UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THIS THURSDAY, 9 MARCH

The annual Skills Development Program involving our Prep students began exceptionally well last week. The strong partnership between St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School and the University of Queensland (UQ) is again being exhibited through UQ undergraduate Occupational Therapy (OT) students working closely with our staff to uncover OT areas for development among the Prep cohort. Also, it was heartening to see supportive Prep parents at this afternoon’s related information session.

Tomorrow, teachers will again exhibit their ongoing commitment to life-long learning and professional development, when they gather for a professional learning staff meeting on Brisbane Catholic Education’s Expected and Effective Practices. The major focus at the meeting will be ‘gradual release of responsibility’, which begins with teachers explicitly modelling thought processes to assist students in achieving success.

Another area of ongoing commitment for staff is the Brisbane Catholic Education Catching Fire Spiritual Formation Program, which will also be exhibited later this week, through Mrs McBride’s attendance at a ‘Keepers of the Flame’ retreat on Thursday and Friday. We wish Mrs McBride well, for this opportunity to heighten her personal spiritual formation as our school’s Art Specialist.

The March P&F Meeting occurs next Tuesday from 6.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting I will be presenting the final draft of the school’s 2017 Action Plan. Input on this draft document will be sought from attending parents and friends of the school, prior to it being finalised as the main strategic document for our school community this year. Also on the agenda for this meeting will be the latest on school Master Planning and Technology Planning. All are invited to come along next Tuesday evening.

Each day, students continue to make excellent use of our newly refurbished library. It is very heartening to see so many students actively and constructively engaged in this environment, which has greatly benefited from generous P&F financial support. There are still a number of furniture items for the library on back order, so the students have more improvements to look forward to. Thank you to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Giebels, and Library School Officer, Mrs Cole, for their tireless efforts in coordinating this highly popular refurbishment.

This Friday promises to be a day with a difference for many of our students, with Year 2 heading off on an environmental excursion to Darlington Parklands, Yarrabilba; Year 3 engaging with their postponed Indigenous Incursion; ten Year 6 students involved in a media event to launch a children’s drawing competition to promote the upcoming Beenleigh Aquatic Centre redevelopment; and the first Gala Sports Day of the year for Year 5 and 6 students. We trust that all of these experiences are enriching for involved students.

On Monday I look forward to accompanying school captains, India, Khai, Jess and Jacob, to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for IMAGINATION (previously National Young Leaders’ Day). Our captains will experience keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves, and others, well. Keep an eye out for the photos in next week’s newsletter.

Tomorrow morning, there will be some disruption to teaching and learning, as a number of staff attend the funeral for Mrs Vargas-Malby’s husband, Glenn Malby. Please continue to offer your prayerful support for the many members of our school community who have been so deeply affected by Glenn’s sudden and unexpected passing.

At this early stage of Lent, may we gain clarity on what the important aspects of our earthly lives are, and strive to be more like Jesus through prayer, abstinence and alms giving.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
FROM THE APRE- PETER LOVEGROVE

In this season of Lent we are asked to do things slightly differently from the rest of the year. If you grew up in a Catholic family or went to a Catholic school you were encouraged to “give up” something as a sacrifice in remembrance of Jesus’ sacrifice at Easter. Perhaps eating fish instead of meat on Friday. This is translated to some kind of fasting or denial in our lives. Last week I had the enormous pleasure of escorting 14 of our Year 6 students to the launch of the Lenten campaign known as Project Compassion. As a catholic student you might remember the little cardboard money boxes. They are still around today. They were used for us to give change and pocket money to the Caritas charity to support missionary work in other countries. This launch saw students gather in St Stephen’s Cathedral for Mass and then to participate in some activities with the other students. At the Mass, the Archbishop mentioned the idea of “Giving out”. If we pray more during Lent then we give out our spirituality, by giving money and time to help others we give out in a practical way. So as well as giving up we can give out. Of course it’s the opposite to giving in which relates to the focus being on yourself rather than others. I hope that you are able to support your children at this important time in the lead up to the most important time in the Church year. They have been learning in class about making a Lenten promise related to praying, fasting or giving. Perhaps you could let your child know that you are with them on this journey and be able to make a promise to share with them. It’s my hope that the students who attended the launch are the core group of students to inspire the community to do more for those in need and to give out and to grow our involvement in social justice activities both here and around the world.

OUT and ABOUT!

I also enjoyed spending time with the Year 6 students who attended camp at Emu Gully a couple of weeks ago. Here are some pictures of them putting our core values into practice. It was great to see courage and resilience demonstrate; as well as mateship and compassion too.

NURTURING CHILDREN’S SPIRITUALITY: ST JOSEPH’S TOBRUK MEMORIAL SCHOOL, BEENLEIGH QLD

St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School is part of the St Patrick's Catholic Parish in Beenleigh.

