Hello to all in the St Brigid’s community,

Term 1, Week 7

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time for Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving.

This week’s reading have a common theme, following God’s call may involve personal hardship but it is the right thing to do.

In the First Reading we hear of God’s call to Abraham to leave his homeland and set out on a journey to a distant land. Abraham’s affirmative response changed the course of human history. In the Second Reading St Paul reminds an early Christian church leader, Timothy, ‘Bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the Power of God who saved us and called us to be holy’

In the Gospel we read the story of the Transfiguration of Christ on the mountain top. Unfortunately, like us, Jesus can’t bypass his human destiny and go straight to heaven from the mountain top. He needs to come down from the mountain and, like Abraham, respond affirmatively to God’s call to him.

What is God calling us to do this Lent? Does your response involve Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving or something more confronting like Abraham, Timothy or Jesus faced?

What’s on over the next week.

This week we will be commencing interviews for students seeking enrolment in Prep at St Brigid’s for 2015.

We will be hosting an Active School Travel Walking and Wheeling Wednesday breakfast this Wednesday, March 12th from 8:00 am on the oval.

We will also be hosting a visit from the staff from Aquinas College on Wednesday March 12th, between 11:30 and 12:30, who will be talking to our senior students about school life at Aquinas College.

Next Monday, March 17th, is celebrated as St Patrick’s Day by the Irish.

Next Wednesday, March 19th is St Joseph’s Feast Day and a day we remember all fathers and the huge role they play in their children’s lives.

The monthly P and F meeting will be held on next Wednesday, March 19th commencing at 7:00 pm.

Easter Raffle - please bring in an Easter egg to ego into the draw for an $80 Baskin & Robbin’s voucher.
Assembly prayer this week was led by the 4C class while 3A will lead next week’s

**SWPBS**

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

**Finding The Joys Of Parenthood**

Raising children is hard work, often thankless and mind-numbing - and yet often the most rapturous experience available to adults. Most of us suppose that parents are both happier and more miserable than non-parents, that child rearing dictates a wider emotional range than people have generally known before it. Most parenting stresses its participants to their limits, no matter how much they love their children. Children upstage all the other components of their parents’ lives, and good parenting involves both helicoptering and disengagement.

One parent said, "I have never quite sorted out the conundrum of how I could be distracted into thinking about something as tiresome as e-mail when I was with my beloved kids. If I lost all my e-mails, I’d manage, but if I lost my children, I’d never recover; yet still I sometimes find it hard to stay in the moment with them”.

There is no contradiction in this seeming paradox; tolerating our children is the cornerstone of loving them.

Children may complicate our lives but they also make them simpler. Children’s needs are so overwhelming, and their dependence on us so absolute, that it’s impossible to misread our moral obligation to them. We bind ourselves to those who need us most, and through caring for them, grow to love them, grow to delight in them, grow to marvel at who they are.

There is a useful distinction to be made between our ‘experiencing self’ – living in the present moment – and our ‘remembering self’ – putting together our life narrative.

Our experiencing selves prefer doing the dishes – or napping, or shopping, or answering e-mails – to spending time with our kids. But our remembering selves assert that no-one – and nothing – provides us with so much joy as our children.

It may not be the happiness we live day to day, but it’s the happiness we think about, the happiness we summon and remember, and stuff that makes up our life-tales.


**Qld Federation of Parents and Friends’ Organisations**

The Parents and Friends Federation is the state-wide parent organisation officially recognised by the Catholic Church and Catholic Education authorities for the 292 Catholic schools in Queensland. It represents the parents and carers of over 135,000 children in parish, diocesan and religious institute schools in the state

Welcome to the Federation’s e Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading our news. Click on the link below to access the February Newsletter

Active School Travel

Join in the first active travel day this year …Walking Wheeling Wednesday which will kick off on Wednesday the 12th of March.
This year St Brigid’s was one of 8 schools selected to be part of the City of Gold Coast Active School Travel program which aims to reduce traffic congestion around schools and increase active travel to and from school.

Every student is encouraged to find an active way to get to and from school on Wednesday this week and join in the Walking Wheeling Breakfast. So lets all walk, cycle or scoot to school.

