FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 Week 6

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The readings this week highlight another Lenten theme; forgiveness.

In the First Reading we hear of the Israelites, now led by Joshua, arrival in the Promised Land and how they are like a new creation.

In the Second Reading Paul uses the same term; ‘a new creation’ to describe those who are reconciled with God through Christ. He goes on to urge the Corinthians to spread the Good News that we are reconciled with God ‘God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them.’

In the Gospel we hear the parable of the prodigal son and gain some understanding of the depth of God’s forgiveness. The irony of this parable is that one of the reasons Jesus was ultimately killed was in retribution for the people he included in his company; outcasts, sinners and other ‘unworthy’ people.

The challenge for us is to decide if we can forgive unconditionally as God does or are there ‘unworthy’ people in our circle of influence who don’t deserve our forgiveness which ultimately leads to death and disaster as evidenced by Jesus’ execution on the cross and innumerable historical tragedies since.

What is on over the following week

Assembly prayer this week was led by 5C whilst 4A will lead next week’s.

This week we will be conducting a practice lockdown drill. If you are on site during a lockdown drill please follow the directions of staff members.

The first school board meeting for 2016 will commence Wednesday, March 2nd at 6pm.
Our first AST Breakfast was held on Tuesday.

Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Ride to School Day on Friday March 4th.

The annual Gold Coast Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival will also be held on Friday March 4th at Pizzey Park, Miami.

On Monday March 7 I will be attending the first of two Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Forums. These forums are for all principals of Brisbane Catholic Education schools and senior leaders within Brisbane Catholic Education.

YEAR 2 will participate in an excursion to Hinze dam on Tuesday March 8.

Year 5's will visit St Michael's College on March 9 to experience their facilities in readiness for Year 7 enrolments.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: Respect for Self and Others by focussing on behaviour and participation during school gatherings in the MPA.

The Future of Work

More than half of all current Australian students are training for jobs that will not exist in the future or that will be transformed by automation, according to a new report by the Foundation for Young Australians.

*44% of jobs will be automated in the next 10 years. *60% of students are chasing careers that won't exist.

Many jobs and careers are disappearing because of automation, even in fast food. Positions that are most likely to go are those that entail repetitive processing, clerical duties and support services and in sectors such as administration, sales, transportation, construction, mining, energy and production. The 'safest' jobs include those in computing, engineering and science as people are needed to develop and service the technologies taking over from humans. Also expected to resist the advance are roles which need creative thought or interpersonal skills, such as positions in skilled management, arts and media, law, education, healthcare and financial services. Many lower paid, less skilled jobs will also survive. The proportion of positions expected to disappear is so large, has technology already started to wipe out jobs? Here’s one example. In London alone, since 2001, 65% of librarians have gone and almost half of all PAs and secretaries. However, as well as jobs being eliminated, new jobs will be created as new industries and positions spring up, along with jobs requiring the skills that machines are unable to match. Making sure new jobs outnumber those being eliminated requires creating a workforce able to service the high-skilled positions that technology is unlikely to take over. The skills employers most want from staff are digital know-how, management, creativity, entrepreneurship and problem-solving - all abilities unlikely to be replaced by developments in technology. Students must be in the vanguard of technology and exploit their knowledge-based skills or face being left behind. We need to be educating people five to 10 years away from the workplace with these skills, as well as with the basic broad-based skills of working hard and being able to work well with others. The destruction and creation of jobs also means that the future workforce can expect to have several different careers, as positions are eliminated and new ones replace them, which means workers will need the ability to adapt to new challenges. The prediction is the development of the so-called 'hourglass' labour market with mid-level and semi-skilled jobs in decline, requiring employees to develop new skills that allow them to adapt to change. Our future global competitiveness depends on our ability to renew our primary sources of competitive advantage ” people and technology” and puts schools under a timely and challenging light on the next wave of change already being embraced by the most forward-thinking businesses.

The Foundation for Young Australians 2015; article by Alan Tovey, Industry Editor, The Telegraph, 10 Nov 2014

Parish News

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be conducted at St Brigid’s Church every Friday commencing at 6.00pm.

