Many positive comments have been received regarding the school’s very moving ANZAC Day Centenary Commemoration last Friday. It was an absolute privilege for our school community to host a number of special visitors, none more special than 93 year old, Gordon Wallace, himself a Rat of Tobruk and President of the Queensland Rats of Tobruk Association. My thanks to Mr Lovegrove for leading the organisation of our commemoration and Gordon’s attendance. Thank you also, to the large number of families who supported Saturday’s ANZAC Day march through the streets of Beenleigh.

My attendance at a principal colleague appraisal, mentoring training and a Visible Learning workshop has, unfortunately, necessitated my absence from school for much of this week. As much as the appraisal and mentoring focus has been beneficial, it was the Visible Learning work that I undertook today with fellow staff, Mrs Schloman, Ms Burns, Miss Ford and Mrs Rees, that was most rewarding, largely due to the many benefits that I see it delivering to our students. The early days of our adoption of this evidence based learning and teaching approach will focus on three main areas, i.e. learning intentions, effective feedback and success criteria. More about Visible Learning next week.

Excursions are an excellent avenue for teachers to cement learnings for students and such was the case on Tuesday of this week when Year 5 traavelled to Brisbane’s Planetarium. Next Tuesday, Year 6 visit Parliament House and ‘The Cube’, in the city, to assist in making their learning real.

Today’s postponed District Cross Country Carnival has been rescheduled for next Thursday 7 May. We wish all competitors well for this event, knowing that they will represent themselves and hence, our school, with pride. My thanks to Mr Armstrong for his organisation in the lead up to the carnival.

Unfortunately, the wet weather has caused the cancellation of tomorrow’s final Year 5, 6 Gala Sports Day of the semester. Excursions are an excellent avenue for teachers to cement learnings for students and such was the case on Tuesday of this week when Year 5 traavelled to Brisbane’s Planetarium. Next Tuesday, Year 6 visit Parliament House and ‘The Cube’, in the city, to assist in making their learning real.

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 who wish to learn more about the upcoming NAPLAN assessments (occurring 12-14 May, inclusive), can access the following website: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au. Parents are again asked to please strive to protect these dates from absence for their children.

An important date claimer – 2015 school photographs – Monday 1 June. Related information will soon arrive in homes.

This week, Mrs Follett commenced a 5 week period of Long Service Leave to enjoy time with her family, especially new grandson, Maxwell. We welcome Mrs Connor as her replacement.

For many many years, Catholic culture has seen a devotion in the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. With the month of May on our door step, let us hail the Mother of Jesus:

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee, blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Megan Doyle  PF: Jack Wellington  1C: Azura Bakker  1F: Lucas Emmett
2C: Paige Stevens  2F: Jarvis Millman  3C: Chelsea Golinski  3F: Julian James
4C: Sam Hooker  4F: Kate Herbst  5C: Tyron Bates  5F: Kalvin Keo
6C: Thomas Daly  6F: Isabel Skerman

Golden Gnome:  1st: 1C  2nd: PCCand PF  3rd: 5C

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Mathletics Certificates for Period 20/4/2015 to 26/4/2015:

Silver
PC: Laylah Higgins  1F: Jace Higgins  2C: Sean Ranieyes  4F: Kyle Simms

Bronze
PC: Ashlee Falzon  PF: Jack Umstad, Chloe Bound, Dominic Goodwin
1C: Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson  2F: Sean Bailey
3F: Joey Assaad  4C: Annabel Downs
4F:  Locky Bubach; Charlee Cohen; Makayla Lin; Maddison Schipplock.
5F:  Elsa Boby

LITERACY PLANET

CLASS LEADERS FOR WEEK 1 – 20/4/15-26/4/15

PC – Paige Heath - 193  PF – Chloe Bound - 374
1C – Don Le - 347  1F – Jace Higgins - 475
2C – Ava McErlean - 445  2F – Charlotte James - 470
3C – Kira Finlay - 242  3F – Charlotte Nash - 67
4C – Summer Lahrs - 336  4F – Abbey Shaw - 149
5C – Tia Finlay - 31  5F – Eliza Elms - 35
6F – Benjamin Elford - 239

CLASS with the HIGHEST Points goes to 4C with 3429 points.

Please contact Melissa Burgess for any questions regarding Literacy Planet - mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au
Please be reminded that Literacy Planet is an online tool that students are to do independently. A role of the parent is to supervise only. 10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed to complete class tasks.

SPORTS NEWS

Beenleigh Zone Cross Country
Has been POSTPONED. It will now take place next Thursday 7th May.

Gala Day Sport
Has been cancelled tomorrow 1st May. This has occurred due to the current weather warnings for the South East Region over the next few days.

Beenleigh Zone Trials
School Sport South Coast has recently changed their permission booklets for trials. The new booklet is now online and parents can complete this booklet by going to https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au and clicking on the booklet link. You can complete the form online then print. Once printed your child needs to bring it to school to get signed permission to attend from Mr Johnson or Mr Lovegrove.

Upcoming Trials
Term 2
Week 3 – 6th May Rugby Union, Junior Softball, 8th May Tennis
Week 6 – 26th May Girls Rugby League
If you have any queries on anything sport, please get in touch with me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au
MUSIC NEWS

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Students are busy preparing for the Talent Extravaganza.
Forms to enter are available from myself or the school office. The forms are due back on Tuesday 5 May - Week 3.
Auditions will be held in Week 6 - 26 and 27 May.
Finals - Wednesday 24 June.

