FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community.

Term 2, Week 4

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season.

All the readings this week convey a sense of moving on; they create a tangible dynamic image. Just as during the Easter Season when we journey from Easter, with a focus on Jesus, to Pentecost, with a focus on the Holy Spirit, this week we sense that journey from the end of the earthly mission of Jesus to the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The First Reading details a problem in the early Christian community that is solved by the leaders creating new ministries to look after the needs of those in the community thus leaving the teachers free to teach. The Holy Spirit is called upon to guide the community in this process.

The Second Reading reminds us that Jesus is the cornerstone of a consecrated nation, a people called from darkness into the light. It goes on to argue that it is through the influence of the Holy Spirit that the cornerstone continues to be built upon, until the end of time.

In the Gospel Jesus is preparing his followers for his departure and tries to explain the nature of our Triune God. “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and that the Father is in me” and “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me” are foundational beliefs to our faith. The Holy Spirit is the manifestation of this special relationship between Jesus and the Father.

Just like the members of the early Christian community you have the same questions to ponder. Are you aware of the Holy Spirit in your life and if so are you open to the influence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Alleluia, Alleluia, He is Risen. Alleluia

What’s on over the coming week?

Students in Years 3 5 and 7 will join their fellow students from all over Australia in completing NAPLAN tests this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday Sport will continue on Friday afternoon.

Book Fair sales will be in progress this week.

Assembly prayer this week was led by year 2C whilst 1A will lead next week’s.
A Year 6 Canberra Trip Information Meeting for parents and carers will be held on Tuesday May 20th commencing at 5:30 pm in the Year 6 classrooms.

The Parents and Friend’s Association monthly meeting will commence at 7pm on Wednesday 21st May in the staff room.

National Walk to School Day incorporating a Crazy Sock Day will be held on Friday May 23rd.

The Parents and Friend’s Association Disco will also be held on the evening of Friday May 23rd.

SWPBS

This week we will be revising all three rules: Respect for Self and Others, Respect for Property and Respect for Learning. This time we will again be exploring how that looks in the classroom. Please continue the discussion with your children this week about showing respect in these three areas whilst they are in the various learning areas at St Brigid’s.

Parish News

From 24th April to 30th May there will be no daily Mass at St Brigid’s as Fr Rafal will be away on Pilgrimage to Rome and Poland.

SAMOAN MASS The Samoan Community of the Gold Coast have organised Mass to be said in the Samoan language with Samoan music to be celebrated by Father Epati Tamati at St Brigid’s Catholic Church Nerang on Sunday 25th May 2014 at 1.30pm. Everyone is most welcome. For further information please phone Maina on 0438 256 297.

ST BRIGID’S PARISH CRAFT GROUP

St Brigid’s Parish Craft Group meets in the Parish Centre on Tuesday mornings a 9.30am to 11.30 am Please phone the Parish office for more information.

Please click here to access this week's Parish Newsletter.

Facebook

I need to constantly remind members of our school community that there are no officially approved St Brigid’s School Facebook sites. Any content on sites referring to St Brigid’s School is not sanctioned by the school and is purely the opinion and responsibility of the author. If members of our community are concerned or confused by content on Facebook referring to St Brigid’s please contact the school office for the official position.

APA Appraisal process

This term Mr Chris Clurey, our Assistant Principal – Administration (APA) will undertake a formal appraisal process. This is a normal procedure for our school leaders nearing the end of a contract period and necessary for a contract renewal.

This week a random selection of parents will receive an email inviting them to complete an online questionnaire related to Mr Clurey’s performance as APA at St Brigid’s. If selected, I urge you to take the time to complete the
survey and contribute your feedback to assist in the appraisal process. All contributions will be collated and individual responses will not be identified. The data collected will be part of the data used to complete the appraisal report.

Thank you in anticipation of your contribution.

**APRE Position**

Ms Petherick has indicated that she will not be returning to St Brigid’s for the start of the 2015 school year and has submitted her resignation as APRE at St Brigid’s to BCE effective from the end of 2014. Ms Petherick has served at St Brigid’s as APRE, with several stints as Acting Principal, since 2002. Ms Petherick intends to take leave, including some travel, for 2015 before returning to Catholic education in some, yet unknown, capacity in 2016. I am advising our community now as the position will be advertised from this weekend with other senior leadership positions within BCE schools. There will be opportunities to recognise Ms Petherick’s contribution to St Brigid’s towards the end of this year.

