7 February 2013

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back from what I hope was a happy and Holy Christmas for you all. Thank you for the extremely warm welcome that I have received from staff, parents and 294 smiling children.

I would like to Recognise three new staff members to St Flannan’s. Miss Ashleigh Cheyne will be teaching Yr 4, Mr Kevin Wood is our HPE teacher for Semester 1 and Joy Dever will be with us one day a week as a Support Teacher. Please make them feel welcome as we Unite in this community.

It is also with great sadness that we inform the community that Anne-Maree Gibson, our Music teacher, lost her husband to cancer last week. Please keep David and Anne-Maree and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

I would also like to formally welcome all our new families and students from Prep through to Year 7. You are extremely privileged to be in such a Nurturing and Encouraging school.

A big congratulations to Miss Lauren Rogers who became engaged over the holiday break. We wish her all the best as she prepares to enter into the sacrament of marriage.

Another important piece of staff news for this year is that Mrs Bernadette Wright will be leaving St Flannan’s in April, temporarily, as her husband takes up a new position with his company in France. I wish them all the best for this wonderful opportunity and we eagerly await her return. A replacement for Bernadette will be finalised before the end of the term, ready for a Term 2 start.

For four days before students returned all staff participated in Professional Development that covered a range of Curriculum areas including English, Maths, Science and History. I was extremely impressed with the professional and collaborative culture that was evident. Parents of St Flannan’s should feel extremely confident that their children are in the right hands.

An extremely important part of developing a strong relationship between parents and the school is the Parent / Teacher Night. The date for these meetings is Wednesday February 13 at 6pm starting in the Undercover Area with a short Principal’s Address. Following this, each class will present two thirty minute sessions (approx 6.15 – 6.45pm and 6.45 - 7.15pm) providing Empowering information about your child’s year at St Flannan’s. I would ask that you please attend this event so that you can get to know our wonderful teachers and develop an understanding of the incredible teaching and learning they provide for your children.

I would like to make special mention of the P&F who over the holidays worked tirelessly, along with our groundsman Jason, to make the school grounds even more beautiful. They laid the lush new grass in the Prep playground, planted many trees and plants in to new gardens and also curbed extensive garden edges. Their commitment to the community is to be commended. Anyone interested in helping out throughout the year in any way or joining the P&F, please come along to the first P&F meeting on 12 Feb at 7pm in the school library.

This term all students will be travelling to Nudgee College for swimming lessons on Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure that your children come to school with the necessary equipment (swimming cap, towel, sunscreen, goggles). Swimming is an extremely important part of our Health and Physical Education program and also an essential skill for people who live on this island, Australia. There will be a school Swimming Carnival for Years 3 – 7 (and Year 2 students turning 8 this year) on March 1 at Zillmere State School. Parents are most welcome to come along.

As we start the year and find our routines, I remind parents that student supervision on the school grounds begins at 8.20am each morning. Children should not be left unattended prior to this time. If you require morning supervision please see the office for before school care options.

This week marks the first preparations for Flarana Fair with the first of the ‘Bring Weeks’. Your commitment to these weeks helps to support the fair and make it a great success both socially and financially. Please keep an eye out for notices coming home so that you can join in this worthwhile event.

I look forward to this busy semester ahead and getting to know the people from this wonderful community.

Paul Mitchell | Principal

APRE News

Welcome to 2013 at St Flannan’s Catholic Parish Primary School. It is great to see families return and all the new faces in
our great community. I hope you enjoy your year and take every opportunity to join us in our religious celebrations.

### Liturgical Calendar

We have a busy Liturgical Calendar this term. We will start with a special **Whole School Liturgy** in the Church on Monday, 11th February at 1.50pm to present the Year 7 badges to our Year 7 Leaders and welcome all new families to our school community.

We will then return to the Church for **Ash Wednesday** next Wednesday, 13th February at 9am. All students will attend the Parish Mass to mark the beginning of Lent. We hope to see you at these important celebrations with us.

