It’s CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK....

Catholic schools have been providing a quality education for Australian children for over 180 years. Here in Nambour, this same quality Catholic education has been provided for 87 years! With one in five Australian school children being educated in a Catholic school, there are over 1700 such schools with over 700,000 students!

Each year at this time, we take time to remember why we exist and celebrate the distinctive difference between our school and all others. As you have heard me say so often, its not our uniform nor our ‘discipline’ that makes us different! It is our Catholic faith, teachings and practices which are central in all we do, that marks us as different and distinctive.

This year’s theme is CELEBRATING COMMUNITY - Family - Parish - School! Our week of celebration got off to a wonderful start with our Senior singers participating in a whole day workshop followed by performing at the combined Catholic Schools’ Choral Spectacular! Our congratulations go to all members of the choir and particularly to Paula Simpson, our amazing music teacher. I feel the following email I received late Monday night from one of our parents who was at the concert says it all....

The children sounded beautiful and Paula really needs to be congratulated in helping the children achieve such a brilliant performance. The applause from the audience was testament to the entertaining and enlivening song on stage!! We feel so blessed to have our children attend the school - that tonight had the most obvious progressive and modern approach to its primary school choral music experience... there was movement, spirit and above all, heart... Yay! Well done St Joey’s!!

And that was only Monday! Please read the schedule of events for the remainder of the week (to the left) and get involved when and how you can! We are particularly looking forward to our school mass this Friday which will celebrate our grandparents who are so often, the ‘glue’ of any community!

God’s blessings on you and yours in this special week!

Marg Pont
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

Happy Catholic Education Week!!!!!
Our teaching staff gathered together on Monday afternoon for a twilight retreat focussing on “Spirituality” led by Amanda Norcott. We were joined by Fr Graham. Our experience from this will influence us both personally and professionally. A particular focus was on Indigenous Australian’s and Amanda’s experience from her trip to Uluru, with a group from Brisbane Catholic Education, during the Easter holidays.

We look forward to celebrating our Grandparents this Friday at our school mass commencing at 8:45am. Grandparents are then invited to visit classrooms after mass and join together for a shared morning tea at 10:30am in the school hall. Friday morning will be a wonderful example of the focus for Catholic Education Week this year. We will have families and parishioners joining our school community in celebration.

UNSW English Competition
Students who have registered for the UNSW English Competition will participate in this next Monday, July 30th.

St. Joseph’s Parent Bookclub
Our second gathering of a parent bookclub will be tonight at 7pm in the library. Bring along your latest or favourite book to share.

Enjoy your week!
Narelle Harney
APRE

PEER SUPPORT returns to St Joey’s!
Our Year 7 students have been busily preparing to be the facilitators of Peer Support lessons which commence next Monday afternoon where the whole school participates in a 30 minute session each week. Two Year 7 Peer leaders facilitate a group of students from Prep to Year 6, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise two groups in their classroom.

We will be working on a module called Promoting Harmony helping us define individual and community values, build relationships and improve decision making skills. The module runs for 8 sessions, each Monday afternoon until the end of term.

The first session will enable the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what is a value and something they value in themselves.