**AIIU**

St Brigid’s will again be hosting a visit by Japanese students from Koriyama Xaverio Gakuen Catholic Primary School this year from 27th July to August 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with students from a different culture and to experience a little of the culture that our students study in their LOTE program. We are again seeking host families from our school community to billet a visiting student. This is an opportunity to share your lifestyle and home whilst experiencing a visitor from another culture. Families who have hosted students in the past have many fond memories of the experience.

If you would like more information or register your interest please contact either Angela (0416 292 202) or Sue (0417 063 530), both from AIIU. Information flyers were distributed this week to all Year 5, 6 and 7 students and can be downloaded from the Parent Portal.

AIIU is a not for profit organisation established in 1987 to promote friendship and understanding among people of different races, cultures and backgrounds. A nation-wide organization, AIIU provides various educational homestay programs that enhance international understanding.

Families receive a $30 per night stipend to help defray expenses incurred.

**Kevin Bianchi**
Principal

**APRE NEWS**

Catholic Social Teaching
This week our teachers have the opportunity to spend some time learning about a new resource created by Caritas. Caritas is a social justice and charity arm of the Catholic Church. One key component of their work is educating people about social justice issues in light of Catholic Social teaching. This is an area also covered in the Religion curriculum. The children learn about right and wrong, sin and forgiveness, justice and equity. They read the bible stories that are the basis of Christian social teachings and try to understand what this means today. The Caritas Social Teaching Toolkit is a great resource for all students to help understand these issues and it is designed in such a way that it is also a wonderful way to develop critical thinking, inquiry and creativity in learners.

Check It Out! Program

As of this week we have 12 children on the goal setting Check It Out! program. Some of the children have been nominated by their teachers, others by their parents, and some of the older children have self-nominated. The program is a more formal way for teachers to give children useful feedback about how they approach learning and focus on what they can do to be even more effective in the classroom. The key to the program is regular and specific feedback to the children and positive interactions with teachers, parents and myself, so that the children are reassured that their efforts are noticed and that key adults are interested in their progress. Some of the children who started the program last term have reached their goals and are now self-monitoring. We will celebrate their successes with an afternoon tea. I will also be inviting back those children who completed the program last year and who have continued to be successful in managing their own learning behaviours this year.

Karen Petherick
APRE

APA NEWS

NAPLAN Preparation for 2014

NAPLAN testing will take place this week for Students from years 3, 5 & 7. Testing will commence on Tuesday May 13 and conclude on Thursday May 15. Friday will be allocated as the testing catch up day for students who missed tests during this time. The schools testing schedule is outlined below:

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We wish all our students sitting NAPLAN assessments next week all the very best and are mindful to keep these tests in perspective. Your child’s classroom teacher can provide a comprehensive assessment of their social, emotional, academic and spiritual progress as many parents would have found during recent Parent-Teacher interviews.
Curriculum Training for Teachers

In 2014 the curriculum focus for our teachers are the areas of ‘The Arts’ & Geography. To develop and support teachers understanding of these areas teachers have participated in workshops with curriculum support staff from Brisbane Catholic Education. On Wednesday May 7th teachers participated in a three hour twilight meeting on ‘The Arts’ focusing on the areas of Dance & Media with a literature focus. A number of our teachers showed quite a flair for drama and media creation as part of this workshop. We look forward to the opportunities this will present for all students P-7 in the classroom over the coming months.

Reminder - Year 6 Camp Meeting for Parents

As this is the first group of Year 6 students to travel to Canberra in some time a Parent Information Evening has been set for Tuesday May 20th from 5.30pm in the Year 6 rooms. A representative from Educatours has been organised to speak at this meeting for all interested parents.

The second Year 6 camp instalment was due last week. Thank you to those families who have provided this payment. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Book Week Character Parade

It was wonderful to see so many students get into the spirit of ‘Book Week’ through participating in the recent Character Parade. Congratulations to parents and students on the ingenuity put into creating each costume. This was certainly a great celebration of books and literacy. Thankyou to those parents, grandparents, carers and friends who joined us to celebrate this event.
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Please refer also to the Calendar on the Parent Portal for dates relevant to St Brigid’s.

