Dear Parents

On Wednesday we celebrated a short liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the hall. Children received the ashes through the class teacher at an appropriate time during the day. Sincere thanks to Peter Lovegrove for his preparation of the liturgy, and to class teachers and children who made a prayer cloth relating to a Lenten theme. Classes received a purple candle for their prayer tables and also a bowl of soil holding a seed planted by representatives from each class. Like the seed deep within the soil, we are called to change and to grow, to become more like Jesus through this season of Lent. Lent is a time also when we focus on forgiveness.

FATHER FORGIVE THEM...

Jesus forgave those who nailed him to the cross: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.” Pope John Paul II met with and forgave the man who shot him.

One of our core values at St Joseph’s is forgiveness or reconciliation. Reconciliation means to come back together again, to be united again. The act of forgiving from the heart allows people who are separated to come back together again.

In the gospel stories, Jesus stands with people who are poor, tax collectors, prostitutes – people condemned by their own people and unable to raise themselves out of the ditch. Jesus loves them – ‘your sins are forgiven’. Because they are forgiven, because they are loved, they have the chance to change or to become. Put simply, Jesus loved them into life! He accepted them as they were and met them face to face as people. He restored their self respect or their dignity as people. Have you ever been loved into life or loved back to life again? It’s like letting go of a huge bag of garbage that you have been carrying around for some time. Suddenly, it’s not there anymore – it’s just gone! Life is changed.

True forgiveness doesn’t demand a debt to be paid. It is often harder for us to forgive ourselves or to accept another’s forgiveness. True sorrow – it’s more than just saying sorry!

Mary MacKillop writes:
"If we cannot excuse everything we can at least excuse the intention.” 4.11.1884
"Forgive from your heart anyone who has pained you.” 12.12 1890
"Help one another, and forgive and forget anything painful in the past.” 9.8.1881

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM LAUNCH
7.30pm - Tonight in the Church
For children wishing to prepare for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

14 February, 2013
BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS
Today, Thursday, we celebrated the beginning of our school year and asked God to be with us during our triumphs and shortcomings throughout 2013. During the mass we commissioned our Year 7’s as leaders of the school and gave special recognition to the elected leaders from Year 7. Thank you to Fr Tony for celebrating the mass with us. We appreciate the preparation of the mass by Peter Lovegrove, our APRE. Thank you to the staff who brought tasty treats for the special morning tea held afterwards with parents and our school leaders. Staff and student leaders were commissioned to be servant leaders within the school community, called to act humbly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP DAY
On Wednesday 20 Feb at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, our Year 7’s will join their peers from other Gold Coast Catholic Schools in a leadership day. The bus leaves the school at 9.00am and returns by 2.15pm. During the day the children will be challenged in their understanding of leadership by a variety of guest speakers. They will also celebrate leadership at a special liturgy.

YEAR 7 CAMP
Year 7 classes go to camp at Lake Ainsworth on Monday 04 March, returning on Wednesday 06 March. Lennox Head is certainly a beautiful place and the staff at Lake Ainsworth run a great camp.

DISTRICT SPORTS
SWIMMING
Our swimmers took to the Springwood Aquatic Centre Pool on Tuesday for the District Trials.
NETBALL
Netball District Trials take place on Wednesday 20 February (Girls 11 yrs – born 2002) and Thursday 21 February (Girls 12 yrs - born 2001) from 3.30pm-5.00pm. The venue is Cornubia Netball Courts (outside) at 146 Bryants Rd, Shailer Park.
Information has been sent home with interested students. Please note that parents are responsible for transporting children to and from the venue.
Medical and permission Booklets must be completed by families, signed by the Principal and handed in on the day of the trial. No booklet = no trial.
RUGBY LEAGUE
Currently I have no detailed information regarding the Rugby League District Trials. However, they are scheduled for Wednesday 20 February (Senior – born 2001) and Thursday 21 February. Trials continue the following Wednesday and Thursday for students who ‘make it through’. Medical and permission Booklets must be completed by families, signed by the Principal and handed in on the day of the trial. No booklet = no trial. These have been given out to interested students.
AFL
District trials for AFL occur on Monday 18 February and Tuesday 19 February (if required) from 3.30pm-5.00pm for children turning 11 or 12 in 2013 (born 2002 or 2001). There is only one team. Information has been sent home with interested students. Please note that parents are responsible for transporting children to and from the venue which is Dauth Park in Alamein Street, Beenleigh.
Medical and permission Booklets must be completed by families, signed by the Principal and handed in on the day of the trial. No booklet = no trial.

