Hello to all in the St Brigid's community,

Term 1, Week 10

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent

‘Unbind him, let him go free” With these powerful words Jesus releases Lazarus from death. In John’s Gospel this week Jesus is proclaimed as the ‘resurrection and the life’.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel the Lord says: “I am going to open your graves…. and I shall put my Spirit in you” St Paul writes in the Second Reading “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies”

In our own lives we are unlikely to experience what Lazarus experienced. We all hope that we will be raised to eternal life once our mortal existence has ended. But we can experience an “Unbind him now, let him go free” experience now.

During this Lent what things prevent you from living life to the full, what is dead in your life. Let the Spirit dwelling in you unbind you and set you free, to live a full life as proclaimed by the resurrection and the life.

Easter vacation

This Friday will be the last school day before the Easter Vacation. Term 2 will commence on Tuesday April 22nd.

I hope all in our community are able to attend and participate in the Easter Triduum ceremonies commencing on Holy Thursday evening and up to and including the Easter Vigil ceremony on Easter Saturday evening. Please consult information below for the times of the various ceremonies to be conducted at St Brigid’s Parish.

What’s on over the coming week?

We will mark the end of Term One by celebrating Mass together on Friday, commencing at 9:15 am.

Assembly prayer this week was led by Year 4C. There will be no Assembly on Monday April 21 as it is Easter Monday and a public holiday.

The monthly School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2nd.

Year 3 participated in an excursion to Ngutana Lui on Monday March 31st. Ngutana Lui is Brisbane Catholic Education’s Indigenous Studies Centre located at Inala.
On Wednesday our Year 5 students will be guests at St Michael’s College to explore some of their facilities and educational opportunities on offer there.

We will be conducting a Free Dress Day on Thursday to raise funds for Caritas. Children may wear non uniform clothes on that day in return for a donation to go towards Caritas’ Project Compassion. Children still need to wear sun safe clothes (including hat) and enclosed footwear.

**SWPBS.**

This week we will be expanding on Rule #1: Respect for Property in the classroom. Topics covered and behaviours expected include; looking after one’s own equipment, sitting on chairs safely, keeping my space clean and tidy, packing up when finished, looking after school resources, using equipment correctly and returning it carefully.

**Prep Enrolments 2015**

We are currently conducting 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 2015 please submit an enrolment application and/or advise your friends or relatives to do so by the end of Term.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Over the next month class teachers will be offering parent/teacher interviews to report on children’s progress during Term 1. When the notice is provided to you I urge you to respond as requested and accept the invitation for a formal interview. Some interviews will be offered this term and some will be offered early next term.

**Parish News**

*Holy Week at St Brigid’s Catholic Parish Nerang*

**Palm Sunday**

Saturday 12th April

- Reconciliation (individual) 8.00 am
- Reconciliation (individual) 5.15 pm
- Mass with the blessing of the Palms 6.00 pm

Sunday 13th April

- Reconciliation (individual) 7.30 am
- Mass with blessing of the Palms 8.30 am
- Mass with blessing of the Palms 10.30 am St John’s Beechmont
Tuesday 15th April  Reconciliation (individual) 6.00 pm

Wednesday 16th April  Reconciliation (individual) 10.00 am
Reconciliation (individual) 6.00 pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday

17th April  Mass of the Lords Supper 7.00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 9.00 pm

Good Friday

18th April  Stations of the Cross 10.00 am
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion 3.00 pm

Easter Sunday

Saturday 19th April  Easter Vigil 6.30 pm
Sunday 20th April  Mass 8.30 am
Mass St John’s Beechmont 10.30 am

Please click here for this week’s Parish Newsletter

SECRETS OF SUCCESS ~ lessons from the past for the future. (tips from over 100 years ago, Part 2)

1. Everything good needs time. Don’t do work in a hurry. Go into details; it pays in every way. Time means power for your work. Mediocrity is always in a rush; but whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing with consideration. For genius is nothing more nor less than doing well what anyone can do badly.

2. Be orderly. Slatternly work is never good work. It is either affectation, or there is some radical defect in the intellect. I would distrust even the spiritual life of one whose methods and work were dirty, untidy, and without clearness and order.

