Lest we forget...

ANZAC Day somehow manages to stir the emotions like no other day of the year. Our staff began this week in prayer, gathered around the dress hat, boots and medals of a soldier recently returned from his second stint in Afghanistan. The Australian flag was draped over the table and as we prayed, three candles were lit.....for those who fought on land, at sea and in the air. While remembering, we prayed to our God, the Source of all peace.

Much has been written about peace which is often linked to happiness and what this ‘looks like’ in our world today. Yet again, I am drawn back to the writings of Joan Chittister who describes peace as coming from the way we look at life, from right-heartedness and from the attitude we bring to things. I shared this quote a couple of years ago but feel it is one worth repeating...

"Be soft with others and you will have peace in your hearts.  
Be simple in your needs and you will have peace in your hearts.  
Be giving in what you take to life and you will have peace in your hearts.  
Stop the wars within yourself and you will have peace.  
It is the ability to walk through life lightly -  
without rancour and greed and jealousy and selfishness -  
that leads to peace."

Our school has a strong tradition of marching on ANZAC Day and again, this year, all students are encouraged to participate so that together, we show the ‘face’ of our school in the wider community as we respect and pay homage to all peacemakers.

**ANZAC Day March & Ceremonies**

**Wednesday, 25 April**

8.30am Gather in Howard St (between Ann & Queen Sts)  
for an 8.55am start.  
March to Quota Park for the ANZAC ceremonies.  
All over by 10.00am  
Students wear formal school uniform with school hat.  
(and a plastic bag in their pocket in case the ground is wet!)

I pray you know peace in your hearts this week.

**Marg Pont**  
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

ANZAC Day—April 25th “Lest we forget”

ANZAC was the name given to the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of 25 April 1915 during the First World War (1914-1918).

As a result, one day in the year has involved the whole of Australia in solemn ceremonies of remembrance, gratitude and national pride for all our men and women who have fought and died in all wars. That day is ANZAC Day - 25 April.

Every nation must, sooner or later, come for the first time to a supreme test of quality; and the result of that test will hearten or dishearten those who come afterwards. For the fledgling nation of Australia that first supreme test was at Gallipoli.

Let us all pause tomorrow to remember the men who fought for our country. We hope to see many of our students at the march tomorrow morning – gathering in Howard St at 8:30am.

Easter Season

We are now in the Easter season of the liturgical calendar. HE IS RISEN!

When God...brought Jesus back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy... The story of the butterfly can be applied to a great truth. Just as the growing, crawling caterpillar bursts from its cocoon into a new and beautiful form of life, we, too, can walk in newness of life. “Sin’s power over us was broken when we became Christians...through Jesus’ death the power of your sinful nature was shattered... So look upon your old sinful nature as dead and unresponsive to sin, and instead be alive to God—alert to him, through Jesus Christ Our Lord” (Romans 6:3-4,11)

Sacramental Program

Congratulations to all students who recently commenced preparation for the sacramental program later this term. Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday June 8th at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Church.

Peace and best wishes,
Narelle Harney    APRE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Principal Performance Review - Survey Closing Monday 30/04/2012

All those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education, participate in regular performance review processes to assist in their professional development planning.

As announced last term, Ms Margaret Pont is currently undertaking such a review.

On Monday 16/04/2012, a sample of families randomly selected across the various year levels were emailed an invitation to participate in a confidential online survey, conducted by Griffith University. Please check both your inbox and junk mail folders for an email from “executivedevelopment@griffith.edu.au”. This survey closes Monday 30/04/2012.

If you would like to complete a survey and did not receive an invitation, please contact Griffith University’s Project Manager, Ms Sharlene Younger by email: executivedevelopment@griffith.edu.au /ph 07 373 53248.

Arrangements will then be made for the participation details and online code to be forwarded to you.