BAND

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7.30am.

CHESS ANYBODY ELSE?

It is well documented that chess can:
• strengthen problem solving skills
• enhance memory and concentration
• teach logical, sequential thinking and decision making skills
• and is a whole lot of fun!

Thankyou to the parents who have expressed an interest in having their child participate in Joey’s Chess which will run on a Tuesday afternoon after school for 1 hour. We will engage the services of Gardiner Chess who provide professional and well-trained chess coaches. We are looking at a cost of $5 per session, but need to have 20 students enrol in the Joey’s Chess to keep the sessions at this low cost.

At this stage, we have 6 students on our list. We are putting out another call for further interest before we commit to this initiative.

Please email:
Sue Hall, Support Teacher-Inclusive Education at sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au if you would like to express your interest in Joey’s Chess or if you have any further questions about this initiative.

HOMEWORK HELP IS BACK AGAIN!

Each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am to 8.35 in our Library.
Students who do not have computer access at home are welcome to Homework Help to complete their Literacy Planet and Mathletics tasks.

On the subject of homework, don’t forget, students from Year 3 to Year 12 can access free online support with experienced tutors through their Logan City library card. This great service is available from home between the hours of 3pm and 10pm, Sunday to Friday. For more information, visit the Libraries web page at www.loganlibraries.org

TRINITY COLLEGE TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night – Fundraising for Netball and NRL Representative Teams!

Are you interested in a fun filled Friday night competing for great sporting memorabilia and prizes? If yes, gather nine of your closest friends and attend the Trinity College Beenleigh QISSN and QISSRL fundraiser!
Also attending this event will be a number of sporting celebrities who will entertain you throughout the evening as you answer general knowledge trivia and enjoy delicious finger food! (Drinks will be available to purchase on the night).

When? Friday 22nd of May from 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Price? $10 per person. $80 for a table of ten which must be booked before the 16th of May.
Bookings? Come to Trinity student reception and organise your booking. Contact the College for more information on 3422 5222 or email sbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au
What a wonderful Wonder Word session we had on Tuesday! Thanks to all the mums and dads who came along. The feedback we received was all very positive. We look forward to seeing you at other morning sessions we will be holding in the future.

Be a WONDER WORKER!

Parents and friends of students in Prep, Year 1 and 2.

I am happy to do another WONDER WORD session for parents as there were quite a few mums and dads not able to join us this week due to work commitments and sicknesses.

Just let me know if you would like to participate next Tuesday 5 May, 8.45 to 9.45 in our Library.

This session will share some practical, hands on ideas that will provide you with fun and engaging activities to support your child’s sight word/high frequency words/Wonder Words recognition and use.

When your child can successfully learn their Wonder Words, they will know over 75% of all words they will ever read, spell or write. How simply amazing is that!

Please advise by note below or email to sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au of your intention to attend this workshop.

Sue Hall - Support Teacher Inclusive Education
MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

The annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held this coming Tuesday 5 May and Wednesday 6 May in the multi-purpose room. The stall will be open from 9.00am – 1.30pm on both days, with an opportunity for children to return on Friday 8 May (from 9am to 11am) for any last minute purchases. This year prices will range from 50 cents to $7. We have a wide range of items, many of which we haven’t had before. Candles, lavender bags, bath products, gardening kits, ornaments, jewellery and many more exciting products. We will post some photos to the St Joey’s Mums and Dads Beenleigh Facebook site on Monday as a bit of a teaser. We thank all parents and friends who have donated so generously to help make this year’s stall a success. Please remember all proceeds go to back into the school.

Each class has been allocated a time to shop and all children regardless of when they visit will be offered the same choices of items. Notes have been sent home with the children for their classes timeslot. The timetable is as follows:

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If you can spare any time to volunteer at the stall on the Tue, Wed or Fri from 8.30am, any parent help would be most appreciated. We hope to see you there, but if you are unable to join us to help out please have a wonderful Mothers’ Day.

Jackie, Evette, Vicki, Emma and Karen

JETs FINANCIAL REPORT

Welcome back to term 2. As mentioned in the newsletter on the 19th March, an update of the JETs Finances and Bank Balance will be provided to the school community every month. Just before the end of Term 1, we had two very successful fundraising activities, please read further to find out information on this and other relevant financial information:

1. The JETs bank balance as at 28 April 2015 is $11,179.27
2. Our very successful fundraising activities just before the holidays were the Circus Disco and the Easter Raffle, congratulations to all involved. The profits have been banked directly to our JETs bank account and the detail from each of these are as follows:
   - Circus Disco Profit = $1188.71
   - Easter Raffle Profit = $1165.40
3. Committed funds for the 2015 year are currently noted as:
   - $20,000 minimum bank balance for the 2016 year
   - $393.55 remaining of the $1500 allocated budget for Mothers’ Day stall purchases
   - $1500 budget allocated for Fathers’ Day stall in September
   - $1791 for remaining balance of P and F Federation annual Invoice (note: Term 1 has been paid, only Terms 2,3,4 to go)
4. We are all looking forward to The Twilight Markets and Mothers’ Stall events which are both just around the corner.

Regards

Karen Cardiff
JETs Finance Officer