### Project Compassion 2013

Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent. Starting on Wednesday 13 February (Ash Wednesday) 2013, Caritas are asking people across Australia to help them to raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every day.

Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: "Open doors into the future" which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 encyclical Spe Salvi, 35, "We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future".

This year’s Project Compassion stories are about children, young people and the communities who support them. Caritas Australia’s partners around the world are helping to open doors into education, sustainable livelihoods and supportive environments. As a result, more young people now have hope for the future.

In 2013, we are sharing stories from people in Mozambique, Bolivia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indigenous Australia and Papua New Guinea. Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how your contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.

Over the coming weeks we will look at stories of Ditosa, Raymundo, Salma, Vannak, Bernard and Rolien and learn about how their lives have been changed by our support of Caritas Australia’s development programs. Project Compassion boxes will also be given out next week so your generosity towards this appeal will be appreciated over the time leading up to Easter.

Have a wonderful next couple of weeks. I hope to see you at the special liturgy on Monday or at the Mass on Wednesday or at one of the class liturgies.

### Prayers Please

Please take a moment to recite this prayer for David, Ann-Maree Gibson's husband, as he enters the fullness of heaven...

**Eternal Rest**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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We also offer this prayer for Anne-Maree and David’s family so that they have the strength to cope during this very difficult time.

**For Strength**

Eternal God, source of hope, out of my distress I call upon you. Help me sense your presence at this difficult time. Grant me patience when the day seems long. Give me courage when I am hurt or disappointed. Keep me trustful in your love. Give me strength for today, and hope for tomorrow. To your loving hands I commit my spirit. When asleep and when awake, you are with me; I shall not fear.

**Amen.**

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### Bernadette Wright

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**St Flannan’s Parish Details:**

Fr. John Klinko 194 Handford Road Zillmere Qld 4034 (w) 07 3265 3977 (07) 3265 3903 (f) 07 3265 7074 Parish Office Hours: 9.00am -3.00pm Tue – Fri. Email: stflannans@bne.catholic.net.au Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

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### Around the classrooms:

| Prep Ariba | We are all settling in beautifully and getting to know each other. We are learning about counting to ten and classifying. We are reading lots of books and exploring concepts of print. We have learnt about prayer and talking about who Jesus is. |
| Prep Enuba | We have been settling into school life and routines. We have been showing each other respect and getting to know each other. We have been learning about Jesus, prayer and have learnt sounds s, a, t and l. |
| 1 Ariba | In 1A the children have been learning how things happen in the classroom. They have been counting and reviewing their vowel sounds. In swimming, they successfully dressed and undressed and looked after their belongings by following a pattern. |
| 1 Enuba | We have been counting to 30. We have been talking about our families and learning about Jesus. |
| 2 Ariba | We have been learning how to do rainbow writing with our spelling words and using the Smart Board with Bite Size games website. |
| 2 Enuba | We have been learning about the author and illustrator ‘Bob Graham’. We have started to learn |
how to do dictation. Our favourite activity is counting to music.

3 Ariba
We have started to find out all about our St Flannan’s parish. We have also been learning facts about numbers. We have many valuable members in our community.

3 Enuba
We welcome two new students – Dante and Grace. This week we have started working on our routines, maths mentals and writing skills.

4 Ariba
We have started writing our own narratives and in Maths we are working on ml & l. We just started our new science unit all about the earth’s surface. We also welcome Sneha to our class.

4 Enuba
We have been learning about the structure of a narrative and have started to create our own. We have started to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

5 Ariba
We have been learning about why people are unique. We have also been doing some basic Maths problems.

6/7 Ariba
This week we welcome our pet fish ‘Magenta’. This week we have been doing our spelling lists and lots of Maths.

6/7 Enuba
We have been doing Numbers in Maths and persuasive Advertising.

Empower
in a spirit of gentleness,

Flarana Fair
‘BRING WEEK’ is an integral part of the FLARANA FAIR preparations. All families and friends of the Parish and School are encouraged to donate particular items each week over a series of weeks.

Our first BRING WEEK – WHITE SUGAR begins on Monday, 4th February and finishes on Friday, 8th February.

