17 April 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank-you

- To all staff who have in anyway used some of their holidays to prepare for the upcoming term and the teaching and learning that will be taking place. Your efforts are very much appreciated and go a long way in making sure we have a successful term.
- To Peter Campbell and all of the staff who assisted in making sure our Holy Week Celebrations during the last week of term were so meaningful for our school community. All went very well.
- To all of the parents who were able to join us in the last week of term for our Holy Week Celebrations.

Welcome

Welcome to Mrs Julie Jones who joins our staff for the next few weeks teaching LOTE to Year 6 and Year 7 following Bianca Dittman leaving at the end of last term. Welcome also to Mrs Rachel Edwards who joins our staff for the next few weeks as an integration aide following Susan Murray leaving at the end of last term. Interviews for the continuing positions will take place over the next two weeks.

Welcome also to all of the new families to St Pat’s School. You are very welcome and we hope you very quickly feel a part of our community.

****Welcome back to Deb Albion from your trip overseas. It is great to hear that you had a rewarding time and are back safely.

Creating a Vision for Our Classrooms and Our School

Vision is so important to us as individuals and a community. From our imagination we can visualize how we want our world to be; how we would like to behave towards each other; how to be a community, a classroom, which lives and works together in productivity and harmony. In a school community we always have two levels of visioning taking place, this is at the classroom level and the school context level.

Our school vision statement, “St Patrick’s Primary School partners with parents and the community to develop Christian character and individual excellence” directs us to strive for what we want our community to commit to.

Our school’s broad strategic goals also describe what we want our school to be like:

- St Patrick’s Primary School will educate, develop and nurture an authentic Catholic community working towards Christ’s mission in our world.
- St Patrick’s Primary School will provide quality teaching and learning opportunities to empower all learners to shape and enrich our changing world.
- St Patrick’s Primary School will engage in professional practice and collaborative partnerships within and beyond the school community to ensure the vision of the school is realized.
- St Patrick’s Primary School will strategically resource the organisational structures, contemporary learning facilities and learning and teaching practices within the school through processes of reflection, review and ongoing renewal.

Obviously along the way to reaching these goals we will have successes and difficulties. But if we work together we will have a lot more of a chance of achievement.

Last term all of our students from Prep –Year 7 were involved in setting visions for their classrooms. You might like to talk to the students about the symbol that represents their class and why this symbol was chosen!!!

Each year, in consultation with our parent community and our staff we develop “how” we are going to continue to work towards these goals for our school. This is recorded in our School Renewal Plan.

We have copies of our School Renewal Plan for 2013 on our school website as well as hard copies at the office. I can easily email a copy if you would prefer. Contact me on kfuller@bne.catholic.edu.au if you would like this to happen. We would love to hear your comments about our school renewal plan or other suggestions that you may have as well.

APRE Performance Review…….

As a part of professional development, all staff who are in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education take part in regular performance appraisal and development processes to assist in professional development planning.

Part of this process involves the gathering of information from a sample of people from the school community. As Peter Campbell nears the end of ten years in the role of Assistant to
the Principal (Religious Education), it is time for his Performance Review to be completed. All staff and parents are invited to fill in a survey to assist us in this process.

You are invited to complete the response survey using your knowledge and understanding of Peter’s performance in the role of Assistant to the Principal (Religious Education) at St Patrick’s School. The intention is for the process to be open, transparent and credible. Please be assured your responses will remain confidential with no identification of individual comments or responses.

Survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 1st May at 5.00pm Please follow this link to participate in this survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APREGympie

Thanks for helping us out with this process.

Term Calendar

Attached to this school newsletter is a document that has all of the significant events for this term. You will also notice that we have put a theme or focus for each of these weeks. Please let us know if you can see anything of significance missing or if you have any questions etc.

