Champions...

I am sure that in one way or another, we have all been following the Olympics these past two weeks and have marvelled in the sporting spirit displayed, whether it be graciousness in victory or defeat. Coping with disappointment as well as the elation of winning, all the while under the spotlight of not just one’s country but the world, is to be much admired!

So what makes a champion? Skill, endurance, resilience, respect......the list goes on. If there is one thing that was evident to me during the Olympic coverage, it was the need to be able to cope with failure. The difference between feeling disappointment and feeling like a ‘failure’ is a fine line when the stakes are so high but perhaps it can serve as a reminder to us all that such feelings are an important part of life.....and we must allow our children to experience them when they present!

Nikki Gemmell’s column in the Weekend Australian magazine (p8) last weekend titled ‘Dust yourself down’ focused on this very subject. In a world where praise and awards have become the ‘norm’, how important is it that children can not only experience failure but can learn from it! We can learn more from getting something wrong than by supplying the right answer. Gimmell quotes Henry Ford as saying…”Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”

Educationalists world wide are embracing the importance of failure. Children today need to be critical thinkers and problem solvers if they are to succeed in the 21st century. To develop these skills, they need to learn the process of learning which involves risk taking and to know that it is absolutely normal not to succeed at times in life. Gimmell tells us that traits of perfectionism, lack of self-esteem, concern about criticism, fear of speaking out or making a fool of oneself, too easily stymies taking risks. And too often, we as adults want to protect our children from failure and thus, inadvertently rob them of the opportunity to learn that failure is an important part of life.

Research tells us that giving honest feedback has the potential for a profound effect on student achievement, indeed it can double the speed of learning. Feedback should not be confused with praise......which we are all good at giving to our children. Feedback should give children information about: Where am I going? How am I going? Where to next? It’s most powerful when children understand that mistakes are opportunities for learning and that there is always more to learn!

So our Olympic athletes are champions because they have known failure and have used it to spur them on to greater feats. Medal winners or not, they have stood the test of character and shown us the magnificence of their human spirit. Surely this is what we want for our children!

God’s blessings on you and yours this week!
Marg Pont
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

NED Yo-Yo’s
Thank you to everyone who supported the NED Show through purchasing a yo-yo or accessories last week. We are no longer selling this merchandise and the NED zone at school ended yesterday. We are asking students to now practise and use their yo-yo’s at home. Many students easily picked up different tricks using their yo-yo’s and gained enjoyment last week through this creative way of remembering the key messages from the NED show.

UNSW Competitions
On Monday students who had entered sat the UNSW Mathematics Competition. This Friday at assembly, students who sat the UNSW Science competition last term will receive their certificates.

Parent Book Club News
This Wednesday night, August 15th, the Parent Book Club will meet again in the Library at 7pm. It’s as simple as bringing your favourite book along and telling others about it. If you’re not sure of your own fav read, we also love to hear about books your kids have enjoyed. Kids books are most welcome. Good company, good books, hot chocolate – recipe for a great evening! Look forward to seeing you there.

The ‘After Assembly’ Book Club met last Friday and it was lovely to see new faces. We had a great discussion about a wide variety of books including classic, modern, romance, historical fiction and biographies. Lots of different views and opinions about books, which created lots of laughs as we all learnt a bit more about each other! We are all looking forward to our next meeting on Friday, 7th September. Come along and pick up a good read in time for the Term 3 holidays! The contact for the Parent Book Club is Danielle Twomey – please leave a message for her with our office staff if you have any questions about book club.

Have a great week everyone! Peace and best wishes,
Narelle Harney  APRE

Today, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption, and we affirm our belief that Mary is now in heaven. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates the glorification of Mary, chosen by God, to be the mother of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer to Mary

Empowering God,
Inspire us by the example of Mary’s openness to your love. May we live in this attitude and bring to birth a new world!! We make our prayers through Jesus Christ in the Unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

PEER SUPPORT NEWS...