Easter Triduum Times at St Brigid's, Nerang
Holy Thursday
24th March
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till - 9:00pm

Good Friday
25th March
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion - 3:00pm

Easter Sunday
Saturday 26th March  Easter Vigil - 6:30pm
Sunday 27th March  Mass - 8:30am

RECONCILIATION Times BEFORE EASTER at St Brigid’s Parish

Saturday 12th March
8.00am-8.45am First rite
5.00pm-5.45pm First rite

Sunday 13th March
7.30am-8.15am First rite

Monday 14th March
6.30pm. Second rite

Thursday 17th March
7.00pm-8.00pm First rite

Saturday 19th March
8.00am-8.45am First rite
5.00pm-5.45pm First rite

Sunday 20th March
7.30am-8.15am First rite

Monday 21st March
7.30am-8.00am First rite

Tuesday 22nd March
7.30am-8.00am First rite

Wednesday 23rd March
7.30am-8.00am First rite

Social Media
Please be aware that St Brigid’s School does not authorise nor approve any social media pages purporting to represent St Brigid’s School or members of the school community. Individuals who set up, manage and contribute to such sites do so at their own risk and are responsible for content and are subject to the law in relation to libel, defamation and privacy.

Prep Enrolments 2017

Soon we will commence our enrolment interviews for next year’s Prep cohort. If you have a younger child eligible to start Prep next year or have friends or relatives with children eligible to start Prep in 2017 please submit an enrolment application and/or advise your friends and/or relatives to do so over the next month. Enrolment applications are available from the office or available to be downloaded from our website [www.sb.qld.edu.au](http://www.sb.qld.edu.au).

Children are required to turn 5 by 30th June 2017 to be eligible to enrol in Prep for next year.

P and F News

Please be aware that the monthly Parents and Friends’ Association Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of each Month during 2016 instead of the usual Wednesday.

The Brisbane Archdiocesan P&F Council wishes to invite members of the St Brigid’s P&F Community to their AGM being held on Thursday 10 March at The Brother Cyprian Pavilion, Marist College Ashgrove.

Our Special Guest for the evening will be Michelle Young, SEO Brisbane Catholic Education. Michelle will be speaking on Visible Learning.

Everyone is welcome and an evening meal will be provided at no cost.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APA NEWS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Tier 2 and 3 supports for student at risk

Last week the school wide, universal supports for every student at St Brigid’s was detailed. From time to time, students need extra support to develop productive learning behaviours. When this is the case students may be referred to Tier 2 and 3 interventions.

At St Brigid’s the Tier 2 support is known as the ‘Check itout’ program. Students may be referred to this Behaviour Education program when they display low level unproductive behaviours in the classroom that are impacting on their successful engagement with learning. This additional intervention supports students by providing more opportunities for feedback, teaching and reinforcement of productive behaviours at school and forms a strong connection with parents and home to promote continued learning success.

Students on Tier 2 interventions are monitored and their cases reviewed frequently. The goal is to move to student self-management. The complete cycle of support at the Tier 2 level is for a minimum of 6 months but can continue for as long as the student needs additional support to remain a successful
learner. Students on the ‘Check it out’ program continue to access the universal supports (for all students) at the same time they are receiving this additional support.

Tier 3 positive behaviour supports provide more intensive and individualised support structures for students who are displaying continuing difficulties being successful with Tier 1 and 2 interventions in place. The individualised nature of this tier of support is responsive to the academic, behavioural and social needs of a student. Staff work as a team to plan the most effective intervention for a student, plan for more intensive teaching opportunities and create an environment where they can be successful.

**All behaviour is communication**

When students don’t yet have the words to communicate what they are going through, their behaviour is their best way to communicate difficulties. At St Brigid’s the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning framework is used to teach students productive ways to engage with their world, setting them up to be successful citizens of the future. This tiered intervention provides the right support at the right time and supports the development of the whole child.

If you do have any queries about our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning framework please contact your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

**Health Management Plans**

Thank you to those parents who have sent in updated plans for Anaphylaxis, Asthma and other health needs. Ideally these plans are updated with the school every 12 months. Please send any updated plans to the Front Office so we can add the most current information to our files.

**University of NSW International Competitions**

We are again offering interested students the opportunity to be involved in the UNSW Mathematics, English and Science Competitions.

Details of dates and costs are attached to the newsletter but can also be found on the Parent Portal.

Please indicate your interest by Friday 18 March.

**Julie Rey**

**APA**

**APRE NEWS**

**Prayer on Assembly**

We thank Mrs Leeson and the students of 5C for their messages, reverence and prayers at the whole school assembly on Monday.

4A will lead next week’s prayer.
Thanks to our Year 4 students and their teachers for the hard work they are doing in preparation for this whole school fundraiser.