Living Light is a resource aimed at supporting parents in their role as faith educators of their children. It celebrates children’s innate spirituality and offers ways to draw upon life experiences to form a deeper relationship with God. Please click on the link below to engage HEAD, HEART & HANDS in a journey of self-discovery and celebration of life.

http://sacramentsbeenleigh.weebly.com/
INFORMATION FROM SUE HALL

On Monday afternoon, our Indigenous families took the opportunity to meet Gracey McGrath, Brisbane Catholic Education's Indigenous Participation Officer. It was a very worthwhile gathering. Stories were told, questions were answered, students played happily and we shared some tasty nibbles and a cool drink.

We look forward to meeting again in term 2.

THE WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE IS COMING!

The Queensland Museum Network holds exclusive license to host the World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific, reinforcing Australia’s position as a knowledge economy and igniting new and challenging discussions in and about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). There is so much to see and do for grown ups and children at this year's event.

I have booked in for Dr Karl for Kids on the 25 March. Can't wait!
Take a look at the amazing program.

SPORT NEWS FROM MATT ARMSTRONG

Congratulations! South Coast Swimming - Well done to Ryan Kennedy after his recent participation at the South Coast Swimming Trials. Ryan represented St Joseph’s and the Pacific District proudly and was able to achieve PB’s in both his events.

Fitness Club – Running on a Monday and Wednesday morning, Joey’s Fitness Club is a fun way to start your day. These mornings are designed to be enjoyable, but to also help students improve their general fitness, strength and running ability. The club will run for the majority of the year. Permission notes need to be completed before students attend the club and can be found at the front office.

Pacific District Sport – Sports trials continue to occur this week. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Gala Day Sport – Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in the Beenleigh Zone Gala Day sports program. Each semester there are 5 Gala Days occurring where interschool competition takes place in a number of sports. Semester 1 sports are; Netball, Girls Touch, Rugby League and Soccer. Dates; 16th, 17th, 24th March, 21st and 28th April.
If you have any queries on anything sport, please get in touch with me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au

ON A MUSICAL NOTE- RENUKA HARAN

Both Year 6 classes are going on a musical excursion to listen to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra perform “Dance Music Through the Ages.”
The performance is on Wednesday 15 March at South Bank.
TERM 1, WEEK 6 AWARDS

LITERACY PLANET

CLASS LEADERS FOR WEEK 6
27/02/17-05/03/17
PF—Riley Dougherty—110
1C—Alexis Scowcroft—391
1F—Maddison Sonnex—443
1F—Claire Rossman—415
2F—Elijah Allen—228
3C—Noah Mataia—136
3F—Ava Rossman—649
3F—William Fludder—507
4F—Isaiah Talge—240
5C—Kira Finlay—19
6C—India Seeto—118
4F—Jack King—163

SCHOOL LEADERS – P-2
1. Laylah Higgins—2719
2. Max Taylor—702
3. Stephanose Gebremichael—552

SCHOOL LEADERS – 3-6
1. Jace Higgins—1625
2. Cruz—584

CLASS with the HIGHEST Points goes to 1C with 5315 points and 3F with 4680 points.

Remember recommended time is only 10-20 mins a day. So get out there and have some fun.

Contact Melissa Burgess for any questions regarding Literacy Planet - mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PC: Milan Toeva
PF: Tye Hunt
1C: Manaia Bolger
1F: Lennox Speeding
2C: Ryder Ayre
2F: Joseph Hinds
3C: Chloe Schloman
3F: Xavier Harris
4C: Charlotte James
4F: Thomas Houghton
5C: Hayden Van de Langenberg
5F: Riley McVicker
6C: Alyssa Russell

LEARNING SUPER HEROES

PC: Axel Pfuhl
PF: Travis Rees
1C: Stacia Emmerson
1F: Aarielle Falaniko
2C: Isabelle Ferrari
2F: Jonah Madsen
3C: Jarrod Connor
3F: Ava Rossman
4C: Zaneta Bailey
4F: Paige Stevens
5C: Angelina Gamble
5F: Harrison Cardiff
6C: Kiera Fludder

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
PC – Lloyd Lees—320
PF – Huston Morley—111
1C – Max Taylor—702
1F – Stephanose Gebremichael—552
2C – Laylah Higgins—2719
2F – Anthony Smith—268
3C – Harrison Taylor—509
3F – Jace Higgins—1625
4C – Ava H—282
4F – Olivia Cross—369
5C – Jophin Boby—400
5F – Cruz—584
6C - Jade Regeling—305
6F – Sara Zajac—173

GOLDEN GNOME AWARDS
1st: Prep C and Prep F 2nd: Year 1C and Year 1F 3rd: Year 6C and Year 6F
This is a weekly award for a class or classes who best leave their area tidy and ready for cleaning. i.e: chairs up and everything off the floor. Award winners are published each week and the overall points are tallied at the end of Term 4. The class or classes with the most points, earn themselves a pizza lunch at year’s end.