Respect is the focus of the Peer Support session next week. Through various activities the children will be identifying what it means to have respect and discuss how they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children will need to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the ‘Certificate of Respect’.

Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect them.
STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J  Lilly Griffin  For trying new things in Prep and always making her best effort.
Prep S  Declan McDermott  Declan has shown a great attitude toward his work this week. He is making an 
effort to do his best in all he does. Well done Declan!
1J  William Marks  William has put extra effort into being a better listener this term. William is great 
at working out math problems using mental strategies and enjoys helping his classmates when they are not sure of an 
an answer. Thank you William you are a great asset to our classroom.
1S  Ashton Clarke  Ashton brightens up our classroom with his happy and friendly nature. He is al-
ways ready to help out his friends and is quick to volunteer when there is a job to be done.
2J  Isabelle Shannon  What an outstanding effort Isabelle has made with her narrative writing! She is 
creative in her thinking, using great describing words and interesting ideas. It is rewarding to see her get so excited 
about her stories!! What a pleasure she is to have in 2J.
2S  Lily Norcott  For making tremendous contributions to 2S. You consistently use beautiful man-
ners, try your best and follow the school rules. You are a wonderful help in the classroom, always ready and eager to 
help others when you have completed your beautiful work. Thank you Lily for being such a valuable member of our class 
and being a pleasure to teach.
3J  Isobella Dall  For her determination and persistence to all her school work and homework, 
especially tasks she finds difficult.
3S  Joshua Davidson  For his amazing focus and determination toward achieving his academic and 
behavioural goals. Josh has been contributing brilliantly to the classroom and is self monitoring his behaviour well. Well 
done Josh, be proud!
4J  Lahni Thorogood  Lahni this semester has consistently applied herself to participate during class 
discussions. Well done Lahni, it is wonderful to hear your answers and thoughts. Well done, keep it up!
4S  Rosanna Abt  For settling down, working well and showing a helping hand to her classmates.
5J  Liam McEntee  Liam is working really hard with his spelling and number facts. He is learning that 
if he perseveres he will get results. Well done Liam! Keep it up.
5S  Alicia Fay  Alicia could receive this award every week as she always puts 100% effort into 
everything she does. However, this week she receives it for her beautifully presented work and handwriting. Alicia was 
the first student in our class to receive her pen licence. Well done Alicia!
6J  Chloe Domjahn  Chloe is working consistently in all of her subject areas. She listens and responds 
and always knows what is coming next throughout the day. Chloe achieved full marks on her recent maths activity—a 
feat not easily or often achieved. She makes her accomplishments quietly and gracefully—but Chloe—all that you do 
does not go unnoticed. Well done!
6S  Kaycee Brady  For caring about and supporting her buddy and peers to reach their full potential. 
Kaycee admires the special attributes of her loved ones, in particular her Grandma. This is shown through her reflections 
and ability to see the good in others, learning from them each and every day.
7J  Joe Hutson  Joe always goes about his work quietly and confidently. Listening quietly is a rare 
trait these days and Joe always shows the good manners to do this. His determination and competitiveness both in and 
outside the classroom provide Joe with a very strong character.
7S  Riley McSweeny  Riley is working well in class. He has handed in all his assignments on time, pro-
ducing quality work and is to be commended for his positive attitude to his school work. Keep it up Riley.

HPE Award  Deklin Ipatidis  Deklin has shown tremendous improvement in his attitude and effort towards 
HPE this term. Deklin is a talented sportsman with a courageous heart. Work hard Deklin and great things will come 
your way.

Maths Award  Maggie Primmer  For her positive outlook and for last week’s stunning performance in our Maths 
Olympiad practice session. She was on fire! Well done Maggie.
### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS - 2J

What a talented class of budding writers we have in 2J. The Olympics have inspired many children to write about what they have seen happening in London, our Narrative theme has energised all children to write amazing retells of familiar stories and we are about to write our own narrative next week!! Every child is succeeding in their writing journey; with the help of word walls, dictionary use, grammar sessions and best of all lots of reading and listening to stories. Book week here we come!

