A Year of Grace....

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have invited the whole church on a spiritual journey known as the Year of Grace. Beginning last weekend with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, and building on the energy and spirit within the Australian Church that came from the canonisation of Mary Mackillop, it seeks to be open to a new and deep grace, to forge the future of our Church and our nation.

So what is grace? Essentially it is a biblical and theological term used in a wide variety of ways. As people of faith, Easter people, we believe that grace is given to us through the Holy Spirit because Jesus died and rose for us. Now that is a lot to ‘unpack’ so perhaps this excerpt from a well known author might help....

Today there is a rich spiritual and psychological literature that challenges us to try to live more fully inside the present moment and not let our heartaches about the past or our anxieties about tomorrow cheat us out of the riches of today. But, as we know, that is easier said than done. Elements from our past - half-remembered lullabies from childhood, ...an humiliation on the playground deep in our past, a misstep that still haunts us, and a thousand other things from our past - impale themselves into our present. And the future, as well, colours our present as we anxiously worry about an impending decision, the meeting we must have tomorrow, what the doctor is going to tell us at our next visit, and how we will meet our next mortgage bill. The present moment never comes to us pure.

And yet the challenge remains, an important and healthy challenge: Don’t let the mosquito bites within life blind you to the larger presence of grace! One of my favourite spiritual writers, David Steidl-Rast articulates this challenge very strongly, though he does it by emphasizing the positive. Here’s an example from his writings: "You think this is just another day in your life. It’s not just another day; it’s the one day that is given to you today. It’s given to you; it’s a gift. It’s the only gift that you have right now, and the only appropriate response is gratefulness. If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response to the great gift that this unique day is, if you learn to respond as if it were the first day of your life and very last day, then you will have spent this day very well." Ron Rolheiser OMI, 22.01.2012 www.ronrolheiser.com.

May your days be grace-filled!

Mary Pont
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

The Many Faces of Prayer
Can you remember the first time you tried to swim? Thrashing around, taking in water by the mouthful, spluttering, arms and legs splashing with little effect. It is one of life’s scarier moments. One moment sheer helplessness; the next the undreamed-of experience of human flotation. The art of swimming is like so many of life’s little breakthroughs. It works firstly if we don’t try too hard, and secondly if we take time to quietly build up confidence.

The act of praying is a bit like that. Approach it simply and without stress and the act of prayer can touch a surprisingly deep level of personal longing. And it need not be hard. Children can teach us much in the way they pray. Simply and without embarrassment they recognize those who surround their lives and call down God’s blessing upon them.

Prayer is first of all finding God in the present moment of our life: in our relationships, in the choices we face, in the anxieties and hopes and in our challenges and disappointments.

Here are some of the ways that Catholics pray:
- We come together in Mass
- We come together as families in celebrating a Baptism, marriage or even at funerals
- We seek peace in personal meditation
- We read and reflect upon sacred Scripture
- We sing hymns
- We repeat ancient prayers such as the Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary, or the Glory be to the Father

What do Catholics typically pray for?
- To make sense of life particularly in difficult times
- For peace in the world
- For healing from sickness
- For those who have died
- For inspiration and support from saints of the Church
- In thanks for the astonishing gifts of life and love
- To find lost objects

Whole School Mass
Thank you to those who were able to join us last Friday at our Multicultural Australia Mass. Our musicians performed songs from different cultures – the drumming circle accompanying our entrance song was powerful!!!

Our next whole school mass will be on Friday July 27th (Catholic Education Week) where we will be celebrating a Grandparents’ Mass. Please mark this in your calendars and watch this space for further information. It might be an idea to invite grandparents and ask them to allow a few hours at school as we have a few special things happening this year!!

Peace and best wishes for the week ahead,

Narelle Harney  APRE

PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 30 May: 6.30pm
In the library
‘Social Media & You’
With 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 from 23 March due to a clash with a State of Origin match.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS........ 6S

Well, we are half way through term 2 and what a year it has been so far! Welcome to the busy world of 6S – Class of Success!

