4 February, 2016

From the Principal

It was unfortunate that last Friday’s 2016 Welcome BBQ had to be postponed, however, all is in readiness for ‘Take 2’ tomorrow from 5.00pm. Hopefully the weather will be friendlier.
All welcome.

This morning’s Opening Mass provided opportunity for our community to gather, celebrate and look to let our lights shine in 2016, as per the Gospel message and Fr Joseph’s homily. We thank Fr Joseph for presiding at the Mass and Mr Lovegrove for leading its organisation.

On display at the Opening Mass was a beautiful wooden crucifix that was recently donated to the school by the Sykes family. We thank them for their generosity.

On the topic of religious symbolism, one of the tasks that staff undertook during their January Professional Development Days, was the creation of a religious icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary. This work was guided by Mrs McBride and the results were astounding. These icons are currently on display at the back of the hall and at the following site: www.facebook.com/Artworx2015

A reminder that the first JETs General Meeting for 2016 is scheduled for next Tuesday 9 February in the staffroom from 6.30pm. Again, all welcome. One of the main topics of conversation at this meeting will be the school’s upcoming Twilight Markets on Friday 18 March, the profits from which will be directed to library refurbishment.

Our school has long been committed to stewardship and sustainability regarding the environment and our world’s finite resources, and aligning with this commitment, the school is discontinuing the provision of paper copy newsletters. From next week, access to official school news each Thursday, will be able to be gained via the school’s website and the Skoolbag app.

Some of you may have already noticed the new external signage at the school. Certainly an improvement and a simple way to raise the profile of our great school in the local community.

Please note that statements related to Term 1 Tuition Fees and Charges will be issued next week. Prompt payment is encouraged and always appreciated as the school deals with its ongoing cash flow demand.

With the Prep Parent Information Night having come and gone, teachers in Years 1 to 6 are now finalising plans for their same night next Wednesday 10 February, commencement 6.30pm in the hall. Please strive to attend.

Also next week, we look forward to the commencement of Fitness Club and Homework Help (Mini MI SMARTS commenced this week). Thank you to staff who will be directly involved in providing these opportunities for students.

Classroom teachers are currently working hard to finalise their Term 1 curriculum plans, with the assistance of Ms Schloman, our Curriculum Support Teacher. Vital tools that are being used by teachers in this important work are their new laptop computers that arrived in the holidays. The school’s Technology Plan sees the teachers’ superseded laptops (only 2 years old) distributed for student use.

Please note that a newly developed proforma, titled, Uniform Concern Notice, will soon be used by staff, as necessary, to notify parents if uniform standards are not being maintained by students.

Following from last week’s news about the commencement of a building program in our parish, after negotiations between Brisbane Catholic Education and the Brisbane Archdiocese throughout much of 2015, I now openly share the news that our school will acquire the current upstairs presbytery from 1 August this year. More related news to come in the weeks ahead.

Please keep the family of our new Year 4F classroom teacher, Miss Condon, in your thoughts and prayers after the recent passing of Miss Condon’s paternal grandmother, Merle. For Merle and all who were known to members of our school community and have been called home by God, we ask that eternal rest be granted to them; that perpetual light shines upon them; that they rest in peace in God’s loving care.

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson
FROM THE APRE - PETER LOVEGROVE

Jubilee of Mercy

This Church year until Advent (the period in which we prepare for Christmas) the Catholic community across the world is taking part in a year of focus and prayer related to mercy.

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father, (from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents an image based on the theology of this Gospel passage. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man.

We look forward to you joining in and sharing the opportunities of the “Year of Mercy”.

2016 COUNTRY FAIR TWILIGHT MARKET – 18 MARCH

The market is just over 6 weeks away and the team are busy working to put together a great night. You are invited to assist on the night by volunteering on a school stall.

We are looking for one or two people from each grade to be the ‘go to’ person for the stall being hosted.

This year we will be looking after the following stalls:

- **Prep – Softdrinks.** We will need donations of cartons of name brand softdrinks brought in by prep families closer to the date and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 1 – Mini Fun Games.** We will need lots of donations of mini and snack sized chocolates for prizes and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 2 – Glow and Flash Products.** We will need someone to order and receive the glow products and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 3 – Cakes.** We will need someone to coordinate organise the donations of flour, sugar, eggs, etc. and to ensure the baked goods are packaged and labelled for sale and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 4 – Second Hand Books.** We will need someone to take and sort the donations and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 5 – Biscuits and Slices.** We will need someone to coordinate organise the donations of flour, sugar, eggs, etc. and to ensure the baked goods are packaged and labelled for sale and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.
- **Year 6 – Slushies.** We will need someone to order the supplies and coordinate a roster of volunteers to work on the stall.