3. I have had many letters from people who wanted all the rewards and honours but success is no accident. Success demands the whole heart, the whole intellect, and the whole time.

4. Don’t fail through defects of temper and over-sensitiveness at moments of trial. One of the great helps to success is to be cheerful; to go to work with a full sense of life; to be determined to put hindrances out of the way; to prevail over them and to get the mastery. Above all things else, be cheerful; there is no beatitude for the despairing.

Acknowledgement: British novelist Amelia E. Barr (1831-1919)
During Lent a small ‘house’ has been placed on the stage in the Hall. The house reminds us that not all children grow up in safe environments with all they need to grow, learn and live full lives. The money that we will collect from all of your Project Compassion boxes will be used by the Catholic organisation, Caritas, to help people access clean water, grow their own food, send their children to school and provide safe housing. Thank you for your support of this Lenten appeal. Please return your Project Compassion box by the end of the first week of next term.
Changes to Semester 1 Reports

Parents will notice a gradual change in what is represented on student reports over time at St Brigid’s. This is due to:

- The implementation of the Australian Curriculum which is specific to each school.
  - Teachers are planning, teaching & assessing in the areas of: The Arts & Geography in 2014 at St Brigid’s. Reporting on these areas will commence next Semester or in 2015.
- Changes to the Student Reporting System Template as directed by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE).

Any instances where parents require clarification of a student’s report we encourage a parent-teacher interview be arranged. During an interview the class teacher or specialist is able to provide further information on how a teacher judgement was attained.

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Based on the above tables you will notice many similarities and a few changes from one year to the next. More areas will appear on the report in compliance with St Brigid’s and Brisbane Catholic Educations (BCE) Australian Curriculum implementation timeline. Over time reporting areas will become more consistent across all BCE primary schools.

Your child’s report card is a snapshot of how they are achieving against the curriculum at one point in time. Class teachers can always provide a broader perspective on a student’s strengths, areas they have improved in and focus areas for the future when they meet with parents. I encourage all parents to book a time to see their child’s classroom teacher(s) in coming weeks for a Parent-Teacher Interview.

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

Year 7 Fun Day
This Thursday the Year 7s will be hosting a fun day. *It is free dress with a gold coin donation.* All the money raised will go to Caritas for their work in the Philippines so come on down this Thursday and join in some activities like handball target throwing, face painting and 3 legged races.

**PASTORAL CARE**

We are fast approaching the end of term and, naturally, looking forward to a break from the school routine.

As Michael Leunig writes:

‘God help us to live slowly;

To move simply;

To look softly;

To allow emptiness;

To let the heart create for us.’

Amen

Let us enter as fully as possible into the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

We proclaim: ‘Jesus is truly risen - Alleluia’

Sr Brigid Frawley

**GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR NEWS**

**The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee (a story)**

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 Hours in a day is not enough -- Remember... The mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

And the story goes...

When things in your life are almost too much to handle, when 24 hours is just not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar, and the coffee.....

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.
He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “YES”.

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

“Now,” said the professor, as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff. “If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children! Take time to get medical checkups. Take your wife/husband/lover/friend out to dinner. Maybe even play another 18. There is always time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and enquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there is always room for a couple cups of coffee with a friend.”

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.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Cilla Stent
Primary Guidance

LIBRARY NEWS
In library Mrs Vicki Daley and Mrs Lee Hile with the assistance of class room teachers conducted the Year 6 and 7 St Brigid’s Readers Cup.

Amongst fierce competition the high scoring ‘Five Pages’, was the winning 6B team with Bonnie, Kristine, Megan, Maddi & Emma.

The Year 6A winning team was The Hairy Unicorns with Levi, Leah, Montana & Kyra.

In the Year 7B Readers Cup, the champions were the Kitty Twisters team; comprising of Annika, Lauren, Eliza, Cyndi & Mel.

The 7A winning Team was the Chimey Chongers with Ken, Andrew, Kaylah, Cody, Chloe.

Next term the grand finals will be held between these 4 winning teams to find the winner Year 6/7 champs.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

St Brigid’s will hold their annual CHARACTER PARADE on Friday 9th May.

