This Friday evening, over 50 young people are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish, the receiving of the Holy Spirit’s gifts and the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic church. It is a significant occasion not only for the children, their sponsors and families, but for all of us as it offers us an opportunity to again reflect on what this call to discipleship means today.

We know and believe that God calls us to live a life of love, that in living this way we are called to live a spiritual life, not by denying ourselves but by reaching out to others. The spiritual life is not a matter of not doing wrong to another; rather a real spiritual life depends on our doing good to others.

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” - Edmund Burke

The dominant message that permeates our world today continues to be “Take care of Number One: Me!” In direct contrast to this is the gospel message that reminds us, over and over again that we just won’t feel whole, we just can’t be free, we just won’t be happy and we just can’t build the very community life we want if we make ourselves our only life agenda.

And so, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation here in our parish this Friday evening provides us again with a ‘reminder’ about the real meaning of life. The liturgy’s rituals and symbols enable one’s heart to stop for a moment, to be reminded of the ‘why’ of the ordinariness of our every-day……for it is here that we are called to be disciples of Christ. Not in Africa! Not by working in an orphanage!  It is in unexpected ways in our day to day life that God does and will come to life in us. 

Discipleship is a call to respond to God who is with and in us, unconditionally, in privacy and in crowds, on the breeze and in the chaos of our worlds, who loves us and calls us to reach out in love.

This is a sacred week for our community as the Holy Spirit will be alive and active in a special way on Friday evening, right here in our midst. As we hold the Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families, and their teachers in our prayers……….I pray that each of us may be touched anew by God’s gracious gift …….God’s Spirit of Love.

Mary Pont
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge
Students who will be attending the Interschool Dance Challenge in Gympie on June 20th should have brought home a letter yesterday, outlining further details about the night. For those travelling on the bus we are asking for the $5 entry fee to be paid to the school office so that on arrival we can enter as a group. Ms Norcott has been busy this week with some extra dance practices and the excitement amongst those participating is building!!!!

Hope to see you on Wednesday June 20th at The Pavilion Conference & Reception Centre, Exhibition Road, Gympie. Doors open 4pm for a 5pm start (7:30pm finish). $5 entry fee (including dancers).

Yr 7 Camp
Our Yr 7 students and staff, joined by Cathy Bernardi, are at Emu Gully for the remainder of this week for their Year level camp. The scarves they have been knitting will be put to good use – we pray the weather stays fine for them (even if a bit chiller than the Sunshine Coast!).

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Our collection of completed stamp cards is growing steadily. Thank you to all families who have already sent in cards. There are extra cards at the school office if you need any – maybe your neighbours or relatives might like one!! Don’t forget to ask for the stickers at the register if they are not offered to you.

Narelle Harney
APRE

THIS FRIDAY - Free Dress Day
Bring a Gold Coin Donation for our Fire Appeal

There will be a special assembly this week, focusing on fire safety awareness.

The gold coin donations will go to one of our families that were badly affected by fire last term.

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Confirmation
Please join us in celebrating confirmation this Friday night at St. Joseph’s Church commencing at 7:00pm. Please keep candidates in your prayers this week as they participate in their final preparations.

We Pray for all candidates:
Spirit of Love
show them how to love.

Spirit of truth
help them to be honest.

Spirit of wisdom
teach them the best thing to do.

Spirit of gentleness
make them gentle in their ways.

Spirit of God
live in their hearts.

Amen.