Community consultation is highly valued and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Paul Blundell
Area Supervisor
School Services North
Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane
STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J  Xander Sutton  For a great effort and improvement with our writing tasks in Prep J. Well done.
Prep S  David Samaroo  For a great attitude to all tasks in Prep & impressive work in literacy activities.
1S    Audrey Etheridge  Audrey has been working very hard in Year 1. She is on fire with her sight words. Audrey is a good friend to all in our class and her gentle nature makes her a great friend.
1J    Isaac Kennedy  For continuing to learn his sight words even though they seem difficult and frustrating at times. Keep putting in the effort and perseverance because your hard work will bring you success. Keep up the good work Isaac.
2S    Brae Skehan  For the great effort you have been putting into learning those tricky sight words! What an improvement you have made. Well done and keep up the hard work.
2J    Alex Twomey  Alex is showing determination and focus in his classroom activities. He is on task, producing some excellent writing and being a cheerful, happy class member. Top effort!
3S    Jamaul Bond  For his wonderful improvement in his homework. He has shown focus and determination in completing and returning his homework on time.
3J    Saxon Herbert  For being a kind and caring friend and for making good decisions in and out of the classroom. Well done Saxon.
4J    Georgia Switala  For consistently applying herself in everything that she undertakes. Well done Georgia! You are always striving to do the right thing and to complete tasks. Keep up the good work.
4S    Ben Hutson  For working hard in All areas of school work, especially Maths. Ben listens attentively with purpose and understanding and achieves 99 to 100%. A top member of 4S.
5J    Mahalia Smith  For the effort she is putting into learning her number facts. Keep trying Mahalia - you will succeed!
5S    Abbey Liddell-Hart  For working extremely had this term and for entertaining us with her very clever limerick.
6J    Eliot Griffiths  For everything that you are doing Eliot: your homework; your assignments; your participation; your efforts (especially writing); your commitment to sport; your uniform—everything. This has been a great start to Term 2. Well done! Keep it up!
6S    Lucy Millar  For continually improving her results in daily maths mentals. Lucy is a true, shining example of the 6S class motto, to “B.I.Y- Believe In Yourself!”, evident through her strong work ethic, ability to always ‘have a go’ and self-motivation. Thank you and always remember that Miss Reminis believes in you too!
7J    Josephine Savage  Josephine always enters the classroom with a smile on her face, and her positive attitude brightens the classroom. Josephine will always listen, she is eager to begin her work and her work is always up to date. Josephine has a terrific sense of humour and is one of the few students who catches on to the teacher’s jokes.
7S  Conner Hornby  Conner brings a positive attitude to the 7S classroom. He is fair and responsible in his dealings with others and engages in learning in the Classroom. Conner created a fantastic model showing the phases of the moon and he is a fine mathematician! Keep up the great work Conner. You are appreciated!

Music Award:  Alana Gardner 3S
Alana displays a natural ability for ballet and was so willing to share her knowledge with the music class.

Literacy Enrichment Award: Jasper Malthouse 3S
For excellent participation and a willingness to share ideas at Literacy time and for always trying to do your best. Keep up the great work. Jasper!

Maths Enrichment Award: Alana Gardner 3S
For her deep thinking and her ability to explain clearly how she solved our Math problems. Keep it up!

HPE Award:  Connor Healy 3S
For showing great application with his running in Week 1. Connor gave everything he had and showed tremendous determination.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS.......5J

Welcome to the busy world of 5J.
In Week 9 last term, we went on our first school camp. This proved to be exciting, adventurous and a great friendship builder.

Grade 5 went on camp to Alexandra Headlands and everyone loved it. The food tasted great and the activities were the best. Personally, I liked rock climbing. The bowling was awesome but the movie was fantastic! Angus Mohr.

Alexandra Headland's camp was the best! I liked going for a swim, making kites and the milk crate climb. The food was great and the people there were so nice. I really liked sharing the cabin with my friends. I loved being there. Dali Baldock.

This was my first school camp and it was awesome! One of my favourite things was the milk crate stack but the rock wall climb was so cool too. I never wanted to go home. Amber Imrie.

I think my favourite activity was the milk crate stack because everyone laughed and had a good time. It was the best time ever. Charlotte Hill.

My favourite part of camp was the rock climbing wall because I got to the top. The food was really nice and going to the beach was fun. This was my first camp and I had a lot of fun. Esther Cargeeg.

The thing I liked about camp was playing sport with Mr McCall. It was fun because we slid in the mud and got really dirty and wet. It was awesome! The food was good too. Hayden Williams.

As you can see the weather did not dampen their spirits but added to the fun!!!!!!! On returning, we had to prepare for the Palm Sunday Liturgy which was held on the last day of term. Our great friends in 5S helped us out. This term we witnessed two students being baptised which was really great because that is what we are doing in Religion. In History, we are tracking over the Blue Mountains with Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth and researching the history of Nambour. We hope to visit St Helena Island – if we can fit it into our busy schedule and of course Naplan is fast approaching. We are really looking forward to moving into our new classroom.

Lyn Elson, Kim Gill and 5J

MUSIC NEWS

SINGING VOICES NEEDED FOR PARISH COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CHOIR
If you are not making your First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year and want to contribute to this important St Joseph’s Parish event then consider lending your singing voice to the Communion / Confirmation Choir. Please see Mrs Simpson ASAP. Some outside school hours practices are required.