Our second BRING WEEK – GIFTS begins on Monday, 11th February and finishes on Friday, 15th February.

These items are used in the creation of items for sale at the Fair. This community effort is extremely important in making FLARANA FAIR a success.

As an added incentive, a reward is being offered to the two classes who bring in the most items over the ‘Bring Week’ period (8 weeks). All items are tallied and the two classes bringing in the most items win a PIZZA PARTY – one class from Prep-Year 2 and one class from Year 3-7 will win a party. Please bring the items to the classroom to be tallied then all items will be taken to the Parish Office for storage.

Bring Week Schedule

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<td>11th – 15th Feb</td>
<td>Gifts</td>
<td>Gift vouchers, mugs, glassware, servingware, soaps (gift packs), candles, beauty products, photo frames, toys, unwanted Christmas gifts. All gifts must be new and unused.</td>
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<td>18th – 22nd Feb</td>
<td>Bottles</td>
<td>Softdrink, juice, condiments, jam, spreads, filled jars with chocolates/lollies. USE</td>
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**School Banking**

Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! Don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. This year’s rewards are: handball, wallet, knuckle game, torch, ear buds and calculator. Look out for the new redemption card which will be coming home soon.

**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop will be open each Thursday morning 8.00am – 9.30am.

**Uniform Shop Contract Details** Contact: Joy Ph. 0419 672 971 Email. info@ljpparel.com.au

**Circus Classes**

Claire’s Circus School offers circus classes for children in grades 1-7 at St Flannan’s School Hall from 7:30-8:30am on Monday mornings starting on the 18th of Feb. The 6 week term fee is $60. Email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or call 0439 532 299 for further information.

**Swimming Carnival**

Swimming Carnival is now on **1ST MARCH 2013** at Zillmere State School. Permission notes will be sent home this week for Years 3 – 7 (and some 8 year old Year 2 students)

**Parents/Carers** - If you could volunteer some of your time helping out at the Swimming Carnival please let the school office know.

**Tennis News**

Term 1 Tennis Coaching commenced this week. The Tennis enrolment forms have been handed out. Please phone Wayne to book your child into the classes. We teach pupils from Prep to Grade 7. All tennis enquiries to Wayne on 0438195723.

**DJJ Performing Arts News**

Is your child looking for a new fun, creative and rewarding activity in 2013? DJJ Performing Arts provides instrumental music tuition to students at St Flannan’s with group lessons starting at only $15.95 per weekly half hour lesson. Let your child discover the joys of music, starting with a **free, no-obligation first trial** lesson. Contact DDJ on 1300 335 335 for more information, or pick up an information flyer from your school administration office.

**Tuckshop News:**

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<td>Ingredients</td>
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<td>Gold Coin for Free Dress</td>
<td>To help purchase needed items for the Fair.</td>
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<td>Grocery items</td>
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<td>18th-22nd Mar</td>
<td>Multipacks of chips, chocolates, lollies, water ice blocks</td>
<td>Chips, popcorn, chocolate, lollies (Chuppa Chups/Lollipops, Natural confectionary multipacks, Zooper Doopers. USE BY date after 11th May, 2013.</td>
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<td>PIZZA PARTY</td>
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Your generosity, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

The next Flarana Fair Meeting is on **MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2013** in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm. Your attendance is most welcome and encouraged.

**Disability Parking & Drop Off Zone**

WE NEED YOUR CO-OPERATION... We have a family in our community who requires the daily use of the Disabled Parking spot in our Carpark near the front school entrance. It would be greatly appreciated if you leave this parking spot vacant each day so that it can be used to support this family and their need.

**DROP-OFF ZONE**

Please remember that the drop-off zone next to the Prep fence line is a place for DROP-OFF ONLY. It IS NOT A PARKING ZONE. Particularly on a Monday and Tuesday morning this becomes an issue when the Nudgee bus needs to come in to pick up our students for their swimming lessons. Please be considerate of this request to ensure all members of our community remain safe.
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