Commencement of Lessons

A reminder that all classes commence at 8.45am each day for ALL children. Some children have been arriving consistently late each day and therefore missing prime teaching time. Children who arrive after 8.50am MUST be signed in at the school office before going to class. This rule applies to ALL year levels, including Prep children. Late arrivals, not only disrupt class lessons already in progress, but give a message to children that being late is acceptable, which, of course, is not the case. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

I would like to invite and encourage all of our students to be involved in the Anzac Day Celebrations next Wednesday. Students are welcome to be involved in both ceremonies and Primary School students are especially encouraged to march in the procession at 10:30am. Children are asked to wear their full school uniform. The program for the day is as follows:

4:45am Students gather at the RSL in Mary Street
5:00am March to Memorial Park for Dawn Service.
10:00am Students gather in Smithfield Street (near Subway)
10:30am Students march in the parade behind the St Patrick’s banner.

At the completion of the march, parents can collect students from Memorial Park.

In the last few years, our school has been proudly represented by many staff, students and parents at the Anzac Day March and we look forward to this continuing in 2013.

We involve the children in these celebrations not to celebrate or glorify war, but rather to remember those who have served our country during conflict and crisis. By taking part in these activities we salute the spirit of the ANZACs and also take the opportunity to reflect on what it means to strive for our country as they did and uphold their finest qualities of courage, commitment, endurance and Mateship.

ANZAC day is not merely a date it is a spirit. It is a time to reflect on the qualities of past generations of Australians who in hardship displayed courage, discipline, self-sacrifice, self-reliance, resourcefulness and friendship. Even as the numbers of ex-servicemen and women grow smaller, the spirit of ANZAC day, which was bequeathed to us from battlefields long ago, will live on because it is a reflection of the very heart of our nation.

ANZAC day reminds us that wars are to be avoided, but when necessary we must stand up for our values. It requires us to reflect on the past with pride, but also to look ahead and build on the achievements of our predecessors. By displaying the characteristics of the ANZAC spirit, comradeship, unselfishness, courage and tenacity of spirit, we can enrich the Australian tradition.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This term all class teachers will be organizing their Parent Teacher Interviews. So as to meet the needs of different year levels, for the past few years, these interviews occur at different times during Term 2. Over the next few weeks your child’s class teacher will let you know when these interviews will be taking place. If you have any questions about these PT interviews please see your child’s teacher or let me know. We will again be using an online booking system for interviews this term. Thanks

Welcome Taeko

As mentioned in the newsletters last term we welcome Taeko Itagaki to our school this term. Taeko will be assisting our classes on a Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. Taeko is a great artist and hopefully will have a lot of opportunities to assist our students in developing their skills and love of art. Over the coming weeks I hope that many in our community will get to meet Taeko.

Date Claimer for Later in the Year:

End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert this year will take a very similar format to the last 2 years. We will be working with the MusicFire (a network of staff across our BCE schools—who are musicians and who express their spirituality through music). There will be workshops throughout the day for all students and then the concert over at the Pavilion at night. The workshops and concert will take place on Friday 22nd November (3rd last week).

Enrolments 2014

Applications for Enrolments for Prep (and for other year levels) will open on Monday 15th April 2013. Parents are asked to collect an Enrolment Package from the school office from that date. To be eligible to enrol in Prep in 2014 a child must be born between 1/7/2008 and 30/6/2009. Children born between 1/7/2007 and 30/6/2008 will be eligible to enrol in Year 1/2014.
Applications for Enrolment are required asap to secure a place as enrolment application time is considered when establishing places.

Applications need to be accompanied with the student’s birth certificate.

Applications for children for Year 1-7 will need to attach a copy of their most recent report.

For further information, please contact the school office via phone on 5482 3293 or via email pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au

I hope that everyone has a great first week of term.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to support you and our students this week.

Kathy Fuller
Principal

CHOIR NEWS

Thank you to all our choir students for making a great start to term 2. We have 86 students in our choirs this year and it is wonderful to see them coming to rehearsals on time ready to participate.

Both of our choir will be performing at assemblies this term. Details will be in forthcoming newsletters.

Also a big thank you to those students who helped out with the singing at the Mass for the Reception of the Holy Oils. Your contribution was hugely valued.