PARKING & PICK-UP
I can appreciate that it may be difficult at times finding a park particularly in those peak times immediately before or after school. I recommend to all new families to come at 3.10pm after school and they will be able to drive straight in to the main car-park without stress.

It has been drawn to my attention that someone pulls into the staff car-park area to pick up and drop off children. This happens more frequently during wet weather. DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR-PARK as a pick up or drop off area at any time.

I am also aware that someone is using the disabled car-parks either on Tobruk Street outside OSHC or in the church car-park. Again, these car-parks are reserved for those within our school and parish communities who are disabled. DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS!

CYBER SAFETY
Students are using available technologies with greater regularity than ever before. While this is fantastic for their learning, access to the internet in particular brings with it some dangers that parents and children need to be aware of and prepared for. While our BCE web filters block many unwanted materials, we are still prone to SPAM and predators. Parents, please monitor what your children are viewing and using on the internet. Do not open emails from addresses/people you do not know. Delete these emails immediately. Do not give any information to sites promising prizes or requesting banking details. Be prepared to discuss with your children what they are exposed to. Some of this may be sexually explicit visually or verbally. Don’t allow children to be on the computer ALL THE TIME. Build into their daily routines, exercise and face-to-face social interaction. Report to the police any harassment or bullying on chat sites or social media. Keep a copy of what is published as evidence. Let us work together to keep our kids safe!
MUNCH ‘N’ CRUNCH

Usually, early years classes take a specific time out each day to have munch ‘n’ crunch. This is usually in the morning during the first session at school (before the official lunch time). Younger children seem to need munch ‘n’ crunch early in the day. Children from Years 4-7 however seem to benefit from munch ‘n’ crunch in the middle session, i.e. between breaks. They don’t take time outside usually, but typically would have a short break in the classroom during which they would have a drink, toilet break and fresh fruit or veg. This re-energises them for the rest of the middle session. Sometimes, the school day is so busy that classes may miss this munch ‘n’ crunch time during a day. This is something that can’t be helped. Children still have the opportunity to eat their fresh food at lunch or snack on these occasions.

There are many healthy options available for families. I have seen the following fruits and vegetables at school over the first two weeks:

pears, apples, bananas, kiwi fruit, pawpaw, berries, strawberries, grapes, stone fruits, oranges, mandarins, melons, cherry tomatoes

peas, snow peas, beans, olives, carrot sticks, celery, mushrooms, lettuce, zucchini

Simply put, if it comes in a packet, it is not fresh fruit or veg. Nuts and dried fruits can be provided in SMALL quantities particularly to older children who graze during the day in the classroom.

Messy foods are difficult for both children and staff. Leave yoghurt and fruit salad for lunch time.

SWIMMING CLASSES

Children will need:

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Lesson dates for Years 5, 6 & 7 (Weeks 3 & 4)

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FROM THE APRE – PETER LOVEGROVE

New Religion Curriculum.

This year will be an exciting one in terms of religious education and celebration in our school. This year a new religion curriculum is being implemented into classes by teachers. This is the first “upgrade” of the curriculum for 15 years. It aligns closely with the structure of the Australian Curriculum documents and has a number of new learning areas and improved skills and knowledge components. The work your child does in class will be planned, taught and assessed using the latest methodology and with up to date resources. Brisbane Catholic Education is leading the country in this initiative.