Parish News

The Season of Lent is here so just a few reminders:

- On Fridays during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 6pm.
- On Fridays during Lent we should do penance.
- On Saturdays at 10am we will have the Lenten Program – Lectio Divina.
- We will support Project Compassion organised by Caritas Australia. Boxes and envelopes are available.

menALIVE weekend at St Brigid’s Nerang

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry for men. In 10 years it has run 175 events in 24 diocese for more than 11,000 men. On the 8th and 9th November, 2014, St Brigid’s Parish will host a non-live-in weekend program. The weekend provides a fantastic down-to-earth opportunity to take time out to reflect on our lives and re-discover God’s purpose. It will consist of a number of talks and stories, discussion groups, and a time for reflection, prayer and recreation. The weekend runs from 8.00am on Saturday and finishes at 9.30 pm Saturday. It will start again on Sunday at 8.30am and finish about 1.30pm. It is non-residential, you go home and sleep in your own bed. The cost will be affordable and will include all the weekend input, handouts and a barbeque dinner on Saturday night. Registration is essential and a form is available to download at our web-site www.menalive.org.au or phone 07 5559 554 or 0417 004 733.

Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

There has been extensive media coverage of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in recent times given the focus of the Commission on a case study from a Catholic school in the Diocese of Toowoomba. Brisbane Catholic Education does not have oversight of Catholic schools in that diocese, but the resurfacing of this case may again undermine the confidence of the broader community in the safety of students in Catholic schools generally.

The hearings uncovered further disturbing information about the way in which the Church has so poorly handled allegations of sexual abuse against children. We can only begin to imagine the suffering of those children and the impact on their families. We offer our most sincere apologies, again, for what occurred and reiterate our absolute determination to do all we can to ensure that children and young people are safe in our schools and that crimes like this do not happen again.

Please be assured that our school, along with all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, has in place clear policies and procedures for dealing with all allegations of sexual abuse, including those not related to a
Parents will receive in the mail a letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, to assure parents of our continued commitment to ensuring our Catholic schools are safe for your children. If you did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact the school office and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

Please [click here](#) to access this week's parish newsletter.

Have a good week.

Kevin Bianchi
Principal

APRE NEWS

Ash Wednesday services

Thank you to the family members who were able to join us for the Year 2-7 Mass or Prep and Year 1 liturgy last Wednesday. We were all very proud of the reverent way the children participated in the ceremonies. As Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent for 2014, you should by now have received a Project Compassion collection box. Caritas is a Catholic organisation that works all over the world for social justice and social change. They support the poor and those affected by war and natural disasters. They work with communities to build infrastructure and develop the skills of the locals to meet their own needs in a sustainable way. Project Compassion is their major fundraiser for the year so please help as much as you can.

Last Friday I was pleased to be able to accompany 10 of our Year 6/7 school leaders to an education day run by Caritas. They learned more about the work of Caritas and worked hard with one another and children from other Catholic schools on the Coast to answer questions, play games and create a poster to highlight the social justice issues needing to be addressed. Amber, Jasmine, Bonnie, Cyndi, Emily, Kristen, Andrew, Patrick, Jesse and Mali were excellent ambassadors for our school.

The focus for Project Compassion this year is the scripture verse John 10:10 – “Have life and have it to the full”.

Check it out! Program

Our behaviour support program designed to give children timely and helpful feedback about their classroom behaviour is again up and running. The children check in with me each morning, have a snack and receive a sheet to give to their teacher. This sheet is used throughout the day to start a brief discussion about how the child is managing their behaviour in terms of showing respect for themselves (on time, correct uniform, organised), others (hand up and wait, speak to please, follow directions), learning (having a go, listening, staying on task) and property (helping to keep the room tidy, looking after own equipment and not touching things that belong to others). At the end of the day the children check out and we have a quick chat about how the day has gone. The sheet goes home to inform parents of how the child went and to allow an opportunity for specific praise for effort and support for areas requiring attention.
The program works for children who like receiving adult attention and who are showing minor, but regular poor behaviour choices in the classroom setting.