Kait Searles
Music Teacher

FAITH & MISSION

Holy Week Liturgies

Thank you to those family members who were able to join us for our Holy Week liturgies at the end of last term. It was wonderful the way in which the Year 5, 6 and 7 students were able to play such a significant role in leading such important and prayerful experiences for the whole school.

Our assembly this Friday will be a liturgy and will focus on Easter – Jesus is Risen. This will continue with the Holy Week and Easter story which was the focus of our liturgies during the last week of last term.

Project Compassion

A big “Thank You” to all students and their families for the way in which you supported Project Compassion during Lent; particularly the focussed activity during the last 2 weeks of term, when all children were encouraged to think about little things that they could go without and then contribute the money they would otherwise have spent, to Project Compassion. The amount of money raised was quite significant, $1994-85 in fact which is an outstanding effort. Overall we will be able to send $2177-35 to Project Compassion as a result of your generosity during Lent. This money will help make a big difference in the lives of many children.

Tuesday Parish Mass 23rd April - Years 3 to 7 at 9am

Next Tuesday, 23rd April all students from Years 3 to 7 will be attending the Tuesday Parish Mass at 9am. All families are invited to join us for this celebration

What’s happening?

This Week – Week 1

- 19/04
  - Friday
    - Assembly Easter Focus – Jesus is Risen
    - Church 9am (Peter)
    - Liturgy of Word / Reconciliation No class rostered

Next Week – Week 2

- 23/04
  - Tuesday
  - Parish Mass Year 3 to 7 Church 9am
- 25/04
  - Thursday
  - ANZAC Day (Holiday)
- 26/04
  - Friday
    - Assembly / Liturgy ANZAC Day Church
    - 9am led by 7M
    - Reconciliation / Liturgy of Word 7A & 7M

Renewed by the Easter Experience

With Easter Sunday Christ is risen! Lent is over. We rejoice in the glory of Jesus and the share he has given us in his resurrection. Easter is not just one day. It is the whole season of 50 days which will last until Pentecost. We take even longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it. Eastertime is about new life. We rejoice that all of us are renewed by the life of God whenever we share in the Easter sacrament of the Eucharist.

May we all be renewed by the Easter experience!

Moments of Death and Resurrection

Fr F McCarthy SDB

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also experience little resurrections. When we know love, acceptance and forgiveness; When we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb.

We pray...
Lord, may the splendour of your resurrection...
DanceFever

The good news is that DanceFever is back this term with their dance program, which we have been implementing here at St Pats for a few years now. Gymnastics was a huge success last term and dance started off very well on Monday. Might be a good opportunity to ask your child to demonstrate (or teach you) some of the groovy moves they are learning.

Uniforms

Please take the time this week to ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform. A gentle reminder that socks should cover their ankles comfortably and please think about school jumpers with the cooler weather coming.

Noosa Ultimate Sports Fest

(previousely the Noosa Winter Festival.)

Saturday 27 April – Sunday 28 April

This year’s festival includes the following kid friendly events: ZINC 96.1 SWIM NOOSA: 500m & 1km ocean swim
7 LOCAL NEWS RUN NOOSA: 5km & 10km run Visit www.noosaultimatesportsfest.com.au for more details.

Best wishes to you and your family. Hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

Eric Ellens
APA and Sport’s Coordinator

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Birthday

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

| Sienna B | Mikayla C | Amelia M |
| Kohve V  | Jona V    | Abbie L  |
| Jade E   | Lincon N  | Darcy C  |
| Joshua C | Luke M    |

And to the following students who celebrated their birthday during the holidays:

<p>| Austin P | Jamie P | Joshua W |
| Jeremy D | Lily-Rose M | Faith M |
| Alessandro C | Seb H | Eden L |
| Nick S   | Mackenzie A | Brooklyn H |
| Ethan H  | Lila M    | Sophie H |</p>
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**Tuckshop Roster**

- Friday 19th April  
  Annette Fletcher
- Monday 22nd April  
  Wendy Young
- Wednesday 24th April  
  Amanda

**Tuckshop Menu**

**Updated Menu included in today’s newsletter**

Can also be found on the side panel of this newsletter for later use, and also on the school’s website.