Term Dates

Please refer to the Brisbane Catholic Education website for term dates for 2014 and 2015.

http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/TermDates.aspx

PASTORAL CARE

This week we wish our students well in the NAPLAN testing.

‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’

Nelson Mandela

May your week be a happy one.

Sr Brigid Frawley

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS

Healthy ways for kids manage their emotions.
Emotionally intelligent children, like their parents, know a range of healthy ways to manage their feelings. Sometimes, despite what we were taught, it’s better to find ways to deal with negative feelings rather than avoiding them. Avoiding them can allow them to overwhelm us or cause us to act out. Parenting educator Michael Grose has identified seven healthy ways to manage your emotions that you can pass on to your children. Please click here to download the tip sheet.

Weekly Quote:

“If your emotional abilities aren't in hand, if you don't have self-awareness, if you are not able to manage your distressing emotions, if you can't have empathy and have effective relationships, then no matter how smart you are, you are not going to get very far.”

Daniel Goleman

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/emotions.html#YvqY10ke2xeTwcOP.99

Please do not hesitate to contact me, the class teacher or other school personnel if you are concerned about the social or emotional well-being of your child.

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

LIBRARY NEWS

MAY IS NATIONAL READING MONTH:

Please Support St Brigid’s annual BOOKFAIR.

BOOKFAIR will be in the library. You are welcome to visit the Fair with your child. Visiting times will be before school 8.15am..... & after school.....until 4.00pm, Friday May 9th – Thursday May 15th.

If students are allowed to purchase from their ‘Wish List’, they need to return the Wish List to their class teacher.
The WISH LIST must

- Include the required payment OR
- Pay online & write the 8 digit receipt number on the Wish List & return it to school. OR
- Pay by phone & write the 8 digit receipt number on the Wish List & return it to school. OR
- Pay by cheque written out to ‘St Brigid’s Primary School Nerang’

Please support the BookFair. The school earns commission depending on the amount of sales which is used to purchase new resources …. This benefits all the children in our school.

Library Days

Tuesday – Years 3 and 1
Wednesday – Years 4 and 5
Thursday – Years 6 and 7
Friday – Years Prep and 2

Jan Knowles

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to those children who will celebrate their birthdays this week:

CLASS AWARDS

0A  Jake D, Sarah
0B  Georgia, Evie
1A  Zac, Emre
1C  Alex, Corbin
2A  Maya, Alex
2B  Aidan, Genevieve
2C  Lucy, Liam
3B  Zachary, Jake
4A  Finn, Ethan
4B  Nicholas, Tiffiny

S.W.P.B.S
Robo’s Rule of the Week

Revision of Rules for Classroom

- Respect for self and others
- Respect for learning
- Respect for property

Robo Awards


MUSIC NOTES

Singing Club
Singing Club continues to rehearse each Thursday morning at 8am in the music room. All families and friends are welcome to attend our performance at morning assembly, Thursday 22nd May.

**Gold Coast Choir - Singers Wanted**

The Gold Coast Choir is expanding and seeking young singers (from Prep onwards) to join them.

To find out more information about the choir and this wonderful opportunity, please go to the website: [www.goldcoastchoir.com.au](http://www.goldcoastchoir.com.au)

**Mrs Sandstrom**

**MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT**

**District Cross Country**

The 2014 Gold Coast South District Cross Country Carnival is to be held at the Pizzey Park Athletic Field on Wednesday 21st May 2014.

Students aged 10 to 13 years will be competing at this carnival. Competitors chosen to participate are students that achieved a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th placing at the School Carnival.

Children are required to wear their school sports uniform and will be allocated a school singlet to run in. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate equipment for this competition including: proper footwear; sufficient water and food; sunscreen and hat. Permission notes will be given out this week and need to be return to Mr Gudgeon by Friday 16th May 2014.

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St Brigid's Cross Country Carnival

Last weeks annual Cross Country Carnival was another great success. Students put their fitness to the test in taking on the fantastic course that St Brigid's has to offer.

