Principal’s Report

APRE APPOINTED

On behalf of the Executive Director, the community of St Flannan’s School Zillmere is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernadette Wright to the position of Assistant Principal – Religious Education from the commencement of the 2013 school year.

Bernadette has been Acting Assistant Principal - Religious Education at St Flannan’s since the commencement of the 2011 school year. Bernadette holds a Bachelor of Education, Graduate Certificates in Educational Leadership and Education Studies, and is currently completing her Masters of Religious Education.

We would also like to acknowledge the significant contribution of Kelli Phillips, our former Assistant Principal-Religious Education. Kelli is currently the Assistant Principal at All Saints Primary School Albany Creek. We wish her well.

We congratulate Bernadette on her appointment.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

At present the Australian Curriculum is made up of the English curriculum, Mathematics curriculum, History and Science curriculum. In the future more curriculum areas will be available for teachers like Geography curriculum, Arts curriculum, Health and Physical Education Curriculum and the Religious Education Curriculum.

Each curriculum area is divided into smaller areas. For example Mathematics is divided into 3 main areas: Number & Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Each of these areas is further divided into smaller teaching areas.

Our job at school is to maximise your child’s access to the Australian Curriculum. This means to maximise your child’s access to things like: Number and Algebra – place value; or Language, Literature and Literacy; or Science Understanding like biological sciences; or Historical Skills like chronology.

Your child’s access to the Australian Curriculum is maximised by two things: your child and the teacher. Your child has a 50% influence on their achievement.

- The emotional state of the child will affect their access to the curriculum and thus their achievement. Grief, loss, abuse, neglect trauma, happiness, contentment, love, excitement all affect a student’s emotional state. The better – more positive the emotional state, the more influence we can have to access your child to the curriculum.
- The physical state of the child will affect their access to the curriculum and thus their achievement. Tired, run down, dishevelled, dressed in school uniform, nutritionally feed, watered all affect a student’s physical state. The better – more positive the physical state, the more influence we can have to access your child to the curriculum.

In short here are some things you can do:

- Keep all soft drinks, cordial etc. for the weekends – give your kids water for school.
- Keep all treats like high processed foods, lollies, sweet biscuits etc. for weekends and give your kids healthier alternatives in their lunch boxes. (see http://www.kidsdot.com.au/ Education-School-Life-10-top-lunchbox-ideas+373+58+article.html)
- Deal with home issues away from children. No matter what you think they are always listening and pick up everything. Sometimes what they pick up from adults is not right. This confuses children and has disastrous effects on their learning.
- Read with kids every night.

It is not enough just to want your kids to achieve. Parents and carers actually have to do something about it.

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

Year 2 Ariba Liturgy

It was a privilege to attend the Year 2 Ariba liturgy in their classroom on Friday 24 August. Thank you to 2 Enuba and the many family members who were able to attend and join the celebration lead by Fr John. The prayers were focussed upon the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, celebrated on 22 August, 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) when Mary was taken up into glory and became queen of heaven and earth. Jordin Fidler and Aaron Saji read the following prayers to Mary, as the Reflection.

Listen to my prayer, Mary.

Mary, you have always listened to the prayers of anyone who asked for your help. You gladly give your help to anyone who prays to you. I turn to you in all my troubles, big and small. I know you will never say no to me because you are my good mother.

Mary, A Special Person.

Mary, you are special, you are wonderful. You did something no one else could do - you brought us Jesus. I think of you as a woman of great faith and a lovely mother. I feel that you are always with us.

Mary, help me to have great faith like you. Help me to believe in Jesus more than I do now. Help me to be a better person in what I do. Help me to be kind to others. Mary, thank you for doing what God asked you to do. Thank you for loving me and everyone.

I also enjoyed celebrating Mass with SPAriba last Friday. Abbey Stanton and Amelia Drake worked well together to prepare the celebration which focused upon our Mission as God’s Children. The introduction, read by Amelia, provided a very clear message to encourage us to be like Jesus and mission to the world. “Our baptism recognises us as part of God’s family and calls us into the mission of the Church. It is our mission to continue the work of...
Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This mission centres on the values of peace, justice, forgiveness and love.”