Karen Petherick
APRE

APA NEWS

NAPLAN Preparation 2014

Students from years 3, 5 & 7 will undertake their annual NAPLAN tests from May 13-15. Class teachers may make contact with some parents prior to the testing to ensure students requiring adjustments are suitably catered for during the testing period. All paperwork for test adjustments must be lodged before Friday May 9th. Parents wishing to find out more about the NAPLAN testing can click on the following link:

Tablet Use Before and After School

All of our Year 4 students have access to a Hewlett Packard Elite Pad tablet to enhance their learning and research skills. This is the first time St Brigid’s have instigated a 1:1 portable device program in the school. As is the case with all new programs implemented there need to be clear guidelines around the safe use of the tablets. Two guidelines relate to the use of the tablets by students whilst waiting before and after school. These include:

- Before School – Tablets must not be taken out of bags and used whilst waiting for the Duty Teacher to arrive.
- After School – Tablets must not be taken out of bags and used whilst waiting to be picked up by parents or the bus.

CYBER SAFETY

As portable devices such as internet capable phones and tablets increase in prevalence so do the complexities of managing their safe use in the home. Some simple tips can help avoid possible future issues, these include:

- Stay involved in your child’s use of new technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your children. It can be fun for you too!
- Take an interest in what your children are doing on their portable device and online; discuss this with them.
- Set clear rules about where these devices are to be used in the house. Family or shared areas are best for interaction and supervision of portable devices rather than bedrooms.
- Ensure the activities and areas accessed are age appropriate. Students under the age of 13 years should not be allowed to sign up for face book.
- Talk about technology safety in the same way you might talk about safety in other areas of their life.

Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival
I was fortunate to join the students selected to represent St Brigid’s at the recent Gold Coast Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. It was wonderful to see the students give their best against strong competition and in many cases, finish with a big smile. Congratulations to all students who participated and were excellent ambassadors for St Brigid’s. The students earned the aggregate trophy which is a great achievement.

Chris Clurey
APA

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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

When we are having difficult days we....

"Sometimes want to whisper in God's ear, 'God we know you are in charge, but why don't you make it slightly more obvious?''"

Bishop Desmond Tutu

Even when it is tough, we still know that God walks with us.

Sr Brigid Frawley

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS
This Week's Parent Topic

Parenting Kids Who Struggle

As a parent it is important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Parenting educator Michael Grose has identified some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child where success, at school, sport and other common childhood activities, just doesn’t come naturally. Please click here to download the tip sheet.

[Insights_Parenting_kids_who_struggle.pdf]

For anyone interested, Truth in Action is running the Group Triple P Positive Parenting Program in Southport starting on the 29th of March 2014. Please see the attached flyer.

[Triple_P_invitation_March_29_2014.pdf]

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.

Weekly quote: "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about." Angela Schwindt

Kind Regards,

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Days

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

We still have overdue library books from last year, please ask your child to return these.
Jan Knowles

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to the following children:


STUDENT AWARDS

Week 7 Awards to be presented at Assembly Wk 7 - Monday 17 March

OA  Lukas, Eva
OB  Rosanna, Max D
OC  Chelsea, Corey
1A  Emre, Emily
1B  Jake, Cheyenne
1C  Taryn, Levi
2A  Claudia, Jayger
2B  Fergus, Piper
2C  Ella, Ben
3A  Harry, Lilli
3B  Chloe, Daniel
3C Jared, Taylah
4A Kate, Ayush
4C David, Riley
5B Luke, Alyssa
6A Kyra, Hanako
6B Bonnie, Tayah
7B Jonty, Ella

S.W.P.B.S

Robo's Rule of the Week
Respect for others by focussing on children's behaviour and participation during school gatherings in the hall.

MUSIC NOTES

St Brigid's Band Program

Musicorp Trials

There was great excitement last week when students from grades 3-5 were given the opportunity to play a range of musical instruments. Musicorp staff will this week continue the process for the students that missed out last Tuesday.

If you then are interested in your child beginning tuition, or wish further information, please return the expression of interest form to the school office. A Musicorp representative will contact you. Please feel free to contact me at the school for more information.