They have been spreading the word on assembly and making posters to advertise the Coin Trail for Caritas. Each child in the school has been asked to bring a gold coin donation on 15 March. The Year 4's are putting in a big effort and we wish them well as they continue to promote Caritas Australia here at St Brigid’s.

Fourth Week of Lent

Click here to watch Evangeline’s story

First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Sunflower Seeds

Sunflower seeds are available for purchase from classroom teachers for 50 cents. This is a fundraising initiative with all proceeds going to Caritas.

Thanks for your support.

Aquinas Visit 10 March: 11.30 am - 12.30 pm: Parents Welcome
On Thursday, 10 March, staff representatives from Aquinas College will be visiting St Brigid’s.

The teachers and members of the leadership team will be talking to our Year 5 and 6 students and parents are most welcome to attend.

Aquinas College is accepting enrolments for the 2017 and 2018 school year. For families who would like to know about or see more of the college, Principal’s tours have been organised throughout the year.

For further details contact Aquinas College http://www.aquinas.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Belinda Kingston
APRE
PASTORAL CARE

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Welcome to Week 6! This week, there will be two articles attached since they relate to the same topic, increasing your child’s independence. Obviously this depends on a number of factors and no family context is the same. However, learning to recognise opportunities to help children acquire skills in self-care and responsibility for age-appropriate choices are invaluable for developing resilience. Children, like us can learn just as much (if not more) from mistakes. I hope you find these articles interesting and relevant.

I hope everyone has a great week!

Danae Ford
Acting Guidance Counsellor
(Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Friday’s)

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Happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthday this week:
Hayley W, Cate S, Mia N, Sandon M, Lachlan L, Noah W, Alex K.

CLASS AWARDS

0A Damon, Maddison
0B Lilliana, Noah
0C Lily, Ethan
1A Lachlan, Darcy
1B Emma, Riley
1C Noah, Ayla
2A Rosie, McKinlay
2B Elyza, Daniel
2C Roman, Charlotte
3A Kobe, Khloe
3C Hayley k, Lachlan B
4C Neja, Lucy
5A Akenese

PB4L

Robo’s Rule of the Week
Respect for Self and Others by focussing on behaviour and participation during school gatherings in the MPA.

Robo Awards


LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club

St Brigid’s run a Cashless Book Club. Please see flyer explaining how to order via LOOP - Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app.

NO CASH ORDERS PLEASE, paper orders can be handed into the Office if you wish to pay by cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Issue 2 Book Club catalogues have been sent home this week with your child / children. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2). Orders will close on Friday 11 March 2016.

Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Help Wanted
Would you like to help the school but feel you can’t because you work part-time or full-time? We have new Take Home Readers that need to be covered so that the children can start borrowing them.

If you have 5 minutes to pop into the library, we will give you a quick demonstration on contacting books. We will make available the books and contact for you to take home and you can contact the readers when you have a spare moment… some of our coverers do so at they watch television. Then return the readers once they are all covered.

This is an opportune time to say a BIG thank you to Sandra Damon who covered over 1000 readers for St Brigid’s last year and has started covering books again this year. Thank you to staff Anne McLeish, Lee Hile and KeldieBray’s mum for their generosity in taking books home to be covered last year.

Thankyou also to Raeline Clark, Regan McGuigan, Tanya Izatt and Vicki Vecanski for assisting with covering last year. Thankyou.

**PLEASE NOTE UPDATED LIBRARY DAYS**

- **MONDAY YEARS 5 & 6**
- **TUESDAY 5B BORROWING**
- **WEDNESDAY YEARS 1 & 2**
- **THURSDAY YEARS 4**
- **FRIDAY YEARS PREP & 3**

Please ensure your child brings a clean library bag (preferably with a clean supermarket bag inside it) to school on their library day this week. The supermarket bags protect library books from being damaged by leaking drink bottles & wet swimming towels & bathers.

If you have a collection of supermarket bags you do not need, please send them along to the library.

Prep will visit the library with their teachers.

Jan Knowles  
Teacher Librarian

**SPORTS REPORT - MR GUDGEON**

Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival

The 2016 Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival will be held at Pizzey Park Swimming Pool, Miami this Friday 4th March 2016.

Students aged 8 – 12 years that were selected from our school carnival will be competing at this event. Your child will be required to travel to and from the venue by bus, however, if you would like to take your child from the venue after the carnival please make sure you sign them out with the supervising teacher in the tent.

The commencement time for the carnival is 8:45am. Therefore your child will be **required to be at school by 7:40am to catch the bus leaving soon afterwards**.

