6 February 2013

Beginning of the Year Liturgy
Friday 8th February at 9:00am in the Church
All parents very welcome
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA UNDER THE BIG TREE
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I write this first formal school newsletter for 2013, I ask that we take time to remember all members of our school community who have experienced the loss of a family member over the past two months, Mr Greg Jorgensen, the father of Samuel Jorgensen in year 6; Kevin Robson, the father of Stephanie Robson (Assistant Aide); Mrs Joan Dowling, the mother of Marie Borchert (Year 4 Teacher); and Mrs Lucy Davies, the mother of Kay Fogarty (Year 1 Teacher).

We also take time to remember all of our sick family members and friends and pray that they may be comforted by God’s calming presence.

I ask also for prayers for those in our own community, our State and our Country who have been adversely affected by the forces of nature in the past days especially for our St Pat’s families who have lost property. We ask God for his protection and care over all of those who have experienced loss during this time. We pray that all people may experience the reassurance of God’s care for each one of us.

Parent Information Evening Wednesday 13th February – 6:30pm – 8:00pm (Prep from 5:30pm)

5:30pm Prep Information in the Trinity Hall (Children to be cared for from 5.30-6.30 in the Prep rooms)
7:15pm Year 6 and 7 (input in the Trinity Hall at 7:15pm followed by Canberra Trip information for Year 7 parents)

Teachers value this opportunity to meet with parents and guardians with regard to the education of your children. Please make every effort to come to these information evenings.

This year we will be following the same format for our Parent Information Evenings as over the last two years. The format of the night will be as follows:

- Classrooms will be open from 6:30pm – 8.00pm and the teachers will be in the classrooms during this time. Parents can come at any stage during these hours.
- There will be no formal presentation by the teacher (except for Prep, 6 and 7: these teachers will send further details regarding this). All teachers will have an information package for you to take and read.
- Children are encouraged to attend and they will show you around the classroom and some of the work they have already completed. **Children will stay with their parents at all times.**
- Children will introduce you to their teacher.
- As has been the case in previous years, this is not an occasion for an in-depth parent / teacher interview as many parents will want to meet the teacher. If you would like to make a time for an interview then that can be organised on the night.

Communication in the School

A lot of thought, planning and professional discussions go into all aspects of providing the best possible learning experiences for all of the children in our school. As I have mentioned on many occasions it is important that parents are aware of what is happening in our school so that they can assist us in making informed decisions about future strategies and developments.

Reading the school newsletter, checking out our school website, attending P & F Meetings, being a part of the email list-serve, maintaining contact with classroom teachers are all simple but effective ways of being a part of your child’s learning development

- If you want to contact your child’s class teacher this is either by making a time with them in person, sending an
email to their work email or phoning the school office and leaving a message
• (using other forms of social media to communicate with teachers re school/or student issues is not appropriate as the privacy of your children and professionalism cannot be guaranteed)
• As always, if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss any issues about the school in general please do not hesitate to make contact with me either by catching me in the playground, email kfuller@bne.catholic.edu.au or through the school office.
• If you have any questions regarding the school or something in particular to your child and their learning we as a staff are more than happy to talk to you. This can be arranged either by phoning the office, sending an email to the school or to your child’s class teacher.
• Any issues regarding playground or behaviour see either Myself, Eric or Peter
• Any issues regarding any current procedures etc see anyone on the leadership team, Myself, Eric or Peter
• Any new issue, regarding a student’s learning, or more concerning behaviour see one of the Student Support Admin Team (Karen Holmes, Chrissi O’Connell or myself). This person will then raise the issue at the SSAT meeting
• Any serious issues regarding school/classroom management are best addressed through me as Principal
• Any serious family issues are best addressed through me as Principal or Karen Holmes as Guidance Counsellor
• If it is something that needs to be addressed quickly the best course of communication is a phone call to the office or an email to pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au. If you want to contact myself this can be made through the school office or via email. My email address is kfuller@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Setting Class Visions and Expectations

The beginning of the new school year is a crucial time for setting class visions and expectations with all of the students. It is at this time that the rights and responsibilities of all our learners are emphasized. Please have discussions with your children at home about what some of these expectations are for their class this year.