I recommend you talk to your child/ren about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Shared morning tea
We ask that families (who have a grandparent joining us on Friday for the morning tea) send in a shared plate to share. These can be dropped off at the school hall before school. Tea and coffee will be provided.
STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J  Gabriel Gaffney  For persisting with his reading and sounding out his work, well done!
Prep S  George Trolley  George has shown an amazing improvement in his writing. He puts an enormous effort into all areas of learning. George is a delight to have in our classroom.
1J  Oscar Huntley  Oscar has been putting in a huge effort in reading this term and his ability has enabled him to help his peers work out difficult words during reading groups. Well done Oscar keep on trying hard.
1S  Zachary Kriedemann  For the great improvement in his writing. Zac focuses at writing time and is showing much more independence. He is using his sight word knowledge to help build his sentences. Keep up the good work Zac.
2J  Leilani Mason  Leilani always works extremely hard and puts in her best effort in all she does. She has a beautiful smile and loves to help others. It is a pleasure having Leilani in 2J.
2S  Patrick Law  For consistently working hard during class time and always finishing your work in the allocated time. Patrick throughout Year 2 you have shown you are a keen student who is always eager to learn. Keep up the great work!
3J  Zac Le Busque  For the patience and guidance he always shows to his classmates who may be struggling and need some extra encouragement. Thank you Zac!
3S  Georgia Trigg  For her efforts in all areas of her schooling. Georgia always works to the best of her ability, helps out and has a beautiful caring nature to match. Well done!
4J  Siobhan Pearson  For a big improvement in her neatness of all her work. Well done Siobhan.
4S  Isabella Harry  For being a quiet achiever. A beautiful girl with a beautiful nature and a wonderful smile.
5J  Takala English  Takala’s attitude towards maths is very positive and she is to be commended for the effort she is putting into learning her number facts. Well done Takala! You should be very proud of yourself!
5S  Hayden Canal  For being a great help counting money. Hayden is applying himself extremely well in class. He works hard and is a kind young man who is always willing to help others. Hayden is a pleasure to teach - well done Hayden!
6J  Catherine Quinn  Well...Catherine is a talented student. She is intelligent and responsive. She participates eagerly and remembers things without flaw. She is a kind friend who is compassionate and caring. Last week, the class was given a blank copy of a computer keyboard and asked to fill in as many keys as they could — Catherine could recite every row off by heart. The entire class, including the teacher, was blown away! Well done Catherine - you will go down in history for that one.
6S  Lucan Burns  For being reliable and thoughtful. Lucan is the sort of person who looks out for his mates and is always around to lend a hand. He contributes insightfully in guided reading and listens carefully to what others have to say - an admirable quality.
7J  Eliza Fallis  Eliza is very much the quiet achiever. Nothing is too much of a bother to her. Her work is consistently completed on time, correct and beautifully presented. Eliza is always very calm and is never without a smile on her face - an excellent example to her peers.
7S  Joshua Russell  7S Homework Legend Award! Joshua’s homework is always completed to a very high standard and is submitted on time. Well done Josh and keep up the great work!

Maths Extension Award: Finian Donahoe - for his logical thinking and ability to talk through how he solved the Maths problem. Keep up the good work.

Music award: This award could go to many in our school vocal program but as there can only be one, Tahlee Hamilton (Yr 2) who delighted the nursing home residents with her performance on the keyboard of Lean On Me. Keep up that wonderful skill, Tahlee.

H&PE Award: Emily Hamilton - Emily has demonstrated the most amazing cricket skills over the previous 2 weeks. I’m most impressed by her bowling and batting technique. Well done Emily.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS...... 4J

Science: This term we have been learning about ‘What is Beneath Our Feet?’ As a class we have been doing experiments with soil comparing dry soil with wet soil. We have also been learning about the different types of rocks of the Earth.

History: In history we have researched the reasons the Europeans settled in Australia. We have been writing biographies about a certain convict. Then we wrote about them as if we were the convict.

English: 4J have been learning about ‘Grammar through Poetry’. We have learnt a grammar rap and it has taught us all about the rules of grammar.

Maths: We have been learning about angles, and how right angles are larger than acute and smaller than an obtuse. A right angle is 90 degrees, a straight line is 180 degrees, a reflex angle is the area behind the angle and a circle is 360 degrees.

4J took some photos of angles using their bodies and the things around them.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

July 23 Holly Adams, Jasmine Saeung, Adele Wight
24 Maggie Primmer, Liam Todd
25 Jayden Vink
26 Skye Herbert
28 Nathaniel Cerezo
29 Layne Baldock

MUSIC NEWS

A great time was had by the Junior Joeys last Friday who performed at three local nursing homes, Glenbrook, Claremont and Sundale. Interspersed between songs about creatures were individual performances by Tahlee Hamilton, Charlotte Simpson, Millar Dare and Rory Bell. Well done to all our Yr 7 Junior Joey Leaders (Courtney Johnson, Sophie Lever-Zebellan, Tasha Marr and Ella Macdonald) who doubled as hippopotami in the song, Glorious Mud.

This was followed by the Senior Singers participating in the combined Catholic School Choral Spectacular on Monday night. It was truly spectacular with the combined choir numbering over two hundred students and being conducted by internationally renowned choral master, Paul Holly. A special thank you to Abi Fearn, who helped out on the day and to Laura Malone (ex St Joey’s student and Senior Singer) who accompanied the choir for their songs.

Written by Braden Simm, Mariana Weaver and Lahni Thorogood

Keep singing!
Paula Simpson
Classroom Music Specialist
LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Week 20th to the 24th August.**

This year the focus will be ‘Our Favourite Books’ with children asked to come dressed as a character from their all-time favourite book. They will need to be able to talk about their book, describe the character that they have chosen and if possible, bring the book to school for the Parade. Parade Day is Thursday 23rd August followed by a Parent Morning Tea. There are a number of great activities planned over Book Week including a ‘Book Swap’ where children donate one or two favourite books that are in good condition to be purchased by other students with a Gold Coin donation. All funds raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

“Reading opens up a world of educational opportunities for young people, providing the foundation for learning for the rest of their life.”