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<td>Patricia Savage</td>
<td>For always asking to read to Garry and improve her reading, keep up the good work Patricia.</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Jesse Daybell</td>
<td>Jesse puts an enormous effort into his work everyday. He is careful and considerate of the other children in our class. Jesse is a valued member of our learning community.</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Gabriel O’Sullivan</td>
<td>For the effort he shows in trying to be an independent learner. Gabe has been really working hard on his sight words and his reading which is improving every week. Gabriel is trying not to be distracted by others and shows he can make good behaviour choices when required. Well done Gabe.</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Jack Mather</td>
<td>Jack has shown great maturity in the responsible way he has protected his collarbone while it mends. It has been extremely hard for him not to be able to play soccer with his mates. Not long now Jack!</td>
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<td>Jacob Finter</td>
<td>Jacob has been doing excellent writing in his journal, his report about himself and writing about our excursion to the dam. His detailed drawings complement his writing. Super effort and great focus in class.</td>
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<td>Bailey Lovich-Sullivan</td>
<td>For an amazing Powerpoint presentation on his Mini Beast. Not only did Bailey produce a quality presentation, he was also extremely kind and generous in helping his classmates with their presentations, showing them how to add pictures, sounds and amazing special effects. Well done Bailey!</td>
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<td>Charlotte Simpson</td>
<td>For giving her best in all areas of her school work but especially for her beautiful singing at the Multicultural Mass last Friday. We are so proud of you Charlotte.</td>
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<td>Odette Haycock</td>
<td>For her consistently amazing attitude to everything she does. Odette always completes her work to her best standard and is a truly lovely girl. Well done Odette!</td>
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<td>Marco Porcellini</td>
<td>For a fantastic narrative filled with great imagery, suspense, and ended with a great resolution.</td>
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<td>Aidan Owen</td>
<td>For being such a cooperative and helpful classmate. Aidan always supports those that need help with concern and genuine care.</td>
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<td>5J</td>
<td>Rossano Bugg</td>
<td>For the respectful way he acted in Church during our Multicultural Mass and for the way he sang his heart out. It was a pleasure to sit near him. Well done Rossano.</td>
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<td>Isabella Coppo</td>
<td>Isabella did not believe that she was good at Maths...but, she recently just doubled her test results and is now achieving more than she ever thought possible. Bella can dance like a star, write beautifully, she is creative and sporty, a kind friend and she is a mathematician in the making. It just took determination and a little belief in herself. Bella, there is nothing that you can’t do—just go and do it!</td>
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<td>Jesse Lange</td>
<td>For the enthusiasm he brings to maths lessons. Jesse has a thirst of knowledge and is always eager to find new strategies to assist his maths learning. When faced with problem solving and real life investigations he ‘thinks outside the box’ and commits himself to the challenge, motivating those around him.</td>
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**Music Award:** Halliday Ford (Year 7) who positively contributed to the singing at the Multi-Cultural Mass with her lovely voice. Well done, Halli.

Jaidyn Rommel-Griffin from Year 2, for being the youngest member to go to the Sensational Strings Workshop and do really well.

**Maths Extension Award:** Lily Renshaw, who had to complete her Maths Olympiad test after a gruelling session getting plaster on her broken wrist. Stay brave!

**Sports Award:** Caleb Schembri - Caleb’s effort in the lead up to the Athletics Carnival has been phenomenal. He has shown leadership and support to others with encouraging words and great determination by focussing on exactly what he has been asked to do. Well done Caleb!

**Literacy Award:** Paige Darracott 5S for always working at a consistently high level. Paige is a quiet achiever who is very focused and therefore produces great results.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS....... Prep S

Prep S have been busy preparing for the Athletics Day this term. We have become fantastic Ball Game Players, our baton changes for relay are seamless. We are really looking forward to putting all our practice into action next Thursday! Thanks Mr McCall for being such a great athletics coach!

We have danced our way through term two with Dance Fever. We have some very funky Hip Hop dancers in our class. We’re looking forward to showcasing the dances we have learned for our Mum’s and Dad’s in the last week. We are working super hard during our Guided Reading Rotations each week. Mrs Hazel comes in to our classroom every day to help us become the very best readers we can be......and we are very good!

Our Family Tree is the topic of conversation in History. We are discovering the order of our family tree. We talk about our Grandparents being born a long time before we were, and the changes that have happened in the world since they were born.