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

This week is National Child Protection Week. It showcases how communities, organisations, adults and children are playing their part in building resilience through frontline child abuse prevention programs. Everyone can play a part to protect and care for children and young people in our community:

**YOUNG PEOPLE** – be a positive influence on younger people and stand up for young people if they need support.

**DOCTORS** – be informed of the links between abuse, early intervention and prevention of abuse and be accessible and supportive of families who may need assistance.

**SHOP KEEPERS** – provide family friendly working environments and display community announcements and events.

**NEIGHBOURS** – support and help each other and work towards a safe and inclusive neighbourhood.

**BOYFRIENDS** – be good role models who treat people with respect.

**POLITICIANS** – promote child protection as a community responsibility and endorse family friendly policies.

**AUNTS AND UNCLEs** – encourage families to spend time together and strengthen family connections.

**LOCAL COUNCILS** – provide family events and activities that are free and create opportunities for young people to engage in community life.

**TEACHERS** – build relationships with students and show that you respect and value them.

**YOUTH WORKERS** – support young people to participate in their community and advocate for their best interests.

**GRANDPARENTS** – care and nurture families and provide support, reassurance and love.

**BUSINESSES** – support family friendly working environments and partner with local community organisations.

**MEDIA** – promote child abuse prevention and take action to change negative stereotypes.

**RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES** – support families and promote children and young people’s health and well-being.

**GIRLFRIENDS** – be good role models and treat people with respect.

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS** – be supportive, caring and look out for each other.

**COMMUNITY WORKERS** – support carers and parents and role model how to have respectful relationships.

**FRIENDS** – look out and be there for each other.

**CARERS** – provide young people with a safe space in which they can thrive and grow.

**POLICE** – be approachable and educate our children and young people on how to be safe.

**PARENTS** – provide loving and supportive environments and show how to have respectful relationships.

Resources and Fact Sheets about how to ‘Play Your Part’ can be accessed through the NAPCAN – Preventing Child Abuse website.

**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

I hope all fathers and father figures in our St Flannan’s community enjoyed a special day with their loved ones last Sunday.

“Compassionate God, pour out your blessings upon all who make our families places of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Have a great week! Bernadette

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**Curriculum News**

**Languages Teaching and Learning Expo**

On Tuesday, 21st August, Marianne Lucas (our LOTE – Japanese Teacher) presented at the BCE Languages Teaching and Learning Expo. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic LOTE teacher, focussed on providing teaching and learning experiences that maximise the engagement of students. The following is an explanation of what Sensei Lucas presented at the Languages Teaching and Learning Expo.

Sensei Lucas: Just recently I had the rewarding task of highlighting the amazing work the students at St Flannan’s have created in our LOTE lessons as I presented at the Languages Expo which was held at the O’Shea Centre, Wilston in August. I am so proud of their efforts using the new mini notebooks, iPads and easy-speak microphones to create digital learning objects. These were purchased as part of the Grant I received to enhance language learning using new technologies. Here are some of the comments from the students:

“Learning Japanese and using digital technologies is the perfect mix because it is so much fun.” Students in SPA

“We learnt how to create a digital picture on PAINT, and then wrote a shape poem in HIRIGANA.” Harrison and Jonathan in 4/5A


**DANCE FEVER**

Many of the Year 4-7 students are participating in the Dance Fever Challenge at Chandler Sports Centre on Sunday, commencing at 11.00am. If your child is travelling by bus, please be at school by 8.50am for a 9am departure. The bus will return to school by approximately 3.15pm after the Challenge finishes at 2.00pm. Students are encouraged to wear good-casual clothes, not street-wear. Boys should wear long pants and a short/long-sleeved buttoned shirt (ties are optional) and closed in shoes (school shoes are appropriate). Girls should wear a dress or skirt/top with closed in shoes/sandals (slip on or high-heeled shoes are difficult to dance in). For the Show Dance – girls are asked to wear sneakers (e.g. Dunlops/Converse) and the boys require a white t-shirt and a cap. There is a $5 entry fee for each participant and spectator – payable at the door. Students are encouraged to bring all food/snacks on the day. There will be a canteen but often the line-up is long and there is a possibility students may miss their dance because of needing to wait in line.

Good luck to all participants – you are being BRAVE, participating to progress.

Don’t forget, Prep – Year 3 parents that you are invited to attend your child’s Dance Fever session on Monday, 10th September. See the ‘This Week’s Happenings’ section below for times.