SUPPORT NEEDED
If you can lend some singing support to the Senior Singers which practices at noon on a Friday and have a Blue Card, please contact Mrs Simpson.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR HIRE AT VERY LOW RATES
Enquiries to Lindzmuse or Mrs Simpson.

Keep Singing
Paula Simpson
Music Specialist
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!

April 23  Rory Bell, Charlotte Hill, Riley Overs, Sam Switala, Hayden Williams
24  Dylan Forge, Declan McDermott
25  Jacqui Lavery, Christopher Williams
27  Orrick Bain, Gemayn Toonen
28  Amy Munro, Oscar O’Sullivan

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP
I hope all of you enjoy the Anzac Day celebrations this Wednesday. We will be having a short week this week at Tuckshop which means lots of preparation on Friday! Year 4 families are rostered this week but anyone else who could spare half an hour on Friday morning would be welcome!

The demand for homebake has also been high on Fridays (we sent out almost 80 serves last week!!) so if you can’t spare us your hands, your home-baked treats are gratefully accepted too!

As winter approaches and summer fruits become poorer quality, we will be selling out of our Watermelon Lollipops so get in quick, online customers, before they are all gone!

Special Berry Freezy Cups will be available this week to trial, for a short time... yum!

This Week: Helpers & Homebake> Year 4 Special> Ham Cheese & Tomato HotRods toasty rolls filled with leg ham tomato & cheese
Next Week: Helpers & Homebake> Year 5 Special > Spring Rolls vegetarian spring rolls with soy or sweet chilli

Remember! Tuckshop only happens with YOUR help!

Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

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Nominations will then be called for with elections held the following week on Tuesday, 8 May at the monthly Board meeting.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REMINDER
A friendly reminder to those using the Sydney Street pick-up zone.

Please put your family name in big letters on your passenger visor so the teacher on duty can call it out and your child/ren can move more quickly.

Ensure your child/ren use the curb side (ONLY) to both get out or get into your car.

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UNIFORM SHOP  Hours are 8am—9am

Next Days: Thursday 26th & Tuesday 1st May

Polos and Jackets have arrived.

Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator
PARENT WORKSHOPS this term
This term, we have three parent workshops on offer for you to attend.

Tuesday, 1 May: 7.30pm
The Role of the Pastoral School Board - George Kendall (BCE)
This is a compulsory workshop for any parents intending to nominate for election to the School Board but would be very informative for any parents wanting to know more about how a Board operates.

Wednesday, 2 May: 6.00pm ‘Stress Proofing Children’ - Dr Hsien-Jin Teoh (ACU). This session will provide information and practical ideas on supporting children to develop their skills to get through life’s challenges.

Wednesday, 30 May: 6.30pm ‘Social Media & You’ - Lisa Harrison (POMO). Come and learn more about social media / networking, privacy and security, all essential in this electronic age in which we live. **Please note:** this date has changed due to a clash with a State of Origin match.

WHOOPING COUGH
We have been notified by the Department of Health that there is a case of whooping cough at St Joseph’s.

Any child who develops a persistent cough should be excluded from school until they have been tested for whooping cough by their Doctor. People with whooping cough are infectious for 3 weeks or until they have received at least 5 full days of appropriate antibiotics.

P & F NEWS
FETE: Our initial planning meeting was held on Monday night. Already we have a group of enthusiastic people willing to assist. Rae O’Flynn has kindly volunteered to be the Fete Convenor again this year. Thanks Rae. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like to be a part of this wonderful event please contact Rae.

DISCO
SEE ATTACHED POSTER FOR DETAILS
We are seeking as many parent helpers as possible to work on the door, to help serve food and most importantly supervision. Any assistance is appreciated.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 10 May in the school hall. Again we are seeking volunteers to help out on the day. Items for sale will vary from 50 cents to $20. Remember to send along a plastic bag for your child to take home their goodies.

ST JOEY’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS FRIDGE MAGNET
This year we have developed a calendar of events outlining all the dates for special events, school & social; P & F Meetings etc for each school term. This is currently being printed and will be sent home soon.

Knitting needles wanted!

WHAT??????
Year 7 are embarking on some knitting in term 2.
We’d love to use some of your unused knitting needles!
If you have some spare needles, could you drop them off to the Year 7 classrooms.

Thanks,
Mr M & Mr G

SUPPORTING OUR DEFENCE FORCES OVERSEAS

Last year the school community supported our defence forces overseas at this special time of ANZAC day in various ways. Teachers and parents made Anzac biscuits and the students wrote letters, poems and cards.