We have been talking about all different types of movement. In our Science unit, ‘On the Move’, we have observed and recorded the way our bodies move while we’re playing and dancing. We have observed and recorded different ways toys and objects can move.

We have had some very exciting news in Prep this week, we would like to welcome Kate Elizabeth Samaroo into our community. David’s little sister Kate, was born on Friday the 1st of June, 2012. Congratulations to her Mum and Dad, Catherine and Spencer Samaroo.

LIBRARY NEWS

I’m still taking entries for the Premier’s Reading Challenge so keep them coming in!

Yesterday Miss Reminis and I took 59 Year 6 & 7 to the University of the Sunshine Coast for “Voices on the Coast”. What a great day we had! More details in next week’s newsletter.

As part of the National Year of Reading, we currently have a display of photos featuring our staff reading all sorts of different things in all manner of places. This idea is that I want to show our students that they belong to a community of readers, so I’d now like to invite parents/families in add their photos to our display. It might just be of you or it could be the whole family sharing a story, be creative! Please e-mail your photos to Jenny - jcutler@bne.catholic.edu.au  and call in to see the display when you have time!

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

Signed_______________________________________

‘Social Media & You’
with Lisa Harrison (POMO)

Last Wednesday evening, a small but very keen group attended the Social Media & You evening in the library. We all learnt so much and were able to gain a better understanding of the new digital realm.

Parents who were unable to attend can access the slides from the evening by using the link below.

http://slidesha.re/LHPgMJ
MUSIC NEWS
What a wonderful time our string players had at the Sensational Strings workshop at Stella Maris on Monday! For some of our newest string players it was a little daunting at first, being surrounded by another fifty players, but they persisted and gave a wonderful concert at the end of the day. Below are several photos of the concert.

The Choral Spectacular is coming up on the 3rd Monday of term 3. A reminder to all Senior Singers that the permission forms will come out in the first week of term 3 and all are expected to attend. Please learn your parts to The Water Is Wide and Sailing Away as we will be looking at these two songs in practice this week.

Band members, even through the Yr 7’s will be on camp this week there will still be band practices this Friday. Please practice I Still Call Australia Home and We Will Rock You.

Keep singing,
Paula Simpson
Classroom Music Specialist

FROM THE SPORTS SHED
Athletics Carnival - -- NEW DATE THURSDAY 14TH JUNE
The postponement of the Athletics Carnival last week was disappointing but the state of the PCYC track made it an easy decision. The new date is Thursday the 14th of June. The Field Events were completed for Year 4 – Year 7 last Wednesday and there were some excellent examples of athletic brilliance and fantastic team spirit on show. I was particularly impressed by those students who gave their absolute best and surprised themselves with their personal achievements. Points from these event were:

PETRIE CURRIE NAAMBA
195 325 370

Thank you to everyone who helped or offered to help last week. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.
Regional Cross Country - WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE
We wish Brittany Stark all the best as she competes against the best long distance runners from the Sunshine Coast Region this week. It’s not an easy event but I’m sure you will do St Joseph’s proud.

Wednesday afternoon Rugby Union – Year 6 and 7
A dozen students from Year 6 and 7 have started after-school Rugby Union at Woombye State School. Week 1 resulted in a comprehensive win over Nambour Christian College and last week we won against Woombye and were narrowly defeated in a tough contest by Mapleton.
In Week 1 the Man of the Match was Mickey Schimak-Orrell and in Week 2 it was Archie McCulloch (Game 1) and Sean Bunter (Game 2).

PLEASE NOTE - NO lunch orders available on sports day! We are doing it the ‘old fashioned way’ - Children, parents & staff will need to BYO morning tea & lunch, food & drinks!
A coffee van will be visiting - for adults only!

DENTAL VAN - here next term!
The Dental Van will be arriving soon at St Joseph’s, early next term. All children will be offered treatment during our stay. At this stage, forms have been handed out to Years 3,5 and 7. Can they please be returned promptly to the class teacher so paperwork can be done before the van arrives. Any concerns, please phone the dental van - 0407126138.