Lent

Yesterday the school began the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday liturgy in the hall. Classes have decorated a prayer cloth (in purple – the church season’s colour), took a pot with a seed and a candle. You might like to take the time to talk with your child about the symbols and the ritual they participated in. Check out this video to find out more about Ash Wednesday: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0)

Today the school celebrated a whole school Mass of welcome. At this Mass the school leaders were initiated and blessed and all students prayed for God’s loving guidance and support throughout the year.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1C: Julian James, Tommy Pitts
1F: Stephen McInnes, Macey Buttigieg
2C: Charlotte Purkis, Brianna Faint, Ethan Pfleger
2C: Shannon Robinson, Maitland Devlin, Maddison Schipplock
3C: Sophie Vickery
3F: Tia Finlay, Harry Bowe
4C: Mathew Nieling, Jack Bevan
4F: Harry Wooding, Allyssa Boyd
5F: Grace Fairbank, Andrew Assaad
5F: Grace Fairbank, Andrew Assaad
6C: Elliot Fekete
6C: Elliot Fekete
7C: Josie Hingst
7C: Josie Hingst
7L: Iggy Matvejs, Charlotte Hasenkam
Golden Gnome: 1st: 4C, 4F. 2nd: 2F, 3rd: 7F

LITERACY PLANET-MELLISSA BURGESS

Welcome Back to 2013

10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

Just a reminder that we are having an info arvo and morning in the Green Room for any parents that are unsure of how to find their way around Literacy Planet.

Tues 19th Feb: 2:30-3:00

Wednesday 20th Feb: 8:30-9:00

If you are unable to make it you can email me at mkb Burgess@bne.catholic.edu.au. I will try to help you as best I can.

HOMEWORK HELP IS HERE AGAIN

Any child who needs help with their homework will have time to talk about their homework concerns and be given support in the Green Room from 8am to 8.30 each Tuesday and Wednesday.

We thank Mrs Holman, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hall for this service.

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS

iMovie ($5.49)

Description: A fast and fun moviemaking app. Suitable for: Ages 8 and up.

Compatible with: All iOs devices

Comment: Over the last few weeks in 7L we have been using and experimenting with the iMovie app. Mr O’Keeffe and his students have been learning a lot! We have been able to plan and conduct interviews, and then compile our different projects into the St Joseph’s 9am News, which hopefully will be a regular bulletin throughout the year.

iMovie was so simple to use, even for Mr O’Keeffe, who at the beginning of the week had to ask where the on button was for his iPad! By the end of the week I had been able to edit and compile multiple projects, choosing and inserting different themes, overlaying music, adding pictures and sound effects as well as transitioning multiple clips.

I would strongly recommend iMovie to anyone who was interested in playing around with some simple editing software, even if the thought of that scares you, give it a go! Imagine how good your holiday snaps and videos could look! I know I will definitely continue to use iMovie and can’t wait to find out what else it can do.

PANCAKE TUESDAY-2C

This week 2C students created their favourite pancake recipe.

Here is Ashlin McMillan's delicious ingredients list for Sultana pancakes. Yum!

• Pancakes with sultanas in them
• sugar
• lemon juice

A MUSICAL NOTE–RENUKA HARAN

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Lessons commenced this week. Please contact your child’s instrumental teacher directly if you have any concerns regarding lessons. All fees must be paid within 2 weeks of receiving the invoice.

CHOIR

94 students auditioned to join the choir last week. I congratulate all these children for doing a wonderful job in singing for me. The quality of singing in pitch is greatly improving with our younger students. Successful students have been informed by a letter to their parents. Thank you to all the other students and I hope to hear them trying again next year.
JOIN THE ‘G.I.JOEYS’ for TOUGH MUDDER – DOMINIC BARNES

Are you up for something different on your weekend? Here at St Joseph’s we are putting a team together for TOUGH MUDDER on the Sunshine Coast in August!!! Our team is called G.I. JOEYS!!!