A highlight of being in Year 6 has been spending time with our Prep J buddies. We have been doing lots of exciting activities with them, such as teaching them how to use the computers, learning to read, draw and write letters. We have been having so much fun with them and it’s great to be their friend. **By Finley Hornby and Abbey O’Rourke**

In science we are learning about reversible, irreversible, physical and chemical changes. This learning has led to us doing lots of experiments. Some of these included trying to make an egg bounce, sultanas dance, solutions to blow up a balloon, milk curdle, and metal rust! We are looking forward to making ice-cream and popcorn in the coming weeks. 6S is becoming a class filled with budding young scientists! **By Mary-Ellen Bonser and Kyle Sun**

This term in history we have become true historians! Undertaking interviews with people from all over the world who have migrated to Australia, such as Germany, Zimbabwe, England, Philippines and many other places. We are now using this information to educate people about our great multicultural country. **By Emmason Hughes and Jesse Lange**

The week before last, Year 6 went to Mapleton for a three day camp.

Everyone was pushed to their limits in all the activities. There were a lot of tears and fears, but we were able to overcome them with the support and encouragement of our friends. There were many laughs shared along the way, especially when Miss Reminis screamed her lungs out on the giant swing and flying fox! What an experience it was, we all learnt something about ourselves and others during our time away. **By Joshua Carr and Jessica Foster**

That’s a wrap from the 6S classroom! God bless you all and remember to B.I.Y – ‘Believe in yourself’!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!

May 28 Ronan Donahoe
29 Jett Baca-Garcia, Julia Medland
30 Lachie McKenna
June 1 Fletcher Darracott
2 Denny McEntee

LIBRARY NEWS

Don’t forget about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, it’s not too late to sign up by either e-mailing me cmenck@bne.catholic.edu.au or fill in the tear off slip below. It’s just Years 3 - 7 at this stage, Preps - Years 2 will join in next term. See the last few newsletters for more details. This is a great way to encourage your child to read and it’s easy to do!

Next Tuesday I will be taking a group of Year 6 & 7 students to the University of the Sunshine Coast for “Voices on the Coast”. If your child is going, please make sure that payment of $25 is received by this date. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Last week I was very proud of our 9 representatives at the Sunshine Coast Interschool Readers Cup competition. David Doherty, Thomas McMillian, Maggie Primmer and Monique Sutton were runner’s up in the Year 7 competition, only missing out in a closely fought contest with Mapleton S.S. on the last book and by one question. It was a most exciting final!

Although our Year 6 team of Catherine Quinn, Alex Bielby, Austin McNaughton, Seb Russo and Stella Haycock didn’t get into the finals, they won their heat and were close in scores to the finalists. This was a tremendous effort from each and everyone of you - Congratulations!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck
Teacher Librarian

To sign your child/ren up for this (Years 3 – 7 only at this stage), please complete the slip below and return to the Library.

I want my child / children

____________________________________________
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to participate in this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge. He /she is in _________ ________(class).

Signed_______________________________________
MUSIC NEWS

A big thank you to the singers and musicians who lead the Multi-cultural Mass last Friday, they were Jane-Mary McMaster, Halliday Ford, Annabella Toonen, Isabella Coppo, Ebony Brown, Ronan Donahoe, Braedan Simm & Charlotte Simpson. The members of the Rock/Lit Band who accompanied the last two songs were Kelly Farrelly, Kaycee Brady, Jezz Gorman, Tom McMillan and Hamish Barton. The Drumming Circle was lead by Mick Agar who takes the Monday lessons with our young drummers. Well done to you all. A special thank you to Lindsay Macdonald-Clow for being the accompanist for the Mass.

There are no band practises this week.

Due to the Sports Carnival there is no Senior Singers practice this week. Please learn the words to Dansi Na Kuimba, Shooting Star, Hushabye Mountain and The Water Is Wide.