The canteen will be open on this day; however, we recommend that your child take along lunch, as the canteen does not cater for the healthy dietary requirements needed by the children for this type of
activity.

Please make sure that your child has the appropriate equipment for this carnival. This includes:
**Towel Swimmers**
**Swimming cap**
**Swimming goggles**
**Proper footwear**
**Water bottle**
**Hat Sunscreen**

***Students are to wear their full sports uniform.***

Students will be provided with a St Brigid’s representative swimming cap for the day. This must be returned to Mr Gudgeon prior to leaving the venue in the afternoon.

Please make sure permission slips are *returned to Mr Gudgeon by Wednesday 2th March.*

The timetable is attached below.

Looking forward to great day…

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**Simon Gudgeon**
**PE Teacher**

**THE ARTS**

**Year 4 Recorders**

Children will be bringing these home each week now. They have been asked to keep them in their schoolbag when not in use and not to share with siblings.

Some children are excitedly telling me their mum or dad taught them a song - wonderful news. Please help make recorder an enjoyable experience for all by encouraging your child to practise and thereby improve. Year 4 parents, please encourage your child to practise by blowing GENTLY while whispering “doo” into the recorder.

**Mrs Maryanne Sandstrom**
**Arts Teacher**

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**
Remember the coffee van will be here on our Walking and Wheeling Wednesdays. Enjoy!

On March 4th Friday, we will be encouraging the children to “bling” their bike or scooter while travelling actively to school this day. We will conduct the survey on Friday.

This may involve using streamers, ribbon or whatever the children can come up with. There will be prizes awarded. We encourage the children to use their imagination!
We look forward to seeing the creations!

We hope the children enjoyed our Active School Travel Breakfast on Tuesday the 1st of March. It was good to see so many happy faces.

Keep up the Active Travelling!

**P & F COMMITTEE**

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**EASTER RAFFLE & HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE**

It is that time of year again which most of our kids love!

**EASTER is fast approaching!**

This year, not only are the P&F having the Easter raffle – BUT we are also fundraising through a HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE.

For the Easter raffle, donations of Easter Items are needed such as Easter Eggs, chocolates and baskets etc. All donations can be handed into the office from now up until Tuesday, 15 March.

A book of 10 tickets will be handed out this week, at a cost of $1 each. Further information will be handed to your children over the next week.

Your continued support is very much appreciated!

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**OSHC**

**WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS**

Be Sun Safe
Slip, slop, slap.

“Slip, slop, slap,
Slip, slop, slap and wrap.”
It sounds like a breeze
when you say it like that.

“Slip, slop, slap,
Slip, slop, slap.”
In the sun this summer, say
“Slip, slop, slap and wrap.”

Slip on a shirt,
Slip on sunscreen,
Slap on a hat,
Wrap on your sunnies
Slip! Slop! Slap and Wrap!

Visitor’s Register

The Visitor’s Register is located at Reception and all parents and visitors are required to sign in and out.

This is an essential document that keeps the school informed of all visitors and contractors who may be on site at any particular point in time.

be SAFE be WELL

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

This week the children will be introduced to the letters “Cc & Kk”. These letters are a little tricky as they both make the same sound. All prep classes will also be introducing a new big book. Prep A Hairy Bear, Prep B Grandpa Grandpa and Prep C Smarty Pants. Each book will have a different English focus.

In Maths we are continuing to make connections with the children’s prior learning and doing lots of activities involving the numbers from 0-10. This week we are exploring the number 5. Have a “watchful” eye out for the children who are wearing a number word watch home.

In Religion we are continuing the focus of Jesus’ timeline here on Earth, from His birth to His death. We are reading stories from the Bible, watching videos and comparing the similarities and differences between now and then.

The children are continuing to present the information received from their “All about Me” sheets this week. It is nice to get to know them a little better.
On Friday the children started borrowing a book from the library. Please read the note inside the library bag from Mrs. Knowles, our librarian. It is about the borrowing procedures at school. There will be a library box in each room to place all returns.

A note went home on Monday detailing our parent/teacher interviews. Please fill them in and return them ASAP.

**Year 1 News**

Letters have gone out regarding parent teacher interviews for next week: Week 7. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have yet to make an appointment.

In Maths, we are beginning to learn a variety of addition strategies. The rainbow number strategy is the basis for much of our Grade One Maths. Once understood, these facts need to be learned off for automatic recall.