We are very proud of all of the students who participated in the Cross Country as a challenge to themselves. It doesn't matter what place you finished, you are all winners from the moment you line up at that start line.

The ‘Blue House’ were the overall house champions, however, all students should be congratulated for their efforts, sportsmanship and determination.
The following students were Age Champions for 2014:

Prep - Jake D and Tyla H

Yr 1 - Lachlan M and Paige P

Yr 2 - Liam H and Anabelle F

8yrs - Izac T and Ella C

9yrs - Fergus R and Jacinta D

10yrs - Tom V and Mia L

11yrs - Dylan L and Yasmine H

12yrs - Tyson B and Kayla B
13yrs - Holly R and Sam M

CROSS COUNTRY

[Images of children running in a park]
Interschool Sport

Please refer to the Parent Portal for all Interschool Sport fixtures this week.

Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

JAPANESE NEWS

Year 5, 6 and 7 learned about Children's Day – Boys Festival, 5 May - in Japan and made a Koinobori. Koi means Carp in English. Please ask your children why we have a Koinobori for this Festival.

Year 5 has started Japanese this year and they already know lots of phrases such as asking and answering their name and age. They can count from 1 to 20 in Japanese and also recognize numbers in Kanaji Characters.

Year 6 and 7 will make an interview movie this term. We are busy preparing for this.

Here are some photos from Children’s Day:
Visitors' Register

The Visitors' 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.

Thank you.

be SAFE be WELL

P & F ASSOCIATION

School Disco - Friday 23rd May

P-3 from 5:30 - 7pm

4-7 from 7:15 - 9pm

Theme: Crazy Colours

Cost $5 includes sausage sizzle, popper drink & glow stick.

Please hand money into the office in an envelope with your child's name and class by Wed 21 May for catering purposes.

If you would like to help please contact the Vice President Sheridan Ranger on 0400 942 417.

Click here to access flyer.

Other Dates to Remember

- Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 02 September
- Parent Trivia Night - Friday 12 September
- Race Day - Saturday 25 October

Melanie Keegan
P&F President

TUCKSHOP
Please click here to access the 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

Online Ordering

CHECK OUT FLEXI SCHOOLS FOR ONLINE ONLY SPECIALS

This year we are offering online ordering, you will need to follow the link attached to set up your account.


Children will be able purchase items over the counter during 1st & 2nd break, but snacks and ice-blocks only.

Miss Mel
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

Skorts and socks have arrived and are now available for purchase.

Hours

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am.
Help needed! If you have a spare hour on a Tuesday or Friday morning from 8.30 - 9.30am, your help serving would be greatly appreciated. If available to help out, please give me a call or drop in to the Uniform Shop.

Many thanks

Deb Laurie - 0431 151 903

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX IDEAS
Let’s talk cheese...

Did you know a 1kg family block of cheese from Aldi is only $6 and will feed your family for weeks? Also, it has NO artificial flavour, colour or preservatives.

On the other hand, a packet of 8 Bega stringers will cost you $5.50 and will be eaten before a week has gone by. The front of the packet says 100% natural, but if you turn over to the ingredients list you will quite easily spot the word FLAVOUR. This is artificial and not the best choice.

The same goes for any processed cheese - it costs more, contains additives and in my opinion, doesn’t taste as good as real cheese.

Mrs Vekaci

CLASS NEWS

Prep News

The letter for this week is Ee and we are continuing to look at 2D shapes, with our focus being on squares. Our sight words for the week are can, big, little, see, and you….and the symbol of a question mark.

In Religion we are learning about “Prayer”. This week we are continuing to focus on the Sign of the Cross and using the correct hand to bless ourselves. We would like to remind you about helping your child compose a meaningful prayer, illustrated with a brightly coloured picture. We are using these to collate and publish a class Prayer book. Please return these by 30 May.

Hope all the mummies enjoyed their Mother’s Day gifts. The children made these with lots of love and care. Enjoy using the carry bags!