Mrs Sandstrom

MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT

Interschool Sport Begins Friday 21st March.

Please refer to the parent portal each week for fixtures, venues, and draws.

Safety equipment is required for rugby league (mouth guards are compulsory, boots are recommended), hockey (mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory) and soccer (shin pads are compulsory). Students electing to play netball will need to cut/tape fingernails and remove/tape earrings. By providing consent for your child to play...
these sports you are agreeing to provide these items and/or abide by these regulations. Rugby League training is held from 3pm - 4pm on Monday afternoons at school.

Catholic School's Swimming Carnival 2014

Congratulations to all students that competed in this years Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. You were great representatives for yourselves and your school.

A number of St Brigid's students were rewarded for their hard work with place ribbons. Its great when all your training and time spent staring at that black line beneath you lane pay off...

A special mention to Jacinta Desmond who broke a long standing record for the second year running. She is now the fastest girls under 9's backstroker in the history of the Catholic Schools Carnivals. What a legend!!

Finally, I am very proud to announce St Brigid's winning the Lou Vaughan Memorial Swimming Trophy. This is for the school that earns the most points after being divided by the number of students at their school. This is a massive achievement for our students and School and has never been won by St Brigid's in the 25 years of competition. Congratulations St B's.
Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS
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

It's that time of the year again, EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED/WELCOMED.

All Easter items are welcomed, please drop off your donations to the office by Wednesday 26th March.

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly with the raffle to be drawn at Monday 31st March assembly.

Thank you to all those that attended our Welcoming Mass & Picnic!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 19th March at 7 pm.

Melanie

P&F President

TUCKSHOP

HELPERS are required please. If you are able to help out with even an hour of your time, it would be much appreciated. Please pop down and see me if you are able to help out, as many hands make light work.

Please click here to access the 2014 Tuckshop Menu.

Online Ordering
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

Hours

Tuesday and Friday 8:30am - 9:30am

Socks and Bags have arrived!!!!
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

LOTE NEWS

Last Week Year 5, 6 and 7 students celebrated Hina matsuri (Doll's Festival) – Girls’ Day (the 3rd of March). They learned about the festival and made an origami box to put some Hina arare. Hina arare is a special sweet snack for Hina matsuri.
5 - 7 INCLUSION

Chill Out Room
The Easter Collage Competition

Please access link for further information

Winning collages for 2013 were:
Bey Blades

Bey Blades are again popular in the Chill Out Room.

Please remember that they are only used by years 5-7 students and only in the actual Chill Out room during first break.

Playstation 2

The Playstation 2 used with our eye toy, was damaged last year. If anyone has the ability to repair it, or is able to lend/donate another one, we would be very appreciative.
CLASS NEWS

Prep News

This week the children will be learning about the letter “Pp” and our number for the week is the number 6. Please discuss these with your child and perhaps help them to practise writing them the correct way.

This week is the second week of Lent and the children are trying really hard to keep the promises that they have made. Please continue to send in one pair of plain coloured socks for your child to use in our upcoming craft activity.

We have been learning about New Life and are relating this to the next story in our Oracy program, “The Hungry Caterpillar”. We will also be discussing the life cycle of a butterfly and how they grow and change. This week the children are making ‘hairy caterpillars’. We will be caring for them and seeing how they grow and change.

Year 1 News

This term our focus has been on Gabby Get Along. Gabby was first introduced in Prep and is a puppet who likes to ‘Get along with others’. The children listen to many stories during Munch and Crunch time and explore different ways in which they can be like Gabby. Gabby is from the ‘You Can Do It’ program which was written for the early years. The “You Can Do It Program” explains that, ‘Getting along’ means that young children tell the truth, care about and are friendly to others. ‘Getting along’ means being able to fix problems without fighting. When young children get along, they follow the important rules of the classroom and home. They also want to help to make their school and home cleaner and safer.

Year 2 News

Year Two students have been continuing to try to reduce the amount of rubbish in our world by picking up rubbish and packing a “Nude Lunch.” A “Nude Lunch” is a lunch that does not have any packaging at all. All foods are stored in reusable containers. Not only does this help the environment, it also costs less and is generally healthier. Please encourage your child to pack a “Nude Lunch” each day. Robo Tickets will be issued for Nude Lunches.

