23 August 2012

Principal’s Report

Helping kids get smarter…

Self-evaluation is a metacognitive skill. Self-evaluation is about being able to check your work before giving it to a teacher. But what would you check your work for? In all classrooms we use “Criteria for Success” charts. These charts may have different names in each classroom and they may look different in each classroom but they serve the same purpose. The charts are there to let students know what they need to do to be successful.

“Criteria for Success” charts indicate what you need to do to be successful. The charts then act as a guide for students – they can easily check if they are doing what they need to do to be successful.

An interesting fact is that 80% of the feedback students get is from other students and 80% of that feedback is wrong! By having and using “Criteria of Success” charts in classrooms students are directed to give the right feedback to each other – because they don’t have to guess it’s written there for them!

So at home – let’s say your kids don’t clean up when you want them to, here’s a tip. Clean up yourself and take a photo of what that ‘cleaned up looks like.’ When you want the kids to clean up, bring out the photo and show them what success looks like! Alternatively get a maid!

John Parkinson | Principal

“We don’t come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others.

Acting APRE News

Community Mass

It was great to see so many people at the Community Mass on Sunday. The school’s participation in the Entrance Procession, including staff and students, provided the school an opportunity to show that we are one community. The ‘Year of Grace’ Community-focused canvases were an impressive touch. Thank you to all the staff and students for this contribution.

Prayer for the Year of Grace

Gracious God, you have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people. We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ. You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives. Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St. Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Welcome back Fr John

Fr John has returned from holidays. We hope you enjoyed your break. We are all looking forward to being able to celebrate class liturgies, masses and reconciliations with you throughout the rest of the year. Family and friends are always most welcome to attend these celebrations. Please refer to ‘This week’s happenings’ for times and places.

Feast of the Queenship of Mary

On 22nd August we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. On this day we honour Mary as mother and queen of creation. This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth. We pray for healing of the world through the intercession of Mary.

Have a great week! Bernadette
Curriculum News

Flying Eggs in SPA

**Learning Intention** – how to protect a fragile object (egg) from being damaged when dropped from a height of 4m

**Criteria for Success**
Design a device that could hold an egg in place and protect it from a fall

1. Drop the device from a height of 4m
2. Check to see if the egg was damaged or not

**Results**
Approximately 10 devices were able to protect the egg and prevent it from breaking. Most of the devices, unfortunately, were not protective enough. Some eggs survived a second drop which was thrown with a force (as a variable).

**Comments**
The activity was really fun. It was actually quite nerve-wracking because we didn’t know whether our devices would protect the egg properly or not.

Jackson Rouaen and Tahlia Nazim

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**Awards:**

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**Around the classrooms:**

**Prep Enuba**
We have been preparing for our assembly on Monday. It is at 1.45pm and families are welcome to come and watch. We have been practising counting to and from 50. We have been working very hard on our sightwords and have begun practising with readers.

**Prep Ariba**
We have begun to create and also illustrate our own stories. We have been practising writing our numbers.

**1 Enuba**
In 1A we are beginning our Maths investigation on subtraction and addition. We are also continuing our retelling of Aboriginal stories.

**1 Ariba**
We have been learning our subtraction facts in Maths. In science, we have been learning about temperature and we did some ‘cloud’ art. We have also read the creation story in Religion and retold it with pictures.

**2 Enuba**
We are learning about telling time on a clock – quarter past, quarter to, as well as 5 minute intervals. We are looking at different countries that were in the Olympics and seeing if they participate in the Paralympic games.

**2 Ariba**
We are researching a country and writing reports. In Maths we are learning about time and measurement.

**3 Enuba**
We have been investigating photos about Brisbane in the past and comparing them to present day. We have finished reading ‘James and the Giant Peach’. We continue to work on our personal narratives and investigations of Chance and Data.

**3 Ariba**

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**P&F News**

The next P&F Meeting will be held on 30th October 2012.

**The Next Big Event:** *Chipmunks Playland & Café* Friday 7th September 2012 Time: 5.30pm to 730pm. Cost: Entry is Free for St Flannan’s Children, Siblings are $5.00. Forms available from the school office to be returned by Friday 24th August 2012.

**More Information for Parents/Carers**

**Father’s Day Stall:** Wednesday 29th August 2012 Gifts from $2.00 - $6.00. *Time to Celebrate your Dad’s special Day!*
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This week’s happenings:

| Friday 24th August | 2 Ariba Liturgy 9am in the classroom |
| Monday 27th August | Prep Ariba Assembly Prayer Leaders @ 1.45pm |
| Monday 27th August | Dance Fever Prep – Yr 7 |
| Wednesday 29th August | Father’s Day Stall |
| Thursday 30th August | 3 Ariba Reconciliation 9.30am in the classrooms |
| Friday 31st August | 6/7 Ariba Mass 9am in the Church |

Coming Events:

| Monday 3rd September | 6/7 Ariba Assembly Prayer Leaders @ 1.45pm |
| Monday 3rd September | Dance Fever Prep – Yr 7 |
| Thursday 6th September | 4/5 Enuba Reconciliation 9.30am in the classrooms |
| Sunday 9th September | Dance Fever Challenge at Chandler Sports Centre commencing at 11.00am |
| Monday 10th September | 3 Ariba Assembly Prayer Leaders @ 1.45pm |
| Monday 10th September | Dance Fever Prep – Yr 7 – Prep – Year 3 Parents can come and watch their children dance today. Times are Prep @ 8.40am – 9.10am, Year 1 @ 9.10am -9.40am, and Year 2 and 3 @ 9.40am – 10.40am |

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