Last week we all had a busy, but fun time. Thank you to everyone supporting the Prep Cross Country and Character Parade.
Year 1 News

Grade One children have been looking at number patterns in Mathematics. These are continued from our skip counting in 1’s, 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. The concept of number patterns extends children from 24, 26, 28, 30, 32. Grade One children also looks at Number Facts. Number Facts are addition and subtraction facts that can be learnt. A copy of these was sent home in the Term One homework booklet sent home.

Our Spelling Program has 3 parts; a list of words that follow consonant/vowel/consonant (e.g. pig), a list of words that are commonly used and a list of 2-3 difficult words. Please adjust the amount of spelling words according to your child’s ability. It may be appropriate that your child only learn 1 of the lists or both lists but not the difficult words. Please remember to sign your child’s Spelling Folder and check their spelling with them each week to help them learn.

Thank you to the parents who are able to do reading and sight words one on one with children, commencing this week.

Year 2 News

We hope everyone had an opportunity to celebrate with and spoil their mum on Sunday. There was much discussion and deliberation when Grade 2 were choosing their gifts from the Mother’s Day stall on Tuesday.

Congratulations 2C on your assembly and sharing with us why mothers are important role models in our lives.

Once again we had beautiful weather for the Cross Country on Wednesday. Although there were a few nervous runners, they can all be proud of their effort.

Last Thursday, Grade 2 students went on their excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The day started with an information session about the history of the Sanctuary, its role in the community today and plans for the future. A big thank you to the parents, grandparents and carers who joined us for the day and helped supervise small groups of students. The students were excellent ambassadors for St. Brigid’s, showing respect for self, others, learning and the environment they were visiting.

On Friday the annual St. Brigid’s Book Fair culminated with the Book Character Parade. Grade 2 presented their characters with flair and confidence on the walkway. We were amazed at the variety of different book characters chosen by the students.

Enjoy your week.

Year 3 News

Welcome to week 4. This week we are looking at another Fruit of the Spirit, Patience and this is something we have to do every day, at some stage.

Thank you to the parents who were able to make it to the character parade and thank you for the great costumes, the children looked fantastic.
We have had a busy week with the parade and the cross country. We would like to share some comments about the run from some of the children.

“The cross country was fun. It was tiring work! It was quite noisy when everyone was cheering!” Max F. 3A

“At the cross country I ran with all the 9 year old children. I had fun running with my mates.” Fergus 3B

“On Wednesday at cross country when my class ran, I started off really fast and I came 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the end. I was very tired after.” Zac G 3C

Don’t forget Book Fair will take place this week 8:15 till 4pm. All profit goes towards more resources for our school.

We would like to remind you about the party on Friday May 16\textsuperscript{th}. 3A and 3B only to bring in something to share please. 3C next time please.

We hope all our mums had a great Mother’s Day on Sunday we hope you were all spoilt.

Have a great week!

Please enjoy our photos of our great runners from all year 3 classes.
Year 5 News

Thank you very much to those parents that attended the Parent-Teacher interviews with the Year 5 Teachers. We were very pleased with how these interviews went and the positive feedback which was received from the parents.

Please remember that the NAPLAN Testing is occurring this week and the following are essential for the students;

* Plenty of rest the night before so the children are refreshed and ready to perform to the best they can.
* A nice healthy breakfast in the morning before school, and
* No added or undue pressure placed on the children with regard to the outcome of the tests.

We hope that this can be as stress free as possible for the students and we seek your support at this time.

Year 6 News

The activities that we participated in this week were a good opportunity to see how mature and cooperative this group of Year 6s are. During the cross country we saw how caring, supportive and encouraging they are with both the winning students and those who needed a hand to complete the course. Congratulations to Dylan who took out age champion and to all the other students who ran to the best of their ability. The character parade saw the fun-loving nature of our students with some outstanding and well thought out costumes. Maddison and Megan were awarded best costume with many close contenders. Well done on a great week.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Active School Travel Passports

REMINDER:

The Active School Travel Passport Program is now up and running. Our first group of students had their passports ready to go on last Thursday and received their first passport incentive prize.

The next passport day will be on Thursday the 15th May and every consecutive Thursday until the end of term.

So remember, keep changing the way you move to and from school and receive your Active School Travel incentive.
When a student travels actively to school by means of walking, skating, scooting, riding, carpooling or public transport, the Active School Travel Passport can be filled out in the following way.