There is also a requirement for people to volunteer in our BBQ, hot chips, coffee, fairy floss and popcorn stalls. People will need to be able to commit to training for these machines and perfect their skills prior to the night. Donations of prizes for a multi-draw raffle are also sought.

If you are interested in any of these roles please get in touch with our market coordinator, Belinda Harris at stjosephstwilightmarket@gmail.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday begins the season of Lent. You are welcome to join us for a liturgy and the distribution of ashes at 9am in the hall. Otherwise, there will be a parish Mass at 7am in the Church.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Under the current rules for fasting and abstinence, Ash Wednesday is a day of strict fasting (only one full meal, and two small snacks that don't add up to a full meal) for all Catholics from 18 to 59, and abstinence from all meat and foods made with meat for all Catholics over the age of 14.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3

PC: Cameron Parker
1C: Danielle Buttigieg
2C: Emily Miller
3C: Lola Tyrrell-Raddatz
4C: Riley McVicker
5C: Khai Barnes
6C: Lachlan Rawlings

PF: Ryan Daly
1F: Molly Curtis
2F: Ava Rossmann
3F: Max Gaunt
4F: Chelsea Golinski
5F: Bradley Brown
6F: Ronan Dougherty

LITERACY PLANET NEWS – MELISSA BURGESS

Welcome back!
Literacy Planet certificates will commence in Week 3 - keep up the good work.

Please contact Melissa Burgess for any questions regarding Literacy Planet at mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au

GOLDEN GNOME AWARDS

Congratulations to the following classes.

1st: Year 4C and 4F  2nd: Prep C and Prep F  3rd: Year 1C and 1F

This is an award given to a class or classes who leave their area tidy and ready for cleaning - e.g. chairs up and everything off the floor. Acknowledgements are published every 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 day at year’s end.

CURRICULUM SUPPORT TEACHER - CATHERINE SCHLOMAN

The Australian Curriculum
This year teachers will be using the latest version of the Australian Curriculum. The most significant change is in the form of Humanities and Social Sciences. Depending on the year level this learning area consists of five sub-stands, Inquiry Skills, History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship. The following table indicates the sub-stands that will be taught in the various year levels.

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As always, parents can access the Australian Curriculum version 8.1 online and view the content that will be covered in these new sub-stands.
Sacramental Program for Confirmation

The Sacramental Program for Confirmation is beginning with a general information session for parents about sacramental preparation, presented by Carole Danby from Evangelisation Brisbane, on 1 March, 6.30pm at St Patrick’s Catholic Church Beenleigh.

Parents who intend to enrol their children for sacramental preparation for 2016 and 2017 are encouraged to attend this session, which will explain the important changes to the Archdiocese Sacramental Program. Please be aware that only baptised children 8 years and older are able to commence the Sacramental Program this year.
For further information please contact the St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.

United Youth

Our next meeting is on Friday 12 Feb; 5.30pm at the St Joseph’s School Hall.

Youth Masses:
6pm Sunday 7 February, with practice at 4pm; 9am Sunday 21 February, with practice at 8am. We would love to have more young people available to read at our Youth Masses. If you would like to be a part of ministry at our Youth Masses, please let me know.

Band practice:
Just till the new office is built: Every first Tuesday night of the month, we’ll have a band meeting downstairs in the Vinnies house (the temporary parish office). On the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays, practice will be in the Church from 7 - 8pm.
No practice on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Beenleigh PCYC Open Day
Saturday 6th February
10am - 2pm
A Great Day Out for the Whole Family!

Funny Basketball
Face Painting
Great Competitions and giveaways
Activity Demonstrations
Free Come and Try Activities
Free Health Assessments
Emergency Service Vehicles
Emergency Service Costumes

With every Free PCYC membership also receive a Photoelectric Smoke Detector With Installation for free! Provided by Logan House Fire Support Network.

Only 100 available so get in quick!

Come & Try

Your local club is

Beenleigh

Track Location
Doug Larsen Park
41 Logan Street Beenleigh
Date to come & Try
Sunday 7th Feb
10am - 1pm
Contact
Beenleighbmx@hotmail.com