We are becoming aware of seasons, calendars, weather and telling the time at this stage to o’clock.

Please read and enjoy the Math’s texts and activities in Sunshine on Line, Maths, level six, Jellybean Shop and The Star.

While all students are on different levels in Reading, the book on Learning Space 2, Word Families: Gran’s Legs are thin has much to offer all students.

**Year 2 News**

In Year Two we have continued with the Science unit on Mixtures. On Friday the students had fun combining ingredients to make Fairy Bread. They then enjoyed testing their mixture by eating the end product. Again this will be integrated with English.

In maths we have been looking at lines of symmetry. The students created symmetrical butterflies using a variety of colours, some of which they had made by mixing paint colours together.

We will be kicking off our History Unit "Hinze History Heroes", with an excursion to Hinze Dam on Tuesday 8th March. Please return the excursion note as soon as possible. Year Two will travel to and from Hinze Dam by bus. They will participate in a variety of activities to enhance their learning about the history of Hinze Dam, the Hinze family and the surrounding local area.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in week eight of Term One. Interview notes were sent home this
week. Please return the note as soon as possible as time slots will be given on a first in basis. We look forward to meeting with you then to discuss your child’s progress so far this term.

Have great week!!!

**Year 3 News**

The weeks are flying by and we have been very busy.

Please make an appointment for parent – teacher meetings as soon as they are made available. They are fast approaching as it is only a short term.

As part of our Religion unit for this term, we are looking at our mission as Christians and how we can make Christ present. We have decided that ‘Just like Jesus’, we will try our best to feed the poor during this Lenten season by donating as much non-perishable food items as we can to Rosie’s Gold Coast. You may bring this in anytime until the end of the term. This generous donation is very much appreciated by its receivers and we thank you in advance for your gestures.

**Year 4 News**

**Tablet Update**  
* The tablets went home last week, and on the whole the students appear to have handled the responsibility well. Most students remembered to bring them to school each day fully charged, and also dropped them off at the designated classroom before school. This measure is in place to help ensure the safety of the tablets.

* Please take the time to check out ACMA which is the official government supported Cybersmart site. It has information for parents about ways to keep your child safe in an online environment which is both interesting and helpful.

* Students are developing their skills on the tablets each week with focussed sessions on different programs and tools.

**Lent**  
This week we will be learning more about Evangeline who is committed to helping her community stay connected to its culture through the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre. “Culture is our identity and how we understand ourselves”. Here is a link that you can use if you want to know more about Evangeline and how Caritas helps her community.


On Tuesday 15th March, year 4 will be hosting our Coin Trail Project. We are asking all students to bring in a gold coin for the trail, which will be then donated to Caritas.

**District Swimming Carnival**  
Congratulations to Matthew L (MJ) in Year 4 who won age champion for the district. All students who represented St Brigid’s are to be commended on their efforts and behaviour at the carnival.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**
Year 6 News

Last Wednesday, the Year 6 classes attended the Gold Coast Catholic Schools' Leadership Day at Jubilee Primary School. As well as sharing in a liturgy, we were privileged to be addressed by the founders of the Orange Sky Laundry, Luke and Nick. They told us of some of the issues that face the homeless on a day to day basis and how simple actions can restore dignity and hope. Brisbane Catholic Education has been raising funds for the last year for the Orange Sky Laundry to purchase another van so they can reach more people. We are happy to say that a new van - called Cathy - is now fitted out and ready to go! This really reinforced the messages that we are hearing in Lent about Caritas and how we can help others in our community and that is what our current Religious Education unit focuses on too. This action lives the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in a simple but effective way.

For more information on Orange Sky Laundry and their work, click on the link below.


The Year 6 students have finished their Multiple Intelligence speeches and apart from sharing some of their interests with friends old and new, the presentations were of a very good standard and most informative.

Unfortunately for some students, time management and personal organisation are still very much an issue. Please reinforce the need for getting a bit of homework done each night, including reading, as well as asking for help if it is needed before a task is due.

OFFICE NEWS

Term 1 Fees

School fees for Term 1 2016 were due for payment on Friday 19 February 2016. There are a number of payment options available which include Direct Debit, Credit Card, BPAY, Eftpos, Cash (only with the correct amount as we do not carry any change), Cheque and Centrepay. Forms for Direct Debit, Credit Card and Centrepay are available on the Parent Portal and the School Office.

Jo Duran
Finance Secretary

Parent Portal

Access to the Parent Portal is via the school website under the Community Access tab.

