22nd August 2012

**Why have a Book Week...?**

When listening to parents or reading your facebook postings, it would appear you either love or hate Book Week! Some love the opportunity for your child/ren to dress up and have a fun day at school! Others are concerned that the costumes for tomorrow’s parade has become a competition and would prefer not to be a part of it! However we feel as adults, perhaps we need to remember the reason behind why we have a Book Week!

Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia with schools and public libraries everywhere celebrating authors and illustrators….and in so doing, are valuing reading! It provides an opportunity for children to have fun reading rather than it merely remaining as an activity done at school!

Research abounds that children who are read to and read regularly at home have an educational advantage, both cognitively and socially. Honestly, you would have to say that is a ‘no brainer’ as all parents want their children to have an advantage in life! So this week is one way we celebrate not only books but the value of reading!

**What’s planned?**

Hundreds of much loved books have been flowing into school in the past few days for today’s **Great Book Swap**! With the donation of a gold coin, your child will be bringing home a ‘new’ book to read! Importantly, all monies raised are going to the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation**, an initiative of the Australian Book Industry whose aim is to raise literacy levels and thus improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. While we are having fun, we are also modelling the importance of reaching out!

**Tomorrow (Thursday) is the big day....**

**8.45am** Our annual **Book Week parade** in the hall and Piazza. Students come dressed as any favourite story book character - and bring the book! This will be followed by our whole school **Book Dance** which we will be filming and hope to upload to our website! And then a **Devonshire morning tea for you**, our parents!

**1.35pm** There will be a **staff play** performed for the school in the hall (GULP!) Followed by **Rug Reading** which we would love to have you be part of! You are also encouraged to donate a book to the library either by visiting and choosing or sending money in via the envelope sent home earlier this week!

Coming up with a costume is a nuisance but tomorrow is the ‘stuff’ memories are made of so let’s get behind it and give your kids that advantage in life it may well bring! Enjoy the smiles you will see on the children’s faces!

**Marg Pont**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**NOT RETURNING IN 2013?**

If you know your child is not going to be at St Joey’s in 2013, can you please let the office know asap. We have waiting lists in 6 Year levels.

**One makes a difference!**
APRE NEWS

UNSW Science Competition
The Science competition was administered on June 4th. Certificates were given to all students last week who participated. Congratulations to the following students who received a CREDIT for the Science competition: Joe Hutson, Mollie Gaffney, Thomas Back and Kiarra Craig.

Peace of Prayer
Prayer is much more than just asking for things—it’s the peace and contentment that quietness brings.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, that hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:5

I invite you to experience the “Prayer” that resides in your heart. Use your silent solitude to enrich your day and to elevate the calm that is within you.

Our students experience prayer in different ways during each day – experiencing prayer with their family regularly would strengthen their development and understanding of prayer.

This week our teaching staff attended professional learning with Beth Nolen (BCE Education Officer- Religious Education) focussing on Stages of Faith Development.

Book Week
Our Book Week activities are progressing well with a wonderful response to the book swap that occurred today. I look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as book characters tomorrow and joining with parents for morning tea after the book parade.

Long Service Leave
As Marg mentioned last week, I will be on long service leave for the remainder of this term after Friday. I wish Martha Hill well in her role as Acting APRE and look forward to seeing everyone at the commencement of Term Four.

Ciao!!
Narelle Harney      APRE

PEER SUPPORT NEWS...
In next week’s Peer Support session, the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

I encourage you to discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do!