These were sent in packages to the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Afghanistan. They were very much appreciated and a letter of thanks was sent to the school.

This year we have family members and friends of the staff who are serving overseas and the parcels will be sent directly to them.

If you would like to contribute by making Anzac biscuits the parcels will be sent on Friday. All contributions can be left in the Learning Support room.

Thank you. Anne Hazel
**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR**  
Ph: 5441 1034   Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au  
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

**Wednesday 25th April  Anzac Day**
7:45am  Mass for Anzac Day (note no 10:00am mass) followed by a brief ceremony at our memorial garden at the rear of the Church.
NO Sacramental Program for Group 2 Carmel Donahoe and Group 3 Dorothy Devlin due to Anzac Day holiday— resume next week
10:00am  Baptism—Wyatt Reno (Amanda & Earl)  
7-9:30pm  Quilt Craft Group

**Thursday 26th April  St Mark, Evangelist**
5:30-6:30pm Liturgy meeting in Community Centre

**Friday 27th April**
6:30am  Mass  
7-8:00am  Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel

**Saturday 28th April  St Peter Chancel - Priest & martyr 1803-1841**
4:30-5pm  Reconciliation  
6:00pm  Evening Mass for Sunday; *Children’s liturgy*: Shona Diggines
Baptism: Honey & Kalani Erbacher (Sean & Stephanie)

**Sunday 29th April**
7:00am  Mass: *Children’s liturgy*: Christine Cockcroft  
9:00am  Mass: *Children’s liturgy*: Margaret Barnes
*Candle Presentation*: Imogen Leitch (Darren & Angela); Maya Murdoch (Jason & Catherine)
Baptism: Lilly & Owen Szucko (Scott & Kristy)  
10:30-12  Sacramental Program Group 4—Julia Quinn  
5:00pm  Ecumenical Service  
Palmwoods Anglican Church

**Monday 30th April**
8:00am  Mass  
3:15  Sacramental Program Group 5 Laura Evans;  
Sacramental Program Group 6 Kerri Claridge  
6-7pm Helping Hands Meeting

**Tuesday 1st May**
7pm-8:30  Sacramental Program Group 1 Rosanna Tumelty

**Wednesday 2nd May**
9:30-9:45  Reconciliation  
10:00am  Mass: Year 7 Hospitality Committee for Seniors
10:30am  Seniors Gathering
3:15-4:30  Sacramental Program Group 3 Dorothy Devlin;  
7pm-8:30  Sacramental Program Group 2 Carmel Donahoe  
7-9:30pm  Quilt Craft Group

**SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 2**

**APRIL**

**Term 2**

Wednesday 25th  Anzac Day Holiday  
Thursday 26th  Year 4 Excursion to Inala  
Friday 27th  Assembly 3J

**MAY**

Tuesday 1st  School Board Information Meeting  
7.30pm - Library  
Wednesday, 2  6.00pm Parent workshop – ‘Stress Proofing Children’  
Friday 4th  Assembly 3S  
Disco Night!

Monday, 7  **Labour Day Public Holiday**

Tuesday, 8  7.30pm School Board meeting – election of new parent reps.

Thursday, 10  Mothers’ Day Stall  
Friday, 11  Assembly – Year 2J

Sunday, 13  Mothers’ Day

Tuesday, 15  Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN

Wednesday, 16  Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN  
Year 6 camp - Mapleton

Thursday, 17  Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN  
Year 6 camp – Mapleton

Friday, 18  Year 6 camp – Mapleton  
Assembly – Year 2S

Monday, 21  QC Cup – Year 6 & 7 teams (2)  
7.00pm P&F Meeting

Tuesday, 22  District Cross Country Carnival  
– Bli Bli

Wednesday, 23  6.30pm Parent workshop – ‘Cyber Safety & Your Child’

**Bus Fare Assistance & Students with disabilities**

**Semester 1, 2012**

- Online applications for the [Bus Fare Assistance Program](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) and the [Students with Disabilities Scheme](http://schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au) are being accepted now until **31st May 2012**

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:


Further enquiries to:

- 3336 9192 or schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after **31st May 2012** cannot be processed.
St Joey’s Disco

Date: Friday 4 May

Where: School Hall

Time:
- Prep-3: 6pm-7:15 pm
- Grade 4-7: 7:30pm-9pm

Cost: $5
1 slice pizza, pkt chips, soft drink or water
*Extra slice pizza, $1

Glow products for sale