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday: 2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Thursday: 8:30am – 9:30am  

*Multipurpose Room – Mercy Wing*  
Range of good second hand items available

**Dance Fever**

![Dance Fever Images]

**What’s On Term 2**

**Week 1**

**EASTER WEEK**

- **Wednesday 17th April**  
  11.30am-3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions  
  12noon-1pm Year 11 students to speak to Year 7 students
- **Friday 19th April**  
  2013 Cross Country  
  P & F Trivia Night 6:30pm

**Week 2**

**ANZAC DAY WEEK**

- **Tues 23rd-Wed 24th April**  
  Year 4 Camp
- **Tuesday 23rd April**  
  6.30pm Parent info session-Confirmation & First Communion  
  Year 3-7 Parish Mass
- **Wednesday 24th April**  
  11.30am-3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions  
  1.30pm Parent info session-Confirmation & First Communion
- **Thursday 25th April**  
  ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
- **Friday 26th April**  
  ANZAC Day Assembly in the Church with David Gibson

**Week 3**

**GETTING ALONG THEME**

- **Mon 29th April**  
  Wed 1st May Year 6 Camp
- **Wednesday 1st May**  
  11.30am - 3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions

**Week 4**

**GETTING ALONG THEME**

- **Tuesday 7th May**  
  8.30am-2.30pm Zone/District Cross Country Trials
- **Wednesday 8th May**  
  11.30am-3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions  
  4.30pm BOARD MEETING
- **Thursday 9th May**  
  Wide Bay Winter Carnival
- **Friday 10th May**  
  Prep - Year 3 Movie Night

**Week 5**

**PENTECOST-GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

- **Monday 13th-Friday 17th May**  
  CLEANAWAY SESSION
- **Tuesday 14th-Thursday 16th May**  
  2013 NAPLAN TESTS
- **Tuesday 14th May**  
  7pm P & F Meeting
- **Wednesday 15th May**  
  11.30am-3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions  
  Faith & Mission Group Meeting
- **Friday 17th May**  
  GYMPIE SHOW HOLIDAY
- **Sunday May 19th**  
  PENTECOST SUNDAY
**Week 6**

**PENTECOST-GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

Tuesday 21st May
- ICAS Computer Skills

TO BE CONFIRMED ARL
- Development Cup Gala Day

Wednesday 22nd May
- 11.30am-3.00pm Gympie Hockey Coaching Sessions

Friday 24th May
- Interschool Sport Gala Day

**Week 7**

**PENTECOST-GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

Wednesday 29th May
- SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- 5.30pm Year 4 -7 Disco

**Week 8**

Monday 3rd-Friday 7th June
- Cyber Safety Awareness Week

Monday 3rd June
- REPORT CARDS DUE TO OFFICE

2pm Student Cybersmart Presentation

3.30pm Staff Cybersmart Presentation

5.30pm Parent Cybersmart Presentation

Tuesday 4th June
- VOICES ON THE COAST

Wednesday 5th June
- Maroon for mission Day

ICAS Science Competition

12.30pm Year 6 Courage to Care Exhibition

Thursday 6th June 12.30pm Year 7 Courage to Care Exhibition

**Week 9**

**Getting Along Week**

Tuesday 11th June
- First Confirmation
- 7pm P & F Meeting
- 4.30pm BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 12th June
- Faith & Mission Group Meeting

Friday 14th June
- Prep-Year 3 Disco

Saturday 15th-Sunday 16th June
- First Communion

**Week 10**

**Getting Along Week**

Monday 17th June
- ICAS Writing Competition

Tuesday 18th June
- ICAS Spelling Competition

Friday 21st June
- TERM 2 FINISHES

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**St Patrick’s College Enrolments Year 8, 2014**

Transitioning to a new school is an exciting time for schools, parents and students.