SCHOOL FUNDING
The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in the Federal Parliament later this year. These new arrangements could have significant consequences for the funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding and are able to actively defend the right of our school to the funding it needs to continue to offer a quality education, while keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media. In particular, claims have been made that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than State schools. These claims are simply wrong. Students in Catholic schools on average receive only about 80% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I encourage you to view the video Catholic school funding in Australia prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Over the coming weeks, I will also provide you with more detailed information about funding in our school newsletter. I encourage you to take an active interest in this information and be ready to participate in this funding debate. More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au
STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J  Oliver Coppo  For a great effort in guided reading groups and for helping Garry with chairs every morning.
Prep S  Eden Dipple  For putting an extraordinary effort into reading! Eden has come along in leaps and bounds and we are so proud of his efforts. Well done Eden!
1J  Gabby Owen  Gabby has made great gains in her reading throughout Year 1 due to the hard work she has been putting in. She has been working hard learning her sight words and is applying many strategies to help her decode. Keep up the good work Gabby!
1S  Skye Herbert  For always being a diligent worker who puts much effort into producing beautiful writing.
2J  Mitchell Dean  Mitchell is an amazing reader who uses lots of expression when he reads aloud. His voice for the dingo in Wombat Stew was impressive! Mitchell has a genuine love of reading and often shares many interesting things with us about things he has read. Keep it up!
2S  Lincoln Thorogood  Lincoln you did a fantastic job writing your version of The Three Little Pigs. You showed a clear understanding of the structure of a narrative and used adjectives throughout your writing to make it more exciting. We loved your alternative resolution where the remote control pigs trick the Big Bad Wolf and he falls to his demise... deep into the huge, hot, brown volcano!
3J  Josh Marr  The new boy in 3J-who has a positive approach to his learning; the boys who will now always have a go; the boy who never gives up. Congratulations Josh.
3S  Lily Hunter  For the way she is approaching her learning! Lily has been engaged and ready to push herself, all whilst trying her hardest with her handwriting too. Just lovely, Lily!
4J  Lily Abt  It is a pleasure to listen to Lily read as she consistently reads with fluency and expression. She shows great depth and understanding during reading group activities. Well done Lily, keep up your efforts.
4S  Adrian Neilson  For his determination and persistence in finishing his Premiers Cup Reading Challenge sheet. Congratulations!
5J  Ana Moran  Ana is firing in Guided Reading groups. She is an enthusiastic student who is always ready to answer questions and her knowledge of the vocabulary used is commendable.
5S  Chloe Nelson  When Chloe reads it is a joy to sit back and listen. She puts so much expression and life into her reading that one is immediately transported into the text!
6J  Georgia Wood  Georgia is having the most wonderful year. She is working consistently in class, she is enjoying her time with her friends during breaks, her weekend soccer team is on fire and heading for the finals and she is full of smiles and laughter on a daily basis. This happens every week - but Georgia has been especially selected for the 6J student of the week because during individual reading Georgia identified, without prompting, a simile in her library book. Nice work Georgia. You rock!
6S  Jessica Foster  For having a positive attitude towards reading and embracing it for all that it is worth. Jessica is an avid reader who provides creative insights into the books she reads, this enriches her writing and inspires her beautiful drawings. What a talented young lady!
7J  Sophie Anselme  Sophie has just completed a brilliant review on the book that she read - "The Camel Rider" by Prue Mason. Reviews are very difficult to write as they cover a great deal of criteria and they are quite personal. Sophie handled all of this with an A grade result.
7S  Sammy Schimak-Orrell  Sammy is working well and is producing some quality work. He is usually engaged in classroom activities and interacts well with his peers. Sammy seeks feedback on his work and applies the advice given. He is a happy and contributing member of 7S.

Maths Award:  Marco Porcellini  For reading and interpreting our Maths problem correctly and helping the group extend the fraction pattern well beyond what was originally required. Well done.

Music Award:  Elizabeth Butner-Johnson (Yr 4)  For her confident and beautiful performance of the song, Castle On a Cloud, at The Victory in the Pacific Remembrance Day.

PE Award:  Liam Odgers  Liam brings a fantastic attitude to HPE. He is always enthusiastic about getting to HPE and he always gives his best. Keep smiling Liam, you are a champion.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS - 5S

Over the last few weeks, 5S has been enjoying the books which have been shortlisted for Book Week. One of our favourites was “The Dream of the THYLACINE” by Margaret Wild & Ron Brooks. We discussed the meaning and genre of a Lament and then wrote our own.

Here are a few examples of our Laments to an Endangered Species:

The Golden Shouldered Parrot
Trapped am I
In the back of a big, mechanical vehicle.
No home, no food, no water.

THIRSTY
HUNGRY
STARVING

My wing broken, staring in pain,
Blood gushing from my chest.
Can you see me squawking with pain?
Can you see me with my head tucked under my wing?