Don’t forget the **Premiers Cup Reading Challenge** is running until 7th September. To successfully complete this challenge, students need to either read or have experienced 20 books from now until 7th September 2012. This year it is the ‘National Year of Reading’ so I would encourage everyone to take up the challenge and ‘READ’! Children who take up the challenge and read the required number of books will receive a signed certificate from the Premier.

For more information on the Reading Challenge please feel free to contact me in the library or email me at mwasmund@bne.catholic.edu.au. You can also visit the website at [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/about-challenge.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/about-challenge.html)

**Lego Club** is proving to be very popular and because of the large numbers, years 2 and 3 will have access to the Lego in weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9 while years 4 -7 are able to ‘construct’ in weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10. Completed ‘constructions’ will be on display in the library and everyone is welcome to come and ‘check them out’. The children are welcome to bring ‘creations’ from home (with parent permission) to be displayed in the library however I would prefer children not to bring Lego from home to play with in case it is mixed in with our Lego. **If you have any unwanted Lego at home please send it in....it will be very much appreciated!**

Don’t forget we are waiting for pictures of you reading to add to our display of staff reading!

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

**Grandparents As Parents**

As we celebrate our grandparents on ‘Grandparents Day’ this Friday, it is a great time to reflect on the many different and important parts they play in our lives. In some families, grandparents are the primary carers, taking on the role as parents to their grandchildren. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has estimated there are at least 35,000 grandparent families in Australia, although there are likely to be many, many more than this. There are many different reasons grandparents take on this important role.

In recognition of the importance of supporting families where children are being raised by their grandparents, Seniors Enquiry Line in partnership with the Queens-land Government operates the “Time for Grandparents Program”. This program funded by the Department of Communities is designed to provide the children of these families with fun and interesting activities and give grandparents the opportunity to have some well earned time out.

Grandparents who are the primary carers of grandchild- dren and who are not receiving the fostering allowance and not approved relative/kinship carers with the Department of Child Safety are eligible for the program.

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For all bookings and enquiries please contact Seniors Enquiry Line 1300 135 500 from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. All enquires are welcome and confidential. If grandparents are unsure about their eligibility they are encouraged to contact Seniors Enquiry Line.

**TERM 3 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS**

Term 3 School Fee Statements will be posted home shortly. 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.
FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Many thanks to our Year 6 home bakers, great efforts were made! We can't wait to see what the Year 7 families come up with and we look forward to seeing some helpers too.

We all gave 110 percent, swam personal best times and had a great time doing what we love.

Jessica Foster

Congratulations to Flynn De Luca for his second placing in the recent Mudjimba Board Riders Surfing Competition. Despite the chilly conditions, Flynn showed great skill and toughness against older surfers. Well done Flynn!

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP

This Week: Special> Vegetarian Spring Rolls oven baked & served with soy or sweet chilli sauce

 Helpers & Homebake> Year 7

Next Week: Special> Chicken Noodle Soup homemade and warming with lots of noodles to slurp!

 Helpers & Homebake> Prep

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REMEMBER...Tuckshop only happens with your help!

Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convener

FROM THE DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van has arrived! All children will be offered treatment during our stay. At this stage, forms have been handed out to Years 3, 5 & 7. Please return them promptly to the class teacher so paperwork can be done and visits scheduled.

We would like to explain some important safety steps that have been introduced and to ensure your child’s dental examination or treatment that you have given consent for is done as planned.

We will be asking you or your child their name, their date of birth, and why they are here. If you gave consent for your child to attend without you, your child cannot answer these questions, unfortunately we will not be able to continue with treatment and your child will be sent back to class.

An appointment will then be issued for a parent or legal guardian to attend with their child before treatment can proceed.

Any concerns, please phone the dental van - 0407126138.

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours are 8am—9am

Next Days: Thursday 26th July
Tuesday 31st July

Sports Socks have arrived

Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator
“Walk to Learn”

Walk to School to Improve Academic Achievement

“A study recently undertaken by the California Department of Education shows a direct link between academic achievement and the physical fitness of school pupils. The Study confirmed that fitness in children can be improved, not only by formal sports education but also by everyday fun activities with friends and family members, such as walking to school every day. Similarly, teachers report that children who have walked to school arrive more wide awake and ready to learn - nine in ten teachers in a recent Department for Transport survey consider that the walk to school makes children brighter, more alert and ready for the first class of the day.”