Use the school holidays to start sharing ideas with your children about what book characters they could dress up as…. (NOT television or movie characters). Please do not buy costumes, have fun together making them from old dress ups, cardboard, string, cotton wool, paint, foil, plastic, etc make it ‘SIMPLE but CREATIVE’. Some character ideas may be; Pinnochio, Mrs Wishy Washy, Cat in a Hat, Rainbow Fish, Little Miss Muffet, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Jonathan Jones and the Very Long Nose, Harry Highpants, Little Farmer Joe, I Wish I had a Pirate Suit, a python…Never Keep a Python as a Pet, Window, Rapunzel, Puss in Boots or any non-fiction books – space ship, map from an atlas, recipe from a recipe book
Please assist your child in getting into the habit of returning library books every week and developing a routine of daily reading.

**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 to those children who will celebrate their birthdays this week and over the school holidays:


**S.W.P.B.S**
Robo's Rule of the Week

Classroom - Respect for Property

Robo Awards


MUSIC NOTES

Singing Club
Singing Club will lead the singing at our end of term Mass on Friday 4th April. 9.15am.

Our last rehearsal will be this Thursday, 8am, in preparation.

Words to the new hymns can be accessed via the parent portal if students wish to review them.

Thank you to all members for your hard work and beautiful singing this term - there have been positive comments about our singing. To parents, thank you for making the effort to bring your child along each week.

Musicorp Update

Lessons for new students will commence in term 2. Last minute notes are still being accepted and passed onto Adam Owens (teacher) each week.

Once notes are received at head office, you will be contacted to confirm placement.

All instruments will be available from commencement of term 2.

Lessons will commence in Term 2 - you will receive a text or email.

An information evening will held in Term 2 - date to be confirmed

Parents, thank you again for your support. I am excited about the program and looking forward to seeing and hearing it grow in 2014 and beyond.

Easter

Blessings to each family for the Easter season. I hope you find the opportunity to take part in our Holy Week celebrations at St Brigid’s Parish. We are always keen for musicians and singers to join the choir!

Enjoy the holidays.

Mrs Sandstrom

MR GUDGEON'S SPORTS REPORT

Cross Country
St Brigid's Cross Country Carnival for Prep - 7 will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2014. Closely followed by the District and Catholic Cross Country Carnivals.

Training for this year's carnivals will begin at the start of term 2. All Students are welcome to join us for training and we encourage parents to lace up the joggers and join their children in improving their aerobic fitness and overall health.

**Training will be on Wednesday mornings beginning on Wednesday 23rd April.**

**Training starts at 7:50am.**

Look forward to seeing you all there.

**Nippers Age Champions**
Congratulations to Sam and Tayah who were named this season's Age Champions for the Miami Nippers SLSC.

Simon Gudgeon
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

**HISTORY COMMITTEE**

In light of ANZAC Day fast approaching, we would like to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. At morning assemblies in Week One, Term Two, we will highlight this year’s
key messages of ANZAC Day, 2014. These are ‘Honouring’, ‘Remembering’, ‘Thanking’ and ‘Renewing’. You are welcome to join us during this time.

Thank you,

The History Committee

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

Dates to Remember

- Mother's Day Stall - Tuesday 06 May
- Disco all grades - Friday 23 May
- Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 02 September
- Parent Trivia Night - Friday 12 September
- Race Day - Saturday 25 October

Raffle Winner - 1st Prize

Reilly F - 1B
Thank you to all the children/families that donated items to our Annual Easter Raffle. With your generous donations we were able to have 5 major winners and a further 52 winners. For the full list of winners please refer to the list. The winner of the $20 gift voucher was won by Georgia Fahey. We wish you all a safe Easter break.

Raffle Winners listed here

Melanie Keegan
P&F President

TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop will be open Wed - Fri this week.

It will also be open on Wed 23 and Thu 24 April.

I would like to thank all of the helpers who have generously given their time over the term. Without your help the tuckshop wouldn’t be able to run as smoothly as it does. Thank you and hope you have a lovely break.

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

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**

**CLASS NEWS**

**Prep News**

Welcome to the last week of a very busy first term. The children have experienced so much throughout their first ten weeks of school.
The letters we have learnt are s, a, t, i, p, n. The children should now know the name of each letter, the sound it makes and a word that may start with each letter. We have exposed the children to the numbers 0-8, recognising these numbers, writing these numbers and counting using one to one correspondence.