**St Patrick’s College welcomes enrolment applications for Year 8 in 2014.**

In applying for St Patrick’s College, parents are committing to a faith based education for their child. The College and parents will work in unison to prepare the students to be full and active members of the community and to make a difference in the world.

St Patrick’s College is committed to providing a quality education. The enrolment process is an exciting time as we begin to work with our new families and students.

Enrolments occur in Term 2 so that data regarding enrolment numbers can inform curriculum, orientation, transition and financial planning.

The enrolment timeline is as follows:-

- Ms Kennedy and senior students speak to Year 7’s and to distribute Enrolment Packages at Primary school (Week of 16 April).

- An Information Evening for parents and students is held on **Tuesday 23 April at 6 p.m.** (Tour of facilities available from 5 p.m. approximately 20 mins).

- Interview with Parents/Caregivers and students. Interview times –
  - Friday 26 April 9.00 – 4.30 p.m.
  - Monday 29 April 9.00 – 4.30 p.m.
  - Saturday 4 May 9.00 – 12.00 p.m.
  - Tuesday 7 May 9.00 – 3.00 p.m.
  - Wednesday 8 May 9.00 – 6.00 p.m.
  - Saturday 11 May 9.00 – 12.00 p.m.

- Students attend Orientation on **Wednesday 4 December.**

Further Timeline considerations:-

- Enrolment offers posted Monday 27 May.

- Enrolment offers **lapsed** if not accepted Monday 17 June.

*The College looks forward to meeting new families and continuing associations with existing families.*
Parents may book their enrolment interview now but the enrolment package will not be available till April 16.

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation & Eucharist

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2013 will begin with an information meeting for parents on either Tuesday 23rd April at 6:30pm or Wednesday 24th April at 1.30pm. NB: You need only attend one meeting.

Fr Pat and the Sacramental Team will introduce parents to the program which can be completed at home.

Children need to have made their First Reconciliation before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. If your child has not made their First Reconciliation in this parish, a Baptism Certificate will be required.

The program will run weekly with meetings being held in the church.

The program runs for 7 weeks with a meeting each week in the Church and closes with the celebrations of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the end of Term 2. The Registration Fee for this program is $15.

For any enquiries please phone St Patrick’s Church Parish Office on 5482 1213.

Confirmation will be held Tuesday 11th June 2013

First Communion will be held the weekend of 15th and 16th June 2013.

Vi Brown
Parish Secretary
St Patrick’s Parish
Gympie
5482 1213

Church Cleaning Roster

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gympie Girl Guides

For girls aged 7-17 years. We meet at the Guide hut in Shanks St, Gympie. 7-9yo Monday, 10-13yo Tuesday, 14-17yo Wednesday.

Girl Guides provides a non-formal education program that is a dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, decision-making and leadership. It is supported by trained volunteer Leaders who are committed to Girl Guides Australia’s mission statement:

To enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

We currently have some vacancies in all age groups as well as for some adult leaders.

Please call Susan Rough 0417 614 342 or email southburnett@guidesgld.com

Thankyou for your assistance

Leonora Cox
Guide Leader
0425 850 360

Tennis Coaching/Hot Shots

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches will commence a coaching/hot shots program on Tuesday 30th April (Prep, Year 1 & 2), Wednesday 1st May (Year 5, 6 & 7) and Thursday 2nd May (Year 3 & 4) at St Patrick’s Primary School. Lessons will be held Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the school court from 8am to 8:45am for a MINIMUM BLOCK OF 7 WEEKS. Costs will be $65/pupil, $120 for 2 children or $165 for 3 children in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week.

Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please.

Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL, BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786
Students name as reference please.

Note: Families with more than 1 child please phone Brett Cottrill to discuss which day is suitable for your family.
(Groups listed above are only a guide.)

For more information phone Brett Cottrill 0417 746 795.

Please return this form to the office by Tuesday 30th April with the following completed:

Name: ........................................... Age: ......
Grade: ...........
Contact Phone/s: ...........................................
Parent or Guardian Signature: .................................