1. **Sign and date inside the circle**
2. **Only sign one circle per day no matter if the student actively travels once or twice.**
3. **Complete all five circles (as shown in the picture)**
4. **Once a complete row has been signed and dated the student brings their passport to the reward days for prize collection and stamping.**
5. **The reward day will be every Thursday afternoon, commencing in week 3.**
6. **Each class will be called up to the collection area so they are able to claim their prize. Once prize per week.**
7. **The passports will run for Term 2 only.**

Signed and dated

Sign all 5 circles before prize can be claimed.

Always remember to travel safely with an adult or a friend.

If you are able to assist the Active School Travel Program on the morning of the 23rd of May.

**WE NEED YOU!**

On Friday the 23rd of May it is National Walk Safely to School Day. As a means of promoting this St Brigid’s will be having a Crazy Sock Park and Stride.

We need parent helpers to assist the AST Committee in walking students to school from designated locations.

If you can assist with this or any other upcoming event please email: jweinert@bne.catholic.edu.au
OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property

We have quite a bit of lost property at the moment. Please check the box at the back of the Admin Building if your child is missing an item.

Parent Portal Access

Please contact the office if you do not have access to the Parent Portal so that we can arrange a login and password for you.

Change of Details

If you have recently changed your phone number, email address, residential or postal address, please contact the office by telephone or email at pnerang@bne.catholic.edu.au to advise us of these changes.

Up to date information for each student is extremely important in case we need to contact you for any reason.

Direct Debit Request Forms
If you would like to arrange to pay your school fees via direct debit from either a bank account or credit card, a direct debit form can be obtained from the office or accessed through the Parent Portal.

**Student Banking - Every Wednesday**

A new rewards system has been introduced for Student Banking in 2014. Please come into the office if your child did not receive an information package.

Please note that school banking deposits should contain cash only, no cheques please.

**Sunken Treasure**

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with you in the form of some amazing prizes.

**Major Student Prize**

One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

**Runner-up Student Prizes**

130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

**Sunken Treasure for Schools**

There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

**Here’s How to Win...**

All you need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and you are automatically entered into the competition.

**Administration of Medication**
At times medication needs to be administered to a child at school ie, antibiotics, ear drops etc. If you need us to administer medication to your child during school hours, you must complete the attached Student Medication Request form.

- Medication is to be provided in the original pharmacy labelled container/box to the school.
- Please ensure medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label stating the student’s name, dosage and time to be taken.
- The student needs to have previously received a dose at home without any ill effects.
- The medication must be collected when it is no longer required at school.
- A new form must be completed if the student is prescribed a change.

NB: Where possible, medication should be administered to your child at home at times other than during school hours.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Be aware - Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world, which is growing at alarming rates. In fact, 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Currently there is no cure for food allergy, avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction.

Keeping each other safe is all about AWARENESS, AVOIDANCE and ACTION.

AWARENESS - Know what your classmates are allergic to.

AVOIDANCE - Never share food and wash your hands after you eat.

ACTION - Tell a teacher straight away if someone with allergies looks sick - even if they don't want you to!

Gemma’s Memorial Walk.
Please support the Howell family, members of St Brigid's community, by taking part in Gemma's Memorial Walk on Sunday 25th May.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 13th – 15th June 2014

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au Information website:
Sensory Movie Day "Mr Peabody & Sherman"

Sunday at 2pm Sunday 25th May at Coolangatta Birch Carroll & Coyle

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.

Siblings and extended family welcomed.

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"Mr Peabody & Sherman"

Tickets are $8.00 each. Companion I.D. Card Accepted. Children 2 years and under are free.

Tickets on Sale NOW!!! Come along and support our event....

Membership Movie Day cards are required to purchase tickets These can be collected from Birch carroll & Coyle Coolangatta cinema before our screening. For more information or to be added to the mailing list email us on sensorymovieday.goldcoast@hotmail.com.

Junior Indoor Cricket Program.

On the 27th of May, Gold Coast Indoor Sports Centre will be hosting a junior indoor cricket program. I would like to extend an invitation to students in the target age group (8 – 15 [Boys & Girls]). Please click here to see our flyer for more details.