STUDENT PROTECTION
Our school is committed to being a safe and nurturing community of care where the rights and dignity of all children are upheld and protected and where all students have a right to expect that we will always act to protect them from any kind of harm. If ever an issues of concern is raised with you, please note that our Student Protection Contacts are: The Principal - Marg Pont
The Guidance Counsellor - Andrew Wood
Student Protection Information can be accessed online at the Brisbane Catholic Education public website by using the following link - http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/StudentProtection.aspx
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR P&F COMMITTEE
Let’s meet our Treasurer, Kym O’Leary

Q. What food do you like?
A. I love Thai, Chinese, Mexican, but my favourite is seafood, especially fresh mud crabs.

Q. What movie is one of your favourites?
A. Comedy, drama. I cannot pick my favourite, but the ones I would watch over is Shawshank Redemption, Saving Private Ryan, Schlinder’s List and Forrest Gump.

Q. Where do you go on holidays?
A. We go to Fraser Island every February and we all LOVE IT! Evans Heads is a good family holiday and visiting family in Chinchilla. We are all going on a Cruise next year and cannot wait.

Q. Your favourite colour?
A. Love Love Love the colour emerald green.

Q. If you won $1,000,000 – what would you do?
A. My children would tell you that I would spend it on them. But...... I would go to Europe, give a good donation to Cancer Research and probably invest the rest.

UNIFORM SHOP
Hours are 8am — 9am
Next Days: Thursday 7th June & Tuesday 12th June
Size 10 Jackets have arrived
Glenys Appleby (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Thanks to the Year 1 families who generously donated homebake last week & who helped out with Fun Food Day.
We look forward to welcoming Year 2 families this week!

When ordering online, please make sure you check the date that you are ordering for. There has been some confusion!

This Week: Helpers & Homebake> Year 2
Special> Chinese Meatballs with hokkien noodles & sticky plum sauce

Next Week: H & H > Year 3
Special>Mexican Chicken Wraps chicken, cheese & mild salsa in a toasted wrap

Remember... Tuckshop only happens with your help!
Lee Etheridge (Tuckshop Convenor)

BIGGEST MORNING TEA
@ St Joeys!

Join us for the BIGGEST MORNING TEA here at St Josephs, TUESDAY 19 JUNE at 9.00am
Come armed with your favourite tea cup or mug, along with a plate to share and you are in the running for one of our great prizes!
A fabulous opportunity to catch up with other parents over morning tea and have a bit of fun, while helping to raise money for the Cancer Council of Australia.
See you there!

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GOLD COIN DONATION - AUCTION & RAFFLE

Thankyou for the wonderful ideas for gift vouchers to be auctioned at the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. For those of you still scratching your heads as what you could possibly supply as a service other parents at St Joeys may want to bid for - here are some of the services that have been offered so far:

Fatburners package, one tutoring class, girls’ clothing, ladies only gym session, home cooked meal, altered canvas, massage, aromatherapy treatment, 30 minute consultation on all things digital communication, Stamp set, Voucher for kids card class (stamp it up), Portrait session and frame, scratch its, card making sessions.

Aren't they fantastic! Have they given you any ideas? If you can think of something you’d like to offer, just email me on centreofwellbeingmassage@hotmail.com or give me a call on 5478 6551 and we'll make it up as a gift voucher ready for the big morning!

Remember if you can't make the morning tea, you can get me to put some tickets in the auction for your desired service and still win!

Good luck and thanks again to everyone who has nominated services so far.

Regards, Karen Malcolm (Parent Contact 45)
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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY HORSE CAMPS
7 Day Horse Camps
23-30 June, 30 June—7th July, 7 - 14 July
(Camp caters for all riding levels)
Day trips available.
Your child can ride horses twice a day, learn to keep and care for a horse/pony, feed the animals, milk the cow, collect chook eggs & other fun, healthy outdoor activities.
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