If for any reason the carnival is postponed then practises will be on for both Senior Singers and the Bands.

Yr 4 will need to hand back their Immersion Program instrument after their Wednesday lesson in week 9.

Please make sure you have all the bits and pieces that go with the instrument in the case when it is handed back such as oils (trumpet-valve and slide), rosin, bow and shoulder rest (violin), cloth cleaners, grease pot (flute).

Keep singing,
Paula Simpson
Classroom Music Specialist

Congratulations to Majenta Marcinkowski 7J who was successful in gaining a position in the Nambour Districts Tennis Team and will be competing in Kawana on the 13th & 14th June.

Maths Olympiad

Last Thursday, 18 Year 7 students completed their first test for 2012 in the Australasian Problem Solving Competition. After spending many sessions learning techniques while doing Naplan practice, we now get to apply these skills to new situations. The half hour test, held every four weeks until September, is comprised of 5 questions, to be solved individually by the students.

Congratulations to these people for scoring 5 out of 5: David Doherty, Nicole Hallam, Joseph Hutson, Thomas McMillan and Brittany Stark. I was very pleased with the effort and concentration given by all the students. All our Naplan practice has paid off! Well done to all.

Interschool Chess

The following teams competed in this competition:

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Some great moves were made by several to score good wins. Congratulations to Knights 2 who came 3rd in their pool’s team competition, while individually, newcomer to school chess, Riley Dall, came 2nd and Nathaniel Cereso’s 5 wins and a draw saw him with a ribbon as well. Concentration lapses and speedy moves didn’t help Knights 1 move far up their ladder. Thanks to Ms Harney for taking the boys to Kawana and to Mrs Domjahn for the same and for being our “go to” person and score keeper for the day. Thanks also to Finn Sorenson for his expert tuition.

Dorothy Devlin

QC Cup - Netball

Before daybreak on Monday, 21st May, 17 girls, 2 umpires and several parents caught a coach or drove to Downey Park in Brisbane, the home of Queensland Netball.

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Year 7’s, supported by Leah Mills, Rachael Marr, Gail Farrelly and Kate Baker, played in a strong Div A pool. Teamwork and court coverage saw them come 6th on the day.

Most valuable player was Maggie Primmer. Encouragement Award to Georgia Mills.

Thanks to Leah Mills for helping with the coaching of this team.

Year 6’s, supported by Caroline De Paoli, Sandy Unitt, Janine Hughes and Dorothy Devlin, played strong halves, with new team members rising to the challenge to help secure 5 wins in 7 games.

They came 2nd in their pool and 4th in their Div A comp, after a hard fought finals match. Most valuable player was Ebony Brown. Encouragement Award to Lily Titcomb. Thanks to Sarah Bonser for coaching this team. A terrific day of netball, with much enthusiasm, skill and encouragement amid several injuries and scattered showers. Thanks to parents for your promptness at both ends of our very long day and to Mr Gilby for opening up early and for getting the shelter ready for us.

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P & F NEWS
Coffee Van at Athletics Carnival
The P&F have organized for a Coffee Van to be at the Athletics Carnival on Friday 1st June at the PCYC.

Trivia Night
The Trivia Night planned for the 8th of June has been postponed as it clashed with the children’s first Confirmation. Watch this space for a new date.

Fete
Hi valiant St Jo’s parents and carers
It is with some regret that due to family and work commitments I am stepping down as Fete convenor for 2012. As I am sure you all appreciate, “life sometimes gets in the way” and my focus is on my busy teenagers at this time.
I thank you for the initial support that has been given to me and I trust that you will continue to show that St Joey’s community spirit as I leave you in the very capable hands of Kirsty Dare and her team. The creative spirit and energy that comes with contributing to an event such as our Fete is very powerful and I urge all of you to contribute where you can, what you can. It is a fabulous experience to be involved even if in a small way.
Of course I will be around to assist in any way I can, and I am very much looking forward to seeing some of the exciting ideas becoming reality on November 2.
Happy fete-ing. Kind regards Rae O’Flynn

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FUN FOOD SPORT’s DAY!
@ PCYC Friday June 1

Hot Beef Pie + Fizzy Fruit LOL +
a packet of chips!