We already have some staff (Mr O’Keefe and Mr Lovegrove) and parents signed up and we would love to see YOU on our team too! We are looking for anyone who would like to join us! All fitness levels are welcome, you just need a sense of adventure and a little bit of crazy. Most of all we are doing it for fun. You can do as little or as much training as you like, you can walk the course or run it. So what is TOUGH MUDDER? Tough Mudder is pretty much like it sounds, it’s a 20km obstacle course (with 25 obstacles in total) designed by some ex-British SAS guys. You can watch some Tough Mudder videos on the website. To join our team use these details on the Tough Mudder website, toughmudder.com. Be quick as the price increases each month! Hope to see your name on the team list (I’m looking at you Matt LeMasurier and Aaron O’Toole!)

When: Sunday August 18, starting at 9:00am
Where: TBA, somewhere on the Sunshine Coast
Logon Details: Team Name: “G.I. Joeys” Team Password “Joeys”

BUS PASSES and TIMETABLES

Queries regarding eligibility and applications for a school bus pass under the School Transport Assistance Scheme, can be directed to the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 5630 8857 or www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Queries about the issuing of a bus pass, the payment of top-up fares, timetabling, or route information can be obtained from Surfside Buslines. www.surfside.com.au then click on Schools Services tab – if you still need further information telephone 5571 6555.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SETON COLLEGE OPEN DAY
9am-10.30am Tuesday 5 March
Tour, Mission, Curriculum, Levels of support provided, enrolment process, question time.
Ph: 3291 5333 F: 3349 0416
W: www.seton.qld.edu.au
E: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

BEENLEIGH SPORTS EXPO
SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY
Come ‘n try out a SPORT!
Try Rugby League, Cricket, Netball, Tennis and AFL Sports demonstrations.
Top level player Appearances from the AFL, NRL, Netball and Queensland Cricket.
Plenty of prizes and give-aways to be won on the day!
Join a local team: Sign Up For Your Sport in 2013
28A Alamein Street, Dauth Park Complex
www.beenleighsports.com.au PHONE: 3807 5836
In the English language, we have 26 letters to make approximately ¾ million words. That’s a lot of words for our children to learn! If your child knows the first **100 Wonder Words** they will know half of all the words they will ever read, spell or write. That is why Wonder Words are so important. These 100 Wonder Words are a critical part of learning to read, spell and write successfully. Parents often ask, **“How can I help my child learn those Wonder Words so that they stick?”**

Take this opportunity to find out how you can make a real difference to your child’s reading success. Come along to a relaxed, fun and insightful hour of Wonder Word-ing.

**So choose a session:**

- **Monday 25 Feb at 2 pm to 3 pm** or **Tuesday Feb 26 at 9am to 10 am**

then complete the form below and return it to school or email Sue Hall on sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au

Another way, the Green Room supports our parents are the Open Green Door Days. These days offer parents the opportunity to drop into the Green Room and see the following programs in action:

- **Literacy Planet**
- **Mathletics**
- **MiniLit- a literacy support program**
- **iPad project**

**OPEN GREEN DOOR DAYS:**

- **Tuesday 19 Feb at 2.30 to 3 pm**
- **Wed 20 Feb at 8.30 to 9am**

*If you have any queries about these programs, these days are for you.*

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**ATTENTION: Mrs Holman**

I will be attending a Wonder Word Workshop on:

- ☃️ **Monday 25 February at 2pm to 3 pm**
- ☃️ **Tuesday February 26 at 9am to 10 am**

Child’s Name..................................................Child’s Class.................................

Your name......................................................Your email...........................................

We are looking forward to working with you,

Erin Holman and Sue Hall
Support Teachers - Inclusive Education