and our rotations and we made our class code of conduct.
(By Bailey Lovich-Sullivan)
In year two we learnt about numbers, sight words, water, letters, our code of conduct, pluses and takeaway and about our friends and our rules. The best thing in 2S is the fish!
(By Lincoln Thorogood)
In 2S we learnt the code of conduct and we learnt how to count in threes. We learnt about water and how to do all our sums really fast. The best thing that’s happened in 2S is when we got the class fish. Now we know all our sight words and how to do comprehension.
(By Finian Donahoe)
In 2S we learnt about water and we made a graph of lost teeth and we learnt about the code of conduct. We also learnt to count in threes and we learnt about the months.
(By Kaela Huxtable)

PHOTO DAY
Tuesday 13th March 2012

Important Information
Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits. To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.
• Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY. Depending on your school requirements, if your child does not hand in an envelope to the photographer they may not be photographed for individual portraits. You are welcome to place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
• You can make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
• If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 32625788

Sports and Special Groups
Do not order Sports or Special Groups on your envelope. Order forms will be available to download from our website approximately one week after photo day.

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 NAMBOUR
Ph: 5441 1034    Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

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

Friday 2nd March
6:30am    Mass
7-8.00am    Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
9:30am    World Day of Prayer at Nambour Baptist Church
10:00am    Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3rd March
4:30-4.50pm    Reconciliation
6:00pm    Evening Mass for Sunday
Children’s Liturgy: Maree Fitzsimon

Sunday 4th March
7:00am    Mass; Children’s Liturgy: Lyn Purssell
9:00am    Mass; Children’s Liturgy: Julia Quinn
10-12:00    Choir Rehearsal (Easter)
6pm-8pm    Youth Group

Monday 5th March
8.00am    Mass
7:30pm    Baptismal Preparation evening

Tuesday 6th March
7.00pm    RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 7th March
8.30    RCIA Group
10:00am    Mass & Seniors Gathering
7:00pm    Quilt Craft Group
7:30pm    Pastoral Council Information Session

Infant Baptism
Also coming up on Monday, 5th March, is our next Infant Baptism Preparation meeting. I am inviting anyone who may be interested in being part of this ministry to come along and see what happens at those sessions. There are many other aspects to the ministry as outlined last week. We will talk about those as well after the initial meeting with parents.

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

Easter Choir
Rehearsals for Easter are from 10am to 12 on Sunday’s after Mass in the Community Centre. Any new singers are most welcome. These practices will be held until Easter 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 Darlene Malone through the parish office, 54 411 0 34.

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’Kotznitsche or a Mac-Tse Tung.
Details to come.

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

Year 8 2013
Enrolment Interviews
for
St John’s College, Nambour

For your information:
• Members of the college leadership team will visit St Joseph's primary school on Tuesday 6 March.
• Year 7 students will be offered enrolment packs for St John’s College on this day.
• A Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm at St John’s College in the Multi-Purpose Centre.
• Enrolment interviews will be held from Thursday 19 April to Tuesday 24 April.

At St John’s College we provide quality education in an environment that nurtures children in their Catholic faith.

NAMBOUR DISTRICT AFL FOOTY TRIALS
When: Wednesday 7th March 2012
Time: 3.30 - 5.15pm
Where: Fishermans Rd. AFL Complex M’dore
Who: Students who have had experience playing AFL footy..open to both boys and girls who turn 11 or 12 this year.
Bring: Boots and footy gear suitable to play a trial game.
Also, a mouthguard if you own one, water bottle and hat.

NAMBOUR DISTRICT
Under 12’s boys & girls BASKETBALL TRIALS
Pacific Paradise State School multi-purpose courts at front of school. Thursday 8th March 3.30 - 4.30pm
FUN FOOD DAY!

Friday March 2nd

Yummy Nachos with mild salsa, cheese and sour cream

Plus

A tub of ice-cream

Plus

A can of fizzy fruit juice (LOL)

For just $7!

This Special will ONLY be available as a meal deal and ONLY on Friday March 2nd

ORDER ONLINE FOR DISCOUNTS!!
1. An increase in recurrent funding to help close the gap between resourcing levels of State schools and Catholic schools.

A 1% increase in the basket-nexus recurrent funding rate each year for the next four years to bring State Government funding for Catholic schools to 25% of the cost of educating a child in a State school.

This would deliver an additional $14.5 million or $108 per student to the Catholic sector in the first year.

2. Ongoing Capital funding for new schools to meet demand for places.

An extension of the Tomorrow’s Schools program for a further five years to provide approximately $12 million in additional capital assistance each year.

3. Meet Government commitments made to support the successful transition of Year 7 into secondary school and consider additional funding to assist with developing specialist facilities and meeting human resourcing costs.

The State Government has committed to provide an allocation of $105 million in additional funding to support the transition of Year 7 to secondary in the Catholic sector. In addition, the State Government will take responsibility for the Local Government infrastructure costs estimated at $24 million. Further, ongoing full discretion is to be maintained over existing State Government capital streams to the Catholic sector.

The State Government has also committed to establish a task force of Government, Catholic and independent sectors to further research the needs of boarding schools and make a recommendation to Government in time for the budget mid-year review in November 2011. The Catholic sector expects that there will be a further allocation of funds from this process and has requested $10 million.

The Year 7 transition will be a major undertaking for the Catholic sector both educationally and financially in terms of staffing and facilities and will require ongoing commitment from government to be successful.

As well as general learning areas, additional staff facilities, toilets, the expansion of libraries, parking and set down spaces will be required. The availability of specialist teachers, along with the additional cost of running a secondary school model in Year 7 with more specialist subjects and facilities are further considerations. There are also many considerations about how primary schools will be affected by the transition, and in particular, the impact on staffing.

4. Additional assistance for school transport program.

An additional $1 million to be allocated under the school transport assistance program to allow for the eligibility threshold to be decreased from $30 to its previous level of $15-$20 per family/week as well as providing a buffer for a 2% annual growth in numbers accessing the program.

5. Increased assistance to support children in the care of the state.

The Catholic sector is committed to ensuring that children in the care of the state receive the best educational opportunities possible and is seeking additional funding equivalent to a minimal school fee contribution to recognize the significant costs involved with achieving this. Currently some 400 children in the care of the state attend Catholic schools. A base grant of $2,000 per child would be considered appropriate assistance in this respect.
INFORMATION REQUIRED TO HELP DETERMINE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), to advise you that DEEWR has requested your child's school to provide the following three pieces of information to DEEWR:

- Students' residential addresses (not student names)
- Students' level of education (primary or secondary)
- Students' boarding school status (boarders or day students)

DEEWR is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 (the Privacy Act). Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles, which prescribe the rules for handling personal information about individuals. DEEWR will not use or disclose the information provided by your child's school other than in accordance with the Privacy Act.

Purpose of collection

DEEWR is collecting this personal information for the purpose of administering funding to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government assistance to non-government schools, including under relevant legislation such as the Schools Assistance Act 2008 (Cth). DEEWR will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Disclosure of information

The information provided by your child's school may be disclosed by DEEWR to contractors working for DEEWR for the purposes of verifying the information. The contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

DEEWR may also provide this information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA will use this information in developing and evaluating Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) formulas and school values.

In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone the DEEWR SES Funding helpline on 1800 677 027 (free call) or send an e-mail to: SAAMailbox@deewr.gov.au.