As it is impossible for many of our children to walk to school each day, I am organising a supervised walking group to walk around the third oval for 20 minutes each Tuesday to Friday.

Starting time: 8.00 until 8.20am

If you are interested in your child joining our walking group please fill in the attached form and send it back to school ASAP.

Starting Tuesday 24th July at the Piazza outside the year 1S classroom.

Of course parents are VERY welcome to join us as well!

For more information please contact Maryann Wasmund by either dropping into the library or Emailing me on: mwasmund@bne.catholic.edu.au

I would like my child/children

to join the morning walking group on

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According to the Queensland Transport and Main Roads Site regular walking improves:

- psychological well-being
- metabolism
- muscle strength and flexibility
- strength and endurance
- respiratory function
- concentration and memory.

As well as:

- strengthening the immune system
- Increasing energy levels
- Managing weight

Health professionals recommend that children and youths (5-18 years) undertake at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day to keep healthy.
ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR  
Ph: 5441 1034  Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au  
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

**Wednesday 25th July**  
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation  
10:00am Mass; Yr 6S & PJ  
12:00pm Reconciliation Yr 7S  
7-9:30pm Quilt Craft Group

**Thursday 26th July**  
Sts Joachim & Ann  
5:30-6:30pm Liturgy meeting in Community Centre

**Friday 27th July**  
6:30am Mass  
7-8:00am Rosary & Adoration in the Chapel  
8:45am Mass for Grandparents Day, whole school attending

**Saturday 28th July**  
4:30-4:50 Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass for Sunday  
Children’s Liturgy: Maree Fitzsimon

**Sunday 29th July**  
7:00am Mass  
Children’s Liturgy: Michelle Daveson  
9:00am Mass  
Children’s Liturgy: Julia Quinn  
**Baptism:** Tara Hennessy (Terrisa & Paul)  
5:00pm Ecumenical Service at Palmwoods Anglican Church followed by a shared meal.

**Monday 30th July**  
8:00am Mass  
6:00pm Helping Hands meeting

**Wednesday 1st August**  
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation  
10:00am Mass  
10:30am Seniors Gathering; St Joseph’s hospitality attending  
10:30am Parish Staff Review Process  
3:15pm RCIA Information Session  
7-9:30pm Quilt Craft Group

**Reaching Out:** Time once again to think about reaching out to others to invite them to join the Catholic Church. We will be conducting two information sessions this year. The first will be held on Wednesday, 1st August at 3.15pm in the Community Centre. The second will be held on Thursday, 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

There may also be Catholics who have been away from the Church for some time. They may wish to reconnect with the Church. We will be offering a special time for people in that situation. They are also welcome to come to the information sessions.

**SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 3**  
**JULY**  
Thursday, 26th  
5.30pm Indonesian Speech Night  
Friday 27th  
10:00am Mass Yr 6S & PJ  
5:00pm Ecumenical Service at Palmwoods Anglican Church followed by a shared meal.

**August**  
Wednesday 1st  
Interschool rugby carnival Yr 6 & 7  
1.30-2.30pm Allira Richardson Yr 7  
Thursday 2nd  
External Review  
Friday 3rd  
Assembly 7S

**Friday 4th**  
Senior Singers Choir—Nursing homes’ concerts  
1.30-2.30 Ned Show P-7  
Monday 6th  
1.40-2.40 Peer Support  
Wednesday 8th  
St Mary of the Cross  
10.00am Mass Yrs 4-7  
Senior Singers - Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod

**Friday 10th**  
Assembly 7J  
Movie Night  
Monday 13th  
UNSW Maths Comp  
Tuesday 14th  
7.30pm School Board Meeting  
Wednesday 15th  
Feast of the Assumption  
Friday 17th  
Assembly 6J

**Come join us...**  
**Rock and Roll evening**  
**LIVE ROCK N ROLL BAND!!!!**  
$5.00 per person or $20.00 per family

- All ages welcome  
- Dancing  
- **LOTS OF PRIZES**
  - Supper - gold coin  
  - Drinks - gold coin  
  - Sausage sizzle - $2  
  - Lucky door prize
  - Raffles

**Where:** Studio 2, 28 Rigby Street, Nambour  
**When:** Saturday 11 August 2012 – 5.30pm – 9.30pm

We are fund raising to participate in the Dance USA Program with our Dance School. Please help us achieve our dream.......Thank you,  
Jane Mary and Majenta

Contact: Debra - 0409 412418  
Or Kellie - 0400 953 337