In Religion we have learnt about the meaning of prayer and the children have been given the opportunity to say meaningful personal prayers. We followed the Journey of the Cross through the sacred text, the Bible. Throughout the term, the “Cross” has been a main focus in our rooms.

We have been discussing, “Living things have basic needs” in our Science program. We have grown hairy caterpillars and have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly.

We hope you all have a restful holiday with your little ones. Enjoy your time with them and we wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

Year 1 News

This term Grade One has been looking at a history unit called ‘Human Life Cycles’. The unit considers how we change from being a baby, to toddler, child, adolescent, adult and elderly. It is part of our history focus about how things, in particular families change over time. We consider things from the past and present in the History Curriculum and note changes that occur in our lives.

If your child brings a photocopied booklet home or a completed scrap book, please have a look and keep this completed work at home. If you notice your child’s work is not marked then the most likely scenario is that your child did not hand the book up for marking. Teachers like to mark work after completion to provide young children with immediate feedback to make the task a more valuable learning experience.

The Easter break is a good time for parents to make appointments for Vision check-ups and a Hearing test/check-up as required. Grade One Teachers wish all parents and children a very happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Year 2 News

Year Two enjoyed their incursion on Monday where they visited the Fire Safety House. The children were taught fire safety information by Fireman Graham and Blaze the firefighting koala. Please encourage your child to discuss the following information with you.

- 3 Emergency services (Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade)
- Emergency Number – 000
- Keep pan handles away from the edge of the stove.
- Do not put anything in the toaster except bread/crumpet.
- Burns – run cold water over the burn for 20 minutes
- If you are in a room full of smoke you, “Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go!”
- If your clothes are on fire, “Stop, Drop and Roll.
- Make sure you have smoke alarms that work.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year on a special date. Eg. 1st April.

  (Don’t be an April fool, Change smoke alarm batteries on the 1st April.)

- Know your address and phone number.

- As a family, devise a “Fire Escape Plan” including a meeting place at the letter box. (A sheet was sent home this week to devise your Fire Escape Plan. Children are to bring these in next term to share with the class for Show and Tell.

Please return all Caritas money boxes to be sent away to help those in need.

Notes indicating Parent/Teacher interview times have been sent home. If you have not received yours please contact your child’s teacher.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a great term. Enjoy the holidays with your child/ren. Have fun, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Happy Holidays!!

Year Two teachers

Year 3 News

On Monday the Year Three students travelled to Ngutana-Lui in Brisbane. The purpose of this visit was to increase the students’ awareness, knowledge, understanding and respect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their culture.

The students were highly engaged in the many activities which ran throughout the day. The History excursion helped cap off our study into “Who was here first and how do we know?” A big thank you to Vicki Temple, Akenese Pennings, Kylie Brown and Tammy Fielding who assisted us.

Thank you again to all of the Year Three students and their families for going out of their way to bake a sweet treat to sell at the cake stall. It was heart-warming to see so many enthusiastic, self-less children acting out their mission and doing something to help improve the lives of others. Year Three would also like to sincerely thank all of the children at St. Brigid’s who purchased a treat. We look forward to finding out and sharing with you just how much money was raised for the schools in Fiji!

We would like to remind parents that aside from the school newsletter, the Parent Portal is a great way for you to keep up to date with current events and notices regarding your child. The teachers will continue to upload important information using this online communication tool, so please remember that it is there to keep you in the loop.
Lastly, we hope that all of the students and their families have a happy and safe break over the Easter holidays. We hope that all of the boys and girls have been doing their best to keep their Lenten promises and that they will continue to do so over the Easter holidays. Year Three have learnt such valuable messages from the Gospel stories about Jesus and how he treated others. Let us remember those messages in our daily interactions with others.

Please don't forget that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 2, Term 2.

Year 4 News

We have arrived at the last week of Term One in what seems like such a short time, it is hard to believe it is already here. This will be a busy week for Year 4 with units of work and their assessments being finalised, along with working on Easter activities before the holidays begin. All the excitement of the holidays will mean that we will need to work on keeping the students focussed on their work, and not on the upcoming break.

During the last week we will need to remember to use kind words with each other as sometimes people forget their manners after a long term of hard work.