HELP FOR FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILIES

If any St Pat’s families would like to help the Bundaberg community after the recent floods, the parent community group are assisting with the coordination of any donations.

Donations of clothes, shoes, toys, manchester or toiletries can be left in the school office before Thursday February 07, 2013. It will then be transported to Bundaberg. It would be appreciated if donations were clean and larger bags labelled with contents.

Please email any questions regarding Bundaberg donations.

I hope all of our St Pat’s families have a safe, happy and productive week

Kathy Fuller
PRINCIPAL

FAITH & MISSION

The Religion Curriculum P-12

This year, as we continue with our implementation of the first four Key Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum, we will begin engaging with our new Religion Curriculum. The Religion Curriculum P-12 for the Brisbane Archdiocese has now been granted the Imprimatur by Archbishop Mark Coleridge for use in all schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The Religion Curriculum P-12 describes core content that is to be taught and that students should learn, and will therefore be the starting point for planning for teaching, learning and assessing of Religion at St Patrick’s.

The four strands of the new Religion Curriculum P-12 are Sacred Texts, Beliefs, Church and Christian Life. These four strands are interrelated and their content will be taught in an integrated way. This term staff will engage in professional learning activities to engage and familiarize themselves with the new curriculum before we begin implementing it in Term 3.

The Season of Lent

Next Wednesday, 13th February, we begin the season of Lent. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a special time of 40 days to prepare for the great 50 days of Easter. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. The main focus in Lent is to pray with greater purpose and to see the real needs of our neighbour.

This journey through Lent encourages us to remember our relationship as sons and daughters of God and as followers of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives it is so easy to forget, or ignore the voice of God in our hearts. In the words of Henri Nouwen:

‘we need a way of living in the Spirit by which all we are and all we do becomes a reminder … of our relationship with God. The pace of our modern world can often seem bewildering and lead to a feeling of alienation and of being lost and adrift in a sea of change. The period of Lent helps us to step back and take the time to become aware of the presence of God in our lives … and experience God as “a silence in the midst of chaos, a voice in the midst of confusion, a promise at the centre of the tumult” (The Breath of God, p 46).

As Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our season of Lent, all of the children will receive a cross of ashes on their forehead at liturgies during the day. Children from Years 3 to 7 will attend the Parish Mass at 10 am. Very simply, we wear this cross on
our foreheads as a sign of our willingness to become aware of the presence of God in our lives.

St Patrick’s Mission Activities – Reaching out to Others

Our mission activities here at school allow the opportunity for each of us to engage in the ministry of the broader Church – to reach out to others and to be the face and hands of God to others. Our mission focus has three important dimensions – raising awareness, prayer, and giving.

A major focus of our support each year is Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s major annual fundraising and education campaign. Project Compassion, began in 1966 and is now one of the largest humanitarian fundraising campaigns in Australia.

Project Compassion 2013

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent. Starting on Wednesday 13 February (Ash Wednesday) 2013, Project Compassion asks people across Australia to help us raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every day. Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: "Open doors into the future" which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 encyclical Spe Salvi, 35, “We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future”.

This year’s Project Compassion stories are about children, young people and the communities who support them. Caritas Australia’s partners around the world are helping to open doors into education, sustainable livelihoods and supportive environments. As a result, more young people now have hope for the future.

Your support of Project Compassion is greatly appreciated. Next week all families will receive a Project Compassion Box which you keep for the duration of Lent. Every little contribution goes towards making a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world.

What’s happening?

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I hope you have an enjoyable week at St Patrick’s and please feel free to approach me if you need more information about any of these subjects mentioned in the newsletter.

Peter Campbell
Assistant Principal

APA NEWS

AFL Auskick

AFL Queensland will be conducting the NAB AFL Auskick program on our school’s grounds during TERM 1 of 2013. The program will be conducted each Thursday starting on 7th February 2013, with each session running after school from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Boys and girls are welcome!