Here I am
In a big cage where people stare at me.
Here am I
With other birds, none like me.

LONELY
SCARED
WORRIED

People look at me because I’m different,
Other birds don’t notice me,
When I eat, they push me aside.

DIFFERENT
UNNOTICED
REJECTED

Here am I
On a big silver bench,
No one to save me.
Can you see the needle go into me?
Can you see me breathing no more?
See me no longer.

Emma Lusk

The Koala
Trapped am I
In a cage of darkness
Scared...Worried
How will I ever survive?
Can you see me searching for food?
Can you see me among the leaves?
Can you see me trying to escape?
Help! Help! Please!

Fabien Hell

The Tasmanian Devil
Searching am I, My baby hungry
SEARCHING
HUNTING
LIMPING

Know you not, my baby needs food?
Searching am I, My baby hungry
GROWLING
MOANING
TIRED

Save my baby,
Goodbye world
As I close my eyes.....

Forever
Goodbye

Dylan Forge

We also wrote some “ing” poems after reading ‘The Flood’ by Jackie French. You can see those in the Library!!
LIBRARY NEWS

*Book Week 20th to the 24th August*

Parade Day is Thursday 23rd August at 8:45. Please stay for a wonderful Morning Tea for parents and visitors to share. Parents are also invited to join us for ‘Rug Reading’ from 2 – 2:30pm that day!

I’m looking for some wonderful volunteers to video tape our parade and ‘Book Dance’ which will follow the parade? We are also looking for Tripods to use for the videoing. 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.”

FROM THE SPORTS SHED

A reminder to send in any Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers that you still may have at home so that we can bundle them up and send them off.

**Year 6/7 Interschool sport begins this Friday.**

Please ensure that the permission form has been returned. Transport to and from each venue will be by bus with all students returning to school in plenty of time for normal afternoon collection.

Students must wear their **SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM** on each of the days and bring any additional equipment needed to play their chosen sport, including:
- Food
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Mouthguard (depending on sport)
- Boots and socks (only to be worn whilst playing - Joggers must be worn at all other times)
- Best Behaviour
- Steve McCall

**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.

MUSIC NEWS

Last Wednesday four singers from Senior Singers performed at the V.P Day (Victory in the Pacific, WWII) ceremony at Drysdale’s Chapel. They were Jane Mary McMaster (Yr 7), Isabella Coppo (Yr 6), Jim Simpson (Yr 5) and Elizabeth Butner-Johnson (Yr 4).

It was a moving ceremony with a memorable speech by retired Major-General Cantwell.

The singers performed The Gift of Love partnered with The Water Is Wide, a beautiful English folksong, and Elizabeth performed a solo from the musical Les Miserablé- Castle on a Cloud.

They did the school and Senior Singers proud-well done!

Junior Joeys will be on this Friday lunchtime due to book week practices and Senior Singers will be on this week!

Keep singing
- Paula Simpson
- Classroom Music Specialist

**Book Swap**

A huge thank you to everyone for their incredible generosity! We had an impressive number and range of books for the students to choose from today.

All money raised will be going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.
**P&F NEWS**

**Fete**

**BACK TO THE FUTURE FETE....**

SYNCHRONISE YOUR WATCHES

We will be running a colouring competition for Preps to Year 3, and 4’s to 7’s will have the opportunity to design the poster that will be displayed around school and Nambour, & that will become our character promoting the fete.

We ask all interested Year 4-7 children to draw a poster with a Grandfather clock and our slogan "Back to the Future...synchronise your watches" and the rest is up to you!

All colouring and poster entries will be due in at the end of term, and the prizes for each year level will be a FREE ARMBAND for the rides at the fete. We are looking forward to seeing all your fabulous artwork!!!

**Fathers Day Stall**

Thursday 30th August - School Hall

Items for sale from 50 cents to $20

Remember to bring a strong plastic bag to take home your goodies.

**HELPERS NEEDED**

Your child’s time for purchasing will be organised by their teachers. See Attached Flyer.

**INVITATION**

Teachers and students of Year 5 would like to invite parents and grandparents to a special Liturgy in the church on Friday 31st August, commencing at 8.40am.