UPDATE OF INFORMATION
Parents are reminded to update their child/children’s class details on the Qkr APP. There is more info in a latter section of the newsletter.

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FROM THE COUNSELLOR—DAVID HIGGINS

BULLYING NO WAY

On March 17th, St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School will be standing up against bullying and violence, along with many other Australian schools, who will be partaking in a National Day Against Bullying and Violence. It is not lost on me that last Wednesday was the beginning of Lent, a forty-day period leading up to Easter where Catholic Christians either abstain from partaking in things we like or do something positive for ourselves and community which normally takes us out of our comfort zone or requires commitment. Violence has been described as a scourge on society. What is the commitment to ensuring there is no violence in your home? Do the actions match the words of those setting the standards? What better time than when your child’s school is addressing bullying and violence, to, as a family, revisit the family’s expectations, of each member, on this serious community issue. Teach your children to problem solve, to respect others, to see things from another’s perspective. Teach tolerance, patience, fairness and gratitude. Reflect on the consequence of ‘one punch kills’ and the use of mean words.

Over the coming weeks, I will be addressing the different facets of bullying and violence. This week I will give you a definition of bullying and leave you with some facts and figures to illustrate the enormity of the problem. Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

FACTS ON BULLYING

Approximately one in four Year 4 to Year 9 Australian students (27%) reported being bullied every few weeks or more often (considered to be frequent) in a national study in 2009. Frequent school bullying was highest among Year 5 (32%) and Year 8 (29%) students. 83% of students who bully others online also bully others in person. 84% of students who were bullied online were also bullied in person.

Peers are present as onlookers in 87% of bullying interactions, and play a central role in the bullying process. Hurtful teasing was the most prevalent of all bullying behaviours experienced by students, followed by having hurtful lies told about them.

Online bullying appears to be related to age (or access to technology), with secondary students more likely to engage in bullying online than primary school students. Young people over the age of 15 are less likely than students between 10 and 15 years of age to be involved in online bullying. Approximately one in five young people under 18 (20%) report experiencing online bullying in any one year. The figure of 20% has been extrapolated from a number of different studies which found rates varying from 6% to 44% of students. School staff report an average of 2.1% reports per student of online bully, with 1.2 per 100 for primary schools and 9.1 per 100 students for high schools. The majority (72%) of schools reported managing at least one incident of online bullying in the previous year.

VIOLENCE

The overwhelming majority of children and young people are not involved in violence either as victims or perpetrators. While often perceived primarily as perpetrators of violence, young people are in fact at greatest risk of being victims. The most effective way to teach non-violence is to demonstrate what it looks like through our own day to day behaviour.

Have a great week!

Dave Higgins
Guidance Counsellor
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P&F NEWS

The P&F is currently running an online survey and hoping all parents will complete it. The link is https://goo.gl/forms/S3A9JO5LZXcQGDd82

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PARISH YOUTH NEWS

United Youth: Next meetings Friday, March 10th, 24th. For ages 10 to 20s from 6pm till 8.30pm in the St Joseph’s School Hall.

Young Adults meetings every Wednesday night in the Truelson room/church from 7.30 – 8.45 (after 7pm Mass). It will include discussion, Scripture, Church teaching, prayer and Praise and Worship. If you’re in your late teens, twenties or thirties you will be very welcome!

Youth Mass: Sunday 19th March at 9am, with practice at 8am. If you’d like to join us in ministry at any of our Youth Masses, please let me know.

Band practice: 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights from 7-8.30pm in the office.
Cathy 0400 494 943  youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

ST PATRICK’S OSHC, BEENLEIGH

Booking packs for the April school holidays are now available. Families must have completed their 2017 enrolment forms and have their fees completely up to date to be eligible to make a booking. The packs will be emailed to all families with a current enrolment and limited paper copies will be available in centre. We are looking forward to another Vacation Care full of fun!
Donna Davidson & Cassie Gall, OSHC Coordinators
ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
includes a tour of the college

Tuesday 7th March - 9.00am
Tuesday 21st March - 5.30pm

In the Chapel

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STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
SEMESTER 1, 2017

What you need to do now:
1. Check eligibility for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport at www.schooltransport.com.au
2. If eligible:
   a) keep your public transport receipts to lodge a claim
   b) note in your calendar to lodge a rebate claim in May and October

Bus – Ferry Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (* $25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?
- Does your child live more than 3.2km for Primary or 4.8km for Secondary from their school?

Students With Disability
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Does your child have a travel capability rating of ‘semi-independent’, ‘travel assisted’, ‘dependent’, or ‘more dependent’?
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We want your feedback!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr service could be improved to the school office.