AFL Auskick is a fun, introductory, skills-based program designed for children in prep to year 7. The program places emphasis on fun, teamwork and total participation in a non-competitive sporting environment. The program costs $60 which includes a football, backpack and 8 weeks of activities. Dates: February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

The Nab AFL Auskick website is www.aflauskick.com.au. Children will be able to register on this website but registration flyers are available at the Office.

Swimming

A note will be coming home soon regards swimming this term. Year 7 have already received theirs.
### Assistance Required

To enable the group sizes to remain small enough to be manageable and productive parental assistance is essential. This can be a very rewarding activity and does not entail much experience as a program is supplied and the teachers and instructors are available for assistance at all times. To also assist you, we will be running a meeting to outline the expectations and program details on Wednesday 6th February at 3.20pm in the school library (Multi Media Room). Please indicate on the swimming permission note when it comes home if you are able to help.

**Student Requirements**

- Swimming cap (This is mandatory for both boys and girls and students will not be able to participate without one)
- Sunscreen of a 30+ rating.
- Swimshirt/Sunshirt
- Sandals or thongs to wear to and from the pool in order to eliminate the time taken at the pool to put shoes and socks back on.

The swimming program we will be using is The Royal Life Saving Society’s “Love 2 Swim” program.

**Program Description**

- Swimming Technique
- Water Safety
- Water Confidence
- Survival Skills
- Endurance

As the swimming program is a part of the St. Patrick’s Curriculum it is essential that a note be handed to the class teacher if for any reason your child is unable to attend swimming lessons.

### Hockey

Gympie Hockey will again be running a 7-A-Side Competition for years 5–7 after school on Friday afternoons at the hockey fields. It is a modified competition to introduce students to hockey and develop their skills.

This comp, which is of no cost to the students and includes ‘give away’ vouchers and prizes, will be starting on Friday 8th February 2013 and will run from 4pm-5.30pm. The dates and times for the competition are:

- Friday 8th February 2013 - 4pm-5.30pm
- Friday 15th February 2013 - 4pm-5.30pm

### Sports Trials

Over the next few weeks trials to select Gympie Zone teams to participate at Wide Bay trials will be occurring. These trials are to select **U12 Gympie Zone representative teams** and as such, only students with a realistic chance of selection are asked to attend. Otherwise, the number of students attending becomes very difficult to manage and it makes the job of selecting a team far more challenging.

A note will be coming home shortly for students who are interested in the first few trials which include:

- Boys and Girls touch - Wed 13 Feb
- Boys and Girls Softball - Fri 15 Feb
- Nominations for 2013 Wide Bay School Sport Swimming team due Mon 18 Feb.
- Girls Netball - Wed 20 Feb

Students must nominate to attend trials. Students who have not nominated via a returned permission note will not be allowed to attend the trials. This is a Gympie Zone rule which applies to all schools, not just St Pat’s.

### Dance Fever – Gymnastics

If you wander past the hall on Mondays or Tuesdays of this term you will notice a great deal of action happening inside. This term, for the first time ever at St Pat’s, we are engaging the students in gymnastic lessons as part of our HPE program.

Gymnastics is one of the most technical and safety conscious sports taught in primary schools. Classroom teachers are not properly trained to teach gymnastics and most schools cannot provide the equipment and the time required to plan, set up and deliver a gymnastics lesson.

The gymnastics program provided by Dance Fever teaches the students more than the “Dominant Movement Patterns” which the syllabus requires. Their program is a “school based” gymnastics program rather than “club gymnastics” which allows them to engage all students as they incorporate “fundamental movement skills” and “ball sports skills” into a gymnastic program. Dancefever Gymnastics is endorsed as a “Quality Assured Provider” by Gymnastics NSW for providing
accredited teaching staff and engaging and student centred lessons.

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday this week:

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Medical Information & Administration of Medication to Students

All new students have been issued with a Medical Information Form. Please complete this form ASAP and return it to the office. If your continuing student’s medical information has changed, could you please complete a GREEN Medical Information Form available from the office?

ALSO
A GREEN Medication Request Form is available from the Office.

If your child regularly takes any form of medication, please fill out this form and return it to the school with the medication and instructions for administering the medication. You will need to talk to your child’s teacher and let them know what time the child is required to be at the office for their medication.