Orders **MUST** be made by
Wednesday May 30
Online ordering open NOW

6.50

Paper Bag orders must be sent to
the tuckshop (wed or fri)

$7.00

Please get your orders in as soon as possible!

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All Students should be back at school by 2:20

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A great deal of parent help is needed for the Friday Carnival at PCYC. If you can assist setting up in the morning or at the carnival during the day please give your name to the office.
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9:30-9:45am Reconciliation
10:00am Mass
3:15-4:30pm Sacramental Program Dorothy Devlin
7-8:30 Sacramental Program Carmel Donahoe
7:30-9:30 Quilt and Craft group

Friday 1st June       St Justin
6:30am Mass
7-8:00am Rosary & Adoration in the Chapel
3:30-4:30pm Youth Choir Practice
5pm-9pm Chaplaincy Course Retreat (Anne Shepper-son)

Saturday 2nd June
4:30-4:50 Reconciliation
9am-4:30 Chaplaincy Course Retreat (Anne Shepper-son)
6:00pm Evening Mass for Sunday;
Children’s liturgy: Fiona Simm

Sunday 3rd June  TRINITY SUNDAY St Charles Lwanga
and companions
7:00am Mass
Children’s liturgy: Lyn Purssell
9:00am Mass
Children’s liturgy: tba
6-8:00pm Youth Group

Monday 4th June
8:00am Mass
7:30pm Baptismal Preparation evening

Tuesday 5th June
1:15pm Sacramental Program Confirmation
Rehearsal

Wednesday 6th June
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation
10:00am Mass
10:30am Seniors Gathering
7:30-9:30 Quilt and Craft group

St Vincent de Paul Community Sleepout
St Vincent de Paul have organised a Community Sleepout on the sunshine coast to coincide with the CEO Sleepout which is held in capital cities. To have a home to live in is a basic right to life. Homelessness is in every community and is most often ignored. Show your support by participating in an ‘experience of homelessness’ at the Maroochydore Surf Club on 21st June, or make a donation online to the Sunshine Coast event, to assist us to help those most in need. For more information please view our website at www.communitysleepout.org

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 2

MAY
Wednesday, 30 School Field Events Carnival - school
6.30pm Parent workshop –
‘Cyber Safety & Your Child’
Thursday, 31 Principal’s Appraisal – Panel visit

JUNE
Friday, 1 School Athletics Carnival—PCYC
Monday, 4 UNSW Science Exam
Tuesday, 5 Voices on the Coast
Wednesday, 6 Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully
Thursday, 7 Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully
Friday, 8 Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully
Assembly—Prep S
7.00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, 9/ Sunday, 10 Sacrament of (First) Eucharist

Monday, 11 Queens Jubilee
Public Holiday

Tuesday, 12 7.30pm School Board Meeting

Friday, 15 Nambour Show Holiday

Monday, 18 7.30pm P&F Meeting
Wednesday, 20 Dance Fever Interschool Challenge
Years 4-7 (Gympie)
Friday, 22 Assembly—Year 1
Last day of Term.
Reports are sent home.

Term 3 Commences on Monday 9th July

SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN EVENTS
Matthew Flinders Anglican College
Show Jumping Challenge 2012 on 23rd
June at Nambour Showgrounds.
Nominations through Zone 6
Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian
Comp (Not IQ) - 2 day event
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For more info contact Lucy or Aaron Trigg 5441 2281

NAMBOUR HIGH SCHOOL
Presents
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
Hungerford Hall
Thursday 31st May—Saturday 2nd June a t 7.00pm
NHS Ticket Hotline  5450 4106