We have also been talking about what items and materials can be recycled in our homes and which items go in the Yellow Lid bin. Old batteries can be taken to Battery World for recycling.
We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes in class and discussing the history of this day. The students got to eat pancakes with a topping of their choice. This activity complemented various areas of the curriculum. Religious Education, History, Mathematics (measurement,) Science (mixtures). H.P.E. (Healthy Eating) and Literacy (Procedures).

On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass together as a school. This day signifies the beginning of Lent. During the Homily, Father Rafal asked the children to perform a random act of kindness each day during Lent. Please discuss this with your child. Also please continue to encourage your child to earn extra money to donate to those less fortunate through Project Compassion.

Have a great week

Year 3 News

Congratulations to the Year Three students who represented St. Brigid’s at last Friday’s Catholic Schools’ Swimming Carnival. Mr Gudgeon noted that the students ‘did our school proud’ with their effort and results in the pool as well as their overall behaviour.

Well done to Mrs Vekaci and 3C for the great job that they did in organising and presenting Monday’s assembly. They introduced and shared our Religious learning focus this term: “What is my Mission?” 3C reminded us of St Brigid’s mission and how we can be more charitable towards people who are less fortunate than us. Next week, 3A will present their assembly based on St Patrick’s mission. 3B will present their assembly in Week 9. Stay tuned, as next week we will share some ways in which Year Three will help live out their own mission… (but we will need the help of fellow students and their parents!)

Throughout Term One, Year Three have been developing their understanding of the Narrative genre. Both teachers and students have thoroughly enjoyed delving into a range of beautiful picture books; examining and discussing the characters, settings, complications and resolutions. During this process, the children have been using their wild imaginations to create their own elements of a narrative. Currently, children are busy planning their events including their complication and resolution. Perhaps you could ask your child to share with you what they know about creating a narrative.

Enjoy your week!

Year 5 News

Year 5’s have been busy finishing off their fantasy stories and as teachers we are enjoying seeing your children’s imaginations come to life in these stories. Please keep encouraging your children to read as this is a vital process in their learning and development particularly with increasing their knowledge, vocabulary, grammar and spelling abilities.

As we are getting to the business end of the term students will have some assessment pieces to complete. These assessment items will be in-class activities however some students might be required to do some extra work at home. This would only be if the student has been absent or has not finished off the work during the allocated class time.

As we are now in the Easter season, students have been discussing things that they could do, give up or pledge during Lent. We also discussed, what we like to refer to as ‘random acts of kindness.’ Students embraced this discussion and were very keen to do ‘something’ during the forty days leading up to Easter.

Year 6 News
Our migrant interviews were completed last week and look really great. The students have put lots of time and effort into this assessment piece. It is very interesting reading all of the different stories behind the reasons for migrating to Australia.

Readers' Cup - “Lots of people have been reading really well and trying their hardest to read lots of books. We have 3 weeks to go until our class Readers’ Cup Competition.” Madi H.

Maths - “Maths is very interesting at the moment. We are learning about Factors, Products, Prime and Composite Numbers, Square Numbers and Triangular Numbers.” Maddi W.

Geography – “We are learning about the relationship between Asia and Australia and how Asia is our closet neighbour.” Charlotte and Destiny.

Finally, we have had a number of students missing our morning prayer with the entire school. School does commence at 8.40am and it is important for the students to be a part of this each day

**Year 7 News**

Year 7, have well and truly settled into the year and it is hard to believe we are already on the downhill trek of term 1. The students are focusing on a range of learning experiences. With their multiple intelligences presentations out of the way, the students are now looking at an inquiry task for history as well as consolidating an understanding of measurement in maths.

It is pleasing to congratulate students who have taken the initiative with their personal learning and stepped up to the challenge. This has been consolidated by the persistence with homework routines. With the term long ‘All About Me’ English task due in week 9, many students have displayed excellent planning and time management.