Children who use asthma puffers may take responsibility for administering their own medication but the Medication Administration Form still needs to be completed and discussed with the class teacher.

Asthma puffers may be kept in the student’s bag or desk but ALL other medications are held by the administration staff in a secure place.

If your child does not regularly take medication, DO NOT return this form. Please keep this form in case your child has to take medication eg. antibiotics during the school year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

*PLEASE NOTE - If your child currently has a form and medication at the office, please only complete this form if the medication or instruction for administering has changed.

Tuckshop Roster

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Wednesday 13th February

2013 Tuckshop Assistance Sheet

The school is in need of more volunteers to help with the running of the Tuckshop. Without your help it will be impossible to have Tuckshop at St Patrick’s.

Tuckshop operates Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Whether you can help ½ day, a full day, once a week, fortnightly or monthly, your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you can volunteer your time in any way, please complete the form below and return it to the school Office before Friday 15th February 2013 and I shall get back to you.

Thanks
Tracy Frazier

Tuckshop Menu

Term 1 Tuckshop Menu can be downloaded from this website or the school website. Please note some prices have increased.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday: 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am – 9:30am
Multipurpose Room – Mercy Wing
Range of good second hand items available

Date Claimer

St Patrick’s Primary School
Welcome BBQ
Saturday February 16, 2013 5pm to 7pm
At the beginning of each year the St Patrick’s Primary School P&F and Community likes to welcome families to our School.

Library News

Each student should have received a book club order form earlier this week. All book club orders are due back to the office no later than Wednesday 13th February.

Thank-You.
Choir News

Does your child love to sing? At St Patrick’s School we have two choirs that students are welcome to be part of. During music lessons this week I will be discussing with the students what is involved in being part of these groups. Students are then welcome to come along to our rehearsals.

Vocal Band rehearsals will begin in week 3. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 1.30-2.15 in the music room. Students from years 2-5 are welcome to be part of this singing group.

Harmony Choir rehearsals will also begin in week 3. Students in years 3-7 are welcome to join. Rehearsal time will be confirmed with students this week.

Kait Searles
Music Teacher

What’s on Term 4

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Jason Bray - Guitar and Drum News

I hope you’ve had a safe and fun filled holiday! Guitar and Drum lessons will resume next week (week 3). Please contact Jason if you wish to continue lessons this year. New students for both Guitar and Drums are welcome. Payment for 2012
invoices is now overdue and will need to be finalised before lessons resume for Term 1. If you have any queries with regards to invoices please contact Jason. Fees have not changed this year. Looking forward to 2013! Contact Jason on 0439 843 539 or jasguitar@tpg.com.au.

Candice Patrick-Violin Lessons

Welcome back for 2013. Lessons will commence in week 3 - I hope to have my timetable finalized by the end of the week. Lessons days will be Monday (music room) and Wednesday (guitar room) String ensemble will resume in week 4 on Monday. New students can contact 0423 759 623 or candiceviolin@tpg.com.au

Candice Patrick

Year 4 to 7 Valentine Disco

2013 Yr 7 Canberra Fundraiser

Friday 15th February
Trinity Hall
6pm to 8:30pm
Cost $5 (includes entry, chips and drink)
Sausage Sizzle $2 each (order and pay in advance)
Glow sticks and jewellery available on the night
See flier and Return permission slip to office

COMMUNITY NEWS

2013 Netball Season

Despite an unplanned dip Netball will still be able to start its season on time. Sign on dates for Seniors, Juniors and Nettas are as follows:-

Monday 11/02/2013
Monday 18/02/2013
Times will be from 4pm to 7pm both days

Ruth Smith
Treasurer Gympie Netball
538 North Deep Creek Rd
Gympie 4570
07 5482 4668
smiphy@dodo.com.au

Mooloolaba Triathlon 2013

Saturday 16th March @ 8.00 – 8.30am

Charles Clarke Park, River Esplanade Mooloolaba
7-10 years 100m swim/1.5km cycle/300m run
11-13 years – 200m swim/3km cycle/1km run
Entry fee applies. Entries due in by 6th March.
Visit the website www.mooloolabatri.com.au
or see the Sport Notices for more information.