This year parents will be able to set up Parent Portal access and also reset passwords themselves (use link below). Your username will be the email address that you provided to the school, i.e. the address that your fee statement is sent to.
Please contact the Office if you have any queries in relation to this.

Users need to select the BCE blue box then ‘Forgotten Password/First-Time Login’ icon from the Login screen identified in the screen shot below:

Please be advised that when using the new reset function, you only have 15 minutes once receiving the new temporary password via email to use it and enter in a new password. If still having problems, we suggest trying the following:

1. Clear cache and cookies.
2. Close browser and reopen to login again.
3. Ensure the email address you are using to log in is the same address we have on our system. i.e. the address your fee statement is sent to.

Thanks for your patience with this.

Once you have accessed the Parent Portal, you may like to download our BCE Connect App from any App Store. You will need your log on details from the Portal to access the App. The App contains the same information as the Parent Portal but may be more accessible being on your mobile phone.

School Banking 2016

2016’s theme for School Banking is Outback Savers.

The rewards for 2016 with their release dates are:
2016 Competition

This year students have a chance to win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Bob Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically be entered into the draw. For more information please visit www.commbank.com.au/sbc.

Lost Property

Lost property not claimed after a period of time will be given to charity or disposed of.

Please remember to label all items and check if the hat/jumper your child has in their bag is their own. Sometimes items belonging to other children are picked up from the playground and placed in their bags by mistake without the children checking first if it belongs to them.

Student Absences

When leaving a message on the School Absences Line - please clearly state the following:

- Student's name
- Class
- Reason for absence - VERY IMPORTANT
Please call the Absences Line prior to 9am on the day of the absence.

Administration of Medication

Student Medication Request forms must be completed by a parent/caregiver and handed to the school office in order to authorise the administration of medication to a student.

Please click on the link below to download and print a form.

Have you changed your Contact Details?

As we may need to contact you urgently at any time due to your child being unwell or in an accident, it is imperative that we have your current contact details. If you have moved house, changed your workplace, email address or phone number/s recently, please call into the office to complete a Change of Address/Contacts form.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AQUINAS COLLEGE
GOLD COAST

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited for Academic Scholarships for students entering Year 7 in 2017

These scholarships provide 12 months full or part remission of tuition fees for Year 7, 2017 only.

The Scholarship Program will cease at the conclusion of Year 7, 2017.

Examinations for academic scholarships will be held at Aquinas College on
FRIDAY 20 May, 2016
AQUINAS COLLEGE DRAMA CENTRE
commencing at 8.45am and concluding at 12.00 midday approximately.

The testing is used nationally by non-government schools and is done by an independent testing body, ACER, to award scholarships.
The scholarship application fee is $95.00

Application & payment must be made via our College Website:
www.aquinas.qld.edu.au
APPLICATIONS CLOSE - 6 May 2015

A snack and drink will be supplied by the College for all students.

‘Applications for Enrolment’ of students entering Year 7 in 2017 & 2018 are also being accepted.
Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in years Prep to 6.

This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Van 134.

Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre
1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
(Excluding Public Holidays)

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp

Donations for Fiji

Last weekend, Fiji Islands were hit by a devastating Category 5 cyclone. There have been many deaths and thousands of people are left with no home or possessions. If you are able to donate some much-needed items this week please read the following information from the Pacific Smiles organisation:

Please read the following and call or text to arrange drop off time:
Drop off points:

Monday 29/2/16- Friday 4/3/16

Ashgrove - Angela 0476797158
Upper Coomera - Rose 0449556794
Nerang - Elizabeth 0432385245
Bracken Ridge - Rae 0421 742 085
Griffin - Stacey 0450428705
Springfield - Sarah & Ratu 0431289641

Donations Needed:

- Tents (temporary shelters)
- Tarps
- Linen (excellent condition)
- Pillows (new)
- Fishing lines and hooks
- Mosquito coils
- Matches
- Cooking utensils
Wash boards
Scrubbing brushes
Rope
Tools
Medical Supplies
Non-perishable food
Toiletries
(including sanitary packs for ladies)
Mosquito Sprays
Mosquito Nets
Water-borne Vaccines and Medications
Infant Formula and Bottles
Baby food
Learning Materials
Purification Tablets
Self-inflating mattresses (new or good conditions)

WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHES, SHOES OR TOYS! Fiji has been inundated with them and require the above immediate supplies.

To donate www.gofundme/kadavu2016
Or NAB
Pacific Smiles
084-134
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