**Around the classrooms:**

| Prep Ariba | We are writing narrative stories about dinosaurs. We are doing lots of counting and addition and subtraction. We have learnt about mixing substances and observing how they change. We are also practising our reading. Lots of things are happening in Prep A. |
| Prep Enuba | We have been studying how to make scientific observations. There was lots of vinegar, lots of bubbles and lots of fun. We have also written some fantastic dinosaur stories. |
| 1 Ariba | In 1A we have been busy doing things for Father’s Day and we have continued with our re-tell. We are ready to present our re-tells to the class now. The children have enjoyed making their setting and puppets following their plan. We are also doing a Maths investigation into addition and subtraction. |
| 1 Enuba | We are presenting our oral re-tells, learning half hour time, practising our sight words and looking at Aboriginal life long ago in Brisbane and Zillmere. |
| 2 Ariba | We have been looking at the different sports at the Paralympics and discussing the qualities of what a good athlete does. We have also been doing our times tables and looking at how to measure the length of things. |
| 2 Enuba | We are completing our Country posters from our library research. We participated in the mathletics challenge and have been looking at the qualities of a good athlete. |
| 3 Ariba | This week we have been finalising our Maths investigation about wastage in our school. We have begun a new investigation about ‘foods in our lunchboxes’. We have begun preparing for our class assembly in Week 10, and our class reconciliation this week. We have learnt how to create transitions in our history powerpoint. |
| 3 Enuba | We have been working hard on our group work task. Our favourite task was creating a classroom sculpture based on the artworks of Perth artists, Pip and Pop. |
| 4/5 Ariba | We have been comparing Ancient Egypt life with today. We have been setting goals to improve our learning. |
| 4/5 Enuba | In 4/5 E we have been working on multiples of 9. We are finishing off our fairy tale maps, using a legend, grid references and compass directions. |
| 6/7 Ariba | In 6/7A we have been doing some C.A. (Collective Argumentation) and we have also been using the Ipads to complete our religion assignment. |
| 6/7 Enuba | We have been looking at the chain of Leadership people and the value that these people have in their communities have. |

**Awards:**

*Unite* in a spirit of blessing, **Jaye Warden, Reilly Acabado, Achan Acuil.**

*Nurture* in a spirit of the sacred, **Ethan Arnold, Robert Oakley, Vince Solitana.**

*Encourage* in a spirit of holiness, **Sophia De Gioannis.**

*Recognise* in a spirit of inspiration, **Kushank Gulati, Scovia Ramadhan, Nhial Neyer, Roxanne Cardona, Mrs. Graham, Gum Mabor, Akog Acuil, Samantha Loy, Sophie Rose Simpson, Angwick Shan, Braedon Large, Chad Tongia-Green, Olivia Chamberlain, Nicholas Putney, Tyrone Godinez, Manraj Birik, Thonjot Mabor, Charisma De St Laurent, Abango Obang, Yash Kapadia, Akua Agyare, Joel Bjurnon, Sarpreet Singh.**
P&F News

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

The Next Big Event: Chipmunks Playland & Café tomorrow night - Friday 7th September 2012 Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Cost: Entry is Free for St Flannan’s Children, Siblings are $5.00. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Adidas School Fun Run 21st September 2012

Are you ready for the St Flannan’s Fun Run Challenge?? Here are some ideas to get you and the whole family out and running. So ask Mum and Dad to take you down to the local park and get fit and healthy!! Remember to start each session with a 5 minute warm up and stretch.

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| Session 2 | Challenge: Time yourself and record how long you can jog at an easy pace for without walking! (This is not about distance but time) | Challenge: Time yourself and record how long you can jog for without walking! (This is not about distance but time) | Challenge: Time yourself and record how long you can run/jog for without walking! |

Ideas to make Running Fun

Run in different places and learn something about where you live.

Kids love playing, so include running games in your training. Some games for running include Simon Says and Red Light, Green Light. Race against your personal best. Time yourself on each run and see if you can break the record! Mums and Dads, don’t be afraid to join the fun. Give the kids a laugh; maybe take pictures. Take action shots of you all having fun running then E-mail them to grandparents and friends and use them to help your fundraising.

Mark September 21st in your diary and start a countdown to race day.