The purpose of the liturgy is to celebrate Father’s Day.

We would then like to invite you all to morning tea which is being put on by our parent group.

Hope to see you all there.

Sue, Lyn and Year 5.

**FROM THE DENTAL VAN**

Dental forms have been handed out to all Year 2s this week. Please return 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.

Dental Van—0407 126 138

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**HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP**

Hello from the Tuckshop!

**WOW!!** These kids really like Fun Food Friday!

We fed 2/3 of our school population last Friday!

A HUGE thank you to the 2 mums, Judy Tan & Angela James, who stayed to help collate, prepare, wrap & pack such a massive pile of orders, and thank you to Kate Baker (and Prep J for loaning her to us!) who gave a hand just when we thought we wouldn't make it...PHEW!

**This Week: Special> Ham Cheese & Tomato Hotrods**
melted cheese, ham & tomato on a warm toasty roll

** Helpers & Homebake> Year 3**

**Next Week: Special> Pasta Napolitana** pasta shapes

with rich tomato sauce & cheese

** Helpers & Homebake> Year 4**

Remember... Tuckshop only happens with your help!

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### Week | Wednesday | Friday
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Week 7 | Year 3S | Year 3J
Week 8 | Year 4S | Year 4J
Week 9 | Year 5S | Year 5J
Week 10 | Year 6S | Year 6J
Week 11 | Year 7S | Year 7J

Lee Etheridge

Tuckshop Convenor

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Hours are 8am - 9am

Next Days: Thursday 23rd August

Tuesday 28th August

**Lay-bys open for 2013**

**Prep pack available**

Glenys Appleby

Uniform Shop Coordinator
**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR**  
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Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

**Tuesday 21st August**  
St Pius X  
11:00am Requiem Mass  
Daphne Moran

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

**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

**Sunday 26th August**  
7:00am Mass  
Children’s Liturgy: Lyn Purssell  
9:00am Mass  
Candle Presentation: James Reid (William & Carla)  
Baptism: Leo Donnelly (Amy & Stephen)  
Children’s Liturgy: Julia Quinn  
11-4pm Adoration in the Chapel  
5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods (in the Anglican Church)

**Monday 27th August**  
St Monica  
8:00am Mass  
6:00pm-7:00pm Helping Hands meeting

**Tuesday 28th August**  
St Augustine

**Wednesday 29th August**  
9:30-9:45am Reconciliation  
10:00am Mass **Yr 4J & 2J**  
12:00noon Reconciliation 5S  
7-9:30pm Craft Group

**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.

**Year of Grace Seminar**  
Saturday, 8th September, 2012 at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Currie St, Nambour  
**Time:** 9.00am – 12.00pm.  
**Gold coin donation.**  
**Ph 5441 1034 to register.**  
**Morning Tea provided**

**SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 3**

**AUGUST**

Monday 20th – Friday 24th  
**Book Week – Champions Read**

Thursday 23rd  
**Book Week Parade**  
8.45am

Friday 24th  
**8.20-2.00pm Interschool Sport**  
(Yr 6 & 7) Skills Day  
Assembly 4S

Thursday 30th  
**Father’s Day Stall**

Friday 31st  
**Assembly Yr 5 - Father’s 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  
**Skate, Skip & Scoot-a-thon!**  
10.30am - 2.00pm Interschool Sport  
(Yr 6 & 7) Week 2

**Tuesday 11th**  
**7.30pm School Board Meeting**  
Assembly 75  
10.30am – 2.00pm Interschool Sports  
(Yr 6 & 7) Week 3

**Monday 17th**  
**7.00pm P&F Meeting**  
Assembly 65  
Last Day of Term 3

**Term 4 commences on Monday, 8 October 2012.**

**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.
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.
FATHER’S DAY STALL
THURSDAY 30 AUGUST – SCHOOL HALL
ITEMS FOR SALE FROM 50 CENTS TO $20
REMEMBER TO BRING A STRONG PLASTIC BAG TO TAKE HOME YOUR GOODIES
HELPERS NEEDED
YOUR CHILD’S TIME FOR PURCHASING WILL BE ORGANISED BY THEIR TEACHERS