2J has been learning about the Olympics. We have made Olympic flags and torches and we have done an Olympic word scramble. We are also learning about animal life cycles. We know how a mealworm grows. It starts off as an egg, when it cracks it turns into a worm and then it turns into a bug. **Isabelle**. We have been learning about fairy tales, legends, fables and myths. My favourite sporting event at the Olympics is Pole-vaulting because it looks cool. We have been learning how to write our own narrative, it has been fun! **George**. We are exploring life cycles and how things grow and live. We are also learning about the Olympics and we are making medals and Olympic torches. We are going to write our own narrative. **Mitchell**. We are learning about time on the analogue and digital clock. We learnt about o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We have been talking about when 2 vowels go walking; the first one does the talking and we also have been learning about sounds that say the same, but don’t spell the same. We are choosing our own favourite book and doing a word document or PowerPoint and using it for our show and tell. **Mackenzie**. To celebrate our progress, we are all receiving medals this week. Not just for sporting and academic achievements, but for the effort we are putting into our daily learning, for team efforts and encouragement and accepting everyone for who they are. Trying to be the best we can be!!!!

### MUSIC NEWS

Well done to all our Senior Singers in the Eisteddfod last week, taking out first place in the Upper Primary school choir, Section 336. Bli Bli State School came second followed by St Andrews College. Our appreciation goes to Laura Malone who accompanied the Senior Singers so beautifully on the piano.

This Wednesday four singers from the choir will perform at the V.P Day (Victory in the Pacific, WWII) ceremony at Drysdale’s Chapel.

Due to interschool sport on a Friday afternoon **band practices** will begin earlier. The **first practice** will begin at the **start of morning tea-10.30 am** and the **second time** will begin at **11.30 am** and finish at **12.30 pm**. If you are in Senior Singers you go to band first but return at 12.30 for the last half hour. Please check the music room window to see which band comes when.

A reminder that all Yr 4’s should be **practising their instrument for 10 minutes a day**. This can be a challenge but it is only for a semester! You will be surprised at the good sound you will make when you practise regularly.

**Senior Singers** resumes this **Friday at noon**, whilst the **Junior Joeys** will be on **Thursday of this week**.

Keep singing,
Paula Simpson
Classroom Music Specialist

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

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LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week
20th to the 24th August.
Parade Day is Thursday 23rd August at 8:45am followed by a Parent Morning Tea. Parents are also invited to join us for ‘Rug Reading’ from 2 – 2:30pm that day!

Could I please have some wonderful volunteers to video tape our parade and ‘Book Dance’ which will follow the parade? If you can help just drop into the library and let me know. THANKS.

A large selection of wonderful new books is now on display in the library and outside the Prep classrooms for you to donate to our school. Your child’s name will be added to the front of the book and they will be the first person in the school to borrow that book! If you are unable to come into the library to select a book, a donation would be very gratefully received. Please support your school library!!

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

Please Don’t Forget to donate books for our BOOK SWAP!

As part of our Book Week celebrations this year, we are also hosting a ‘BOOK SWAP’. All students are asked to donate second hand books that are in good condition. Books can be either given to classroom teachers or brought into the Library.

On Wednesday 22nd August students are asked to bring in a GOLD COIN which will enable them to select a book from the collection of second hand books. All money raised will be going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

FROM THE SPORTS SHED

STATE TITLES BECKON FOR ST JOSEPH SWIMMERS

On Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th August, Bo Daniel, Jessica Foster, Kayleigh Foster and Mary-Ellen Bonser represented the Nambour Swimming Club at the Wide Bay Swimming Championships at the Mountain Creek Swimming Pool.