Coles – Sports for Schools

We collected 27 192 vouchers. Last week we packed up and sent away the vouchers. We are now waiting for validation of the vouchers and then we can go shopping and submit our wish list. The equipment is due to arrive early in 2013. We offer a huge thanks to everyone who gave us vouchers. Vouchers have arrived from families and friends both local and interstate, staff and people in our local community. A special thankyou to the following people & groups.

The staff and customers at Aspley Pick and Pay Hypermarket - staff arranged voucher collection boxes for local schools. If customers had no family/friends to give their vouchers to, they could choose a local school. We collected nearly 2000 vouchers from this. Thankyou.

Local residents at Golden Downs, in Zillmere Road and at Nudgee - we received envelopes, some anonymous, containing vouchers. These residents also sent us their best wishes. Thankyou.

Our children will benefit greatly from your generosity.

The sporting equipment we purchase will be used in HPE classes, on sports day and at lunch times.

Thankyou again, Sharon Goodwin

Library News

Hi Everyone,

We have had a busy couple of weeks in the library. On Tuesday 22nd August we had author Phil Kettle visit the school and give a talk to the students. He is the author of several book series we have in the library like Too Cool, Girlz Rock, Boyz Rule and Our Australia. He has written over 160 books and shared his knowledge with the students from Prep to 7.

Woolworths earn and learn program has ended and we have collected an amazing 74 684 points! This is a phenomenal effort we are going to receive an amazing amount of books and resources for the students to use, so thank you for all your collecting.

Cheers Louise Maniaty, Teacher Librarian

Fit n Fun Sports Clinic

This will be operating these upcoming school holidays from Monday the 24th-28th September, 9am-4pm. Activities include cricket, basketball, soccer, touch footy, T-Ball, Netball, volleyball plus a variety of other games and activities. Cost for the week is $130 or $35 a day family discounts available. Each child will receive a Fit n Fun Sports Clinic T-Shirt on enrolment and a Gold Medal at the end of the week. For more information call Nick on 0414 499 010 or go to our website fitfunonline.com.au

Tennis News

Term 3 tennis coaching will finish on 19th September (morning) Term 3 tennis coaching will finish on 12th September (afternoon) Term 4 tennis coaching will commence on 10th October.

Tennis enrolment forms will be distributed at school during the last week of term 3. All tennis enquiries to Wayne on 0438195723.

Emailing Fee Statements

It is our intention to start to email fee statements to parents/ caregivers who have provided us with email addresses, hopefully commencing in Term 4. If you do not wish to receive your statement by email you will need to advise the school in writing by Monday 15th October.

If you would like to receive your statement this way but don’t believe you have given us your email address or if you have changed your email address please also advise the office in writing by Monday 15th October.

Mt Maria College Petrie

There is an Information Day Friday 14th September Presentation by Principal. Tour of the College. Start 9.00am (finish 10.30am) Armstrong Street – next to OLW. Applications/Interviews for 2014/2015 are in progress. Contact the College on Ph. 3285 5500 Fax. 3285 5091 or email spterie@bne.catholic.edu.au

Northside Wizards Basketball

Term 4 registrations now open (closes Oct. 5) -Programs for children 4 + years -Fun, active, social, and safe -At an indoor venue near you.
**Geebung State School Amateur Swimming Club**

**SIGN ON DAY** Saturday 15th September Time: 11am - 2pm at Geebung State School Swimming Pool 250 Newman Road, Geebung

Geebung State School Amateur Swimming Club offers swimming lessons from Learn to Swim, Stroke Development, Mini, Junior and Senior squads. 2012/13 season commences 1st October 2012 and our 1st club night of the season is Friday 5th October 2012 starting at 6.00pm.

Payment and registration details are available on the day. For further information please contact the club at geebungswimmingclub@hotmail.com or Meagan McCabe on 0401 331 029

**Coming Events:**

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**Tuckshop Donating Roster Monday 10th September 2012**

- Priscilla Butler
- Cathie Lowe
- Cathy Ruthof
- Wendy Poore
- Fiona Jamieson
- Hayley Walters
- Tricia Thorne
- Yul Angela Teodor
- Jance Grefstad

**Tuckshop Donating Roster Monday 17th September 2012**

- Andrea DeSilva
- Laurine Ryan
- Farjeen Frnsa
- Dette Glenday
- Vikki Caruana
- Grace Jinhue Xu
- Cathy Weir
- Peta-Jane Oxley
- Karen Packham

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