As stated earlier in the term, reading is the most important type of homework that can be done at any time, anywhere. Please continue to encourage this.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**Parent Portal Access**

We are currently working with BCE to rectify any issues with logging onto the Parent Portal. Please contact the office if you have recently changed your email address or if you have any problems. Thank you for your patience.

**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.

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program will be attending our School Assembly on Monday 17 March to provide further information. She will also be available outside the Administration Building from 8am on Tuesday 18 March to set up new accounts.

In the meantime, new accounts can be set up at your local Commonwealth Bank branch.

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

**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
Japan & Friends Day
Japanese Festival
Sunday, 16 March 10am

Events at JFD

• Yukata Contest
  Open to all ages. Register on the day between 10am and 12pm.
  Prize for the winner!
  (Please come along wearing a yukata and sign up for the contest)

• Let’s dance Yosakoi!
  Workshop available.
  Registration opens on the day.

For the latest information regarding peak schools, please visit the following websites:

- www.jsg.org.au - The Japanese Society of Gold Coast

For further details, contact The Japanese Society of Gold Coast
Phone: 0755-65001 (Sat & Thur - 9am)
e-mail: info@jsg.org.au

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Goat Track Theatre

FREE TRIAL

If you could give your child the greatest gift in life, what would it be? Maybe you’d like to see them growing some more confidence, or some new friendships or even a new talent. Maybe you’d just like to see them having more fun! We are offering all of these things in our drama classes in your local area. Come along and experience them for yourself - the first lesson is FREE!

Goat Track Theatre is world-class drama education programme created by celebrated educators and industry professionals. And we are committed to “Growing Greatness” in every child we work with.

Our Goat Track Kids Classes are close to you. Our campuses are at Helensvale and Ormeau on Mondays, Tamborine Mountain and Southport on Wednesdays, and Robina on Fridays. We cater for students from Prep-Year 4 and Years 5-7.

And if you have older kids, our Fast Tack Youth Theatre Ensemble catering for high school aged students [Years 8-12] is at Helensvale on Tuesday and Tamborine on Thursday.

CALL NOW to book a FREE TRIAL on 0435 099 541 or 0755 45 4421

Or send us an email on info@goattracktheatreco.com / www.goattracktheatreco.com

“The boys have come home and said they had a brilliant time. The way you managed the group was compelling. Not many youth organisations seem to have the skill of being able to genuinely engage children and teens. Well done to the crew!” Sarah – Parent

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

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: www.wwme.org.au

Be A Parent Not A Pal

I would like to invite all parents to the free “Be a Parent Not a Pal” parent skilling evenings at St Michael’s College. Following is the flyer for your consideration.

Girls Soccer Academy
SOCCER X GIRLS ACADEMY

Soccer X Pty Ltd is pleased to inform you about our Girls Academy which will be starting during March 2014 at Broadbeach State School. We are inviting girls aged 6–11 years old to join our Academy with the view of creating a positive pathway for young female players to prepare them for competitive Soccer. The Academy will run for 20 weeks alongside the regular soccer season. The Academy is open to girls of all abilities aged 6-11 years old. For girls who are currently playing Club Soccer it is a great way for them to have some extra training and game time.

FORMAT
- Every Sunday 9 – 10.30am
- Players split into the following age groups: 6 & 7s, 8 & 9s and 10 & 11s
- Session Structure:
  - 45 minutes technical coaching lead by a professional coach
  - 45 minutes match-play, practice the skills/techniques they have been taught.
- They will also be guided through the game by coaches who will help improve their understanding of spatial awareness and basic tactics.
- Each month games will be organised against local Clubs to provide competition and give players experience in match situations

BENEFITS
- Creates a comfortable learning environment for girls to enjoy the game and enhance their skills
- Prepares players for the competitive age-groups
- Professional coaching will help increase player skill level, knowledge of the game and enjoyment

FREE OPEN DAY
Come along and get a taste of the programme on 2nd March at Broadbeach State School, 9am-10.30am. Bring a friend too!

START DATE: 23rd March
COST: $235 (inc GST)

Registration:
To register please visit www.soccer-x.com prior to 18th March.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Justyn on 0451 162346 or SoccerX.au@gmail.com

Registration fee covers all coaching fees and full playing strip