Kayleigh, Jessica and Bo all competed in 6 events whilst Mary-Ellen swam in 2. Kayleigh brought home 1 silver and 5 bronze medals but due to her age group was unable to qualify for the State Championships. Jessica qualified to swim at the State Championships for the 100m Backstroke, 50 Backstroke and 50 Freestyle and Bo qualified for State in the 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle. Of Mary-Ellen’s 2 events she qualified for the State 50m Backstroke. It was a great result and achievement for everyone that swam especially those making the State Titles and the Under 10’s for trying their best.

Written by Kayleigh Foster

Our champions with their recent medal haul.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Thanks to those families who have paid their Term 3 School fees which were due on Monday 13th August.

All accounts need to be settled by end of Term please.

Please email me at kmhigginbottom@bne.catholic.edu.au if you need to make alternative arrangements for delayed payment of your account.

STAFF UPDATE

We farewelled Matt Mackinlay in fine style on Friday 3rd August. Matt has taken on an Acting APRE role at Acacia Ridge for 12 months. Cathy Bernardi has graciously stepped in to 7S for the remainder of the year. Thank you Cath!

We welcome Pam French who will replace Cathy for the remainder of the year in Learning Support.

Narelle Harney will be going on some well-deserved long service leave for the last four weeks of this term. During this time, Martha Hill will take on the role of Acting APRE. Congratulations Martha!

Prep S will have Lucy Trigg as their class teacher, replacing Martha for the four weeks! Welcome Lucy!
HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Guess what time it is kids... it's time for...
Fun Food Friday!!!
Year 2 are our rostered helpers this week but if anyone has spare hands to lend this Friday after morning tea we would LOVE to put them to good use... it's going to be a busy day!
If you are ordering online, please try to order today or tomorrow! We expect a great deal of traffic on the flexischools site on Friday morning if everyone waits and would not want anyone to miss out! (Regular menu is also available)
Year 1 did an awesome job of providing homebaking last week (Thankyou!) ... keep those yummy treats coming folks because the orders for them keep getting bigger & BIGGER!

This Week: Special> FUN FOOD FRIDAY!
Homebake & Help> Year 2
Next Week: Special> Ham Cheese & Tomato Hotrods
Toasty long roll filled with ham tomato & melted cheese
Homebake & Helpers> Year 3

Remember.... Tuckshop only happens with your help!

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Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

LOST PROPERTY

A large amount of hats & jumpers are in our lost property. There are many children who have lost hats & jumpers with names on them and they have not appeared. Could all parents please check the names on their children’s hats & jumpers to ensure they have their own items and they don’t belong to someone else.

FROM THE DENTAL VAN

Dental forms have been handed out to all Years 1, 3,5 & 7. More classes will be handed out towards the end of August. Please return them promptly to the class teacher so paperwork can be done.

If you have any concerns, please contact the dental van staff to answer your questions. People other than the dental van staff may not give you the correct information. Dental Van—0407 126 138

The Dental Van is closed this week, 13-17 August.
For toothaches or emergencies, please phone the Nambour School Dental Clinic on 5441 2763.

ST JOSEPH’S PARISH
RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

Enrolments are now open for 2012 Reconciliation Program commencing October.

This program is for children Aged 7 years & older or at least Grade 3.
Contact the Parish office for enrolment forms.

Enrolling for Reconciliation does not mean that children are automatically enrolled for Confirmation and First Eucharist next year. Separate enrolment occurs for these Sacraments in the new year.

NAMBOUR CRICKET CLUB SIGN-ON

18th, 19th & 25th August
10am to 2pm
Nambour Showgrounds Cricket clubhouse near the main grandstand.
All age groups from Under 10 to Under 16 MILO in2CRICKET for ages 6 to 8.

For further information call
Gary 5476 0623 or 0418 747 538.