Don't forget parent interviews are on this week. If you find you are unable to attend, please let your child’s teacher know, especially if you are the last appointment of the day.

We will be finishing off the term with a mass on Friday April 4th at 9.15 am. Please have a safe and happy Easter break.

Year 4 Teachers.

Year 5 News

This week, Wednesday 2nd April, will see all the Year 5 students visit St Michael's Secondary College as a prelude to what can be expected when the students attend High School in some 18 months time. The time remaining for these students in Primary School will be over very quickly and to allow the transition to Secondary School to be as smooth and stress free as possible, the students will complete three (3) sessions in a Secondary School classroom performing activities that will confront them when they attend high school. The children have chosen three (3) activities from the following list; Physical Education, Science, Technology - Woodwork, ICT - Computers and Food Technology - Hospitality. We look forward to an exciting and challenging day for the Year 5 cohort.

A few reminders for this week. The following assessment items are due to be handed in this week - History Timeline, Mathematics Data Investigation, Fantasy Story and Religion assessments. A busy week lies ahead for many students and this period will require a great deal of commitment to complete these tasks on time. Inter-school sport is scheduled for this Friday (the last day of Term 1), weather permitting, so please ensure that this is considered before any decisions are made in relation to student absences.

Miss Hall, Mrs Leeson and Mr Grehan wish all students and their families a safe and happy Easter holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back safe and healthy for Term 2. Hope you have all been good and the Easter Bunny finds you, wherever you are during the Easter period.

Year 6 News
In Year 6 this week the students have been finishing off their research on an Asian migrant group and have begun writing up their information report. In history we watched the movie, “Rabbit-Proof Fence”. The students were appalled at how our Indigenous families were treated and how the decisions that we take for granted were denied to these people.

This week also saw our semi-final of our Reader’s Cup. The winning teams were, “The Five Pages” from 6B and “The Hairy Unicorns” from 6A. Congratulations to those teams, they will be competing against the Year 7 teams next week.
Year 7 News

Already we have reached the end of term 1. Congratulations to every student who has shown a significant change in their approach to learning. This term has been one filled with challenge, persistence and perseverance and we have set the standard for the remainder of the year.

On Thursday the 3rd April Year 7 will be holding a Fun Day to raise awareness for Caritas. This event will include face painting, skipping as well as three legged races. Everyone is encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to assist in raising awareness for this wonderful cause.

On behalf of the year 7 teachers, we wish you a safe holiday and an enjoyable Easter with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in term 2.

Year 7 Teachers

Jamie Weinert

Clare Wilson

Karen Petherick
OSHC

OSHC - School Holiday Programme

Please click here for further details.

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.

Have you lost a Tax Invoice/Statement book for your carpet cleaning business? A book was found in the school carpark - please contact the office if you think this may belong to you.

Parent Portal Access

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.

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

Aquinas College News

This year Aquinas College celebrates 50 years of providing Quality Catholic Education. Various events will be held throughout the year to mark this anniversary. Please click on the following links for further information.

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St Michael's Open Day

Come and see what St Michael's has to offer - click here for details.

Easter School Holiday Sailing Camp

From Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th April, 2014 Southport Yacht Club will hold our annual Easter School Holiday Sailing Camp, from 9am to 3pm each day.

Under close supervision, children will have the opportunity to learn to sail in the sheltered waters of the Broadwater at our Club’s Hollywell Sail Training Facility, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell. Morning tea, lunch and laughter will be provided!

Please click here for further details.

Botanic Quest For Kids

Dare to Discover!

Come to the Botanic Gardens to enjoy fun-filled activities of Botanica Quest!

Join the adventure of Botanica Quest in the school holidays.

Follow the map, interact with nature while exploring the Botanic Gardens using your senses, solve the quests and collect your treasure! Suitable for 4 to 12 years.

FRIDAY 11 April  2 Sessions 9AM AND 10AM

$5 per child. Bookings essential Ph 0449 561 674

Don’t forget to bring a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and wear enclosed shoes.

Meet on the verandah of the Friends Centre in the Mangroves to Mountains area of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, Ashmore Road, Benowa.

This event proudly coordinated by the Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.

Engaging Adolescents – skills for resolving older children's and teenagers’ challenging behaviour - parenting course.
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