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours are 8am—9am
Next Days: Thursday 16th August
Tuesday 21st August
Lay-bys open for 2013
Prep pack available

Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator
ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR  
Ph: 5441 1034  Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au  
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net  

Wednesday 15th August  Assumption  
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation  
10:00am Mass; Yr 3 & 5  
12:00noon Reconciliation Yr 7J  
7:00pm Mass  
7:9:30pm Craft Group  

Friday 17th August  
6:30pm Mass  
7:8:00am Rosary & Adoration in the Chapel  

Saturday 18th August  
Seniors Week 18-26 August  
4:30-4:50pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Evening Mass for Sunday  
Children’s Liturgy: Shona Diggines  

Sunday 19th August  
7:00am Mass  
Children’s Liturgy: Michelle Daveson  
9:00am Mass  
Baptism: Jason Ware (Glenn & Jeanette)  
Children’s Liturgy: Sally-Anne Kinsella  

Monday 20th August  
8:00am Mass  

Wednesday 22nd August  
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation  
10:00am Mass; Yr 6J & PS  
12:00noon Reconciliation Yr 4S  
7-9:30pm Craft Group  

Thursday 23rd August  
5:30-6:30 Liturgy Group Meeting  

Friday 24th August  St Bartholomew  
6:30am Mass  
7-8:00am Rosary & Adoration in the Chapel  

Saturday 25th August  
4:30-4:50 Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass for Sunday  
Children’s Liturgy: Maree Fitzsimon  

Fr Hefferan Bursary  
Applications are invited for consideration for a Bursary or Award from the Fr Hefferan Memorial Bursary for 2012. Details and Application Forms are available from the Parish Office or are downloadable from the Parish Website. Closing time for applications will be Friday 14th September at noon.  

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 3  

AUGUST  
Wednesday 15th  Feast of the Assumption  
Friday 17th  Assembly 6J  
Monday 20th – Friday 24th  Book Week – Champions Read  
Monday 20th  7.00pm P&F Meeting - FETE  
Tuesday, 21st  7.30pm School Board Meeting  
Friday 24th  8.20-2.00pm Interschool Sport (Yr 6 & 7) Skills Day  
Assembly 6S  

Thursday 30th  Father’s Day Stall  
Friday 31st  Assembly Y5 - Fathers Day liturgy.  
10.30am-2.00pm Interschool Sport Yr 6 & 7 Week 1  

SEPTEMBER  
Sunday 2nd  Father’s Day  
Monday 3rd  Child Protection Week  
Friday 7th  Assembly  
Skate, Skip & Scoot-athon!  
10.30am - 2.00pm Interschool Sport (Yr 6 & 7) Week 2  

Tuesday 11th  7.30pm School Board Meeting  
Friday 14th  Assembly 4J  
10.30am – 2.00pm Interschool Sports (Yr 6 & 7) Week 3  

Monday 17th  7.00pm P&F Meeting  
Friday 21st  Assembly 4S  
Last Day of Term 3  

Rail Safety Week  
As part of Rail Safety Week (13-19 August 2012), Queensland Rail is reminding school students to stay alert near railway tracks, and ensure they act safely on and around rail property.  

Did you know?  
✦ Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you it is already too late for the train to stop in time.  
✦ Disobeying railway crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but is also illegal.  

Keep yourself safe  
✦ Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.  
✦ At railway crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways. When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked railway crossing.
Children’s Book Week 2012

Please support our Library and Donate a Book

Books will be available for your selection

- Anytime in the library next week
- After the Book Week Parade on August 23rd.

Or

You can send money in an envelope with your name included.

All donations (no matter how large or small) will be acknowledged in the front of the book. Your child will be the first to borrow the donated book.
FUN FOOD FRIDAY!!

Friday August 17th

Cheeseburger
(beef pattie, tomato sauce & cheese)

Fizzy Fruit Juice (LOL)

A packet of chips

A curly straw!!

Order online for $6.50
Or by paper bag for $7.00

Online ordering is now open! Go to “Order Lunch” for Friday August 17th and add the Weekly Special.