Principal’s Report

NAPLAN RESULTS… This week sees student results for NAPLAN sent home. NAPLAN tests were done way, way, way back in May - around 18 weeks ago! It is unfortunate that it takes so long for results to come back- imagine if you had to wait that long for blood tests or the like!

The way in which we look at the results includes the use of ‘effect sizes’. ‘Effect sizes’ allows us to compare test results from one year to another year. We look for an effect size of 0.4 per year.

We can compare student results over a number of years:

- Students in Year 7 (now) were in Year 5 in 2010. When we compare the 2010 results to the 2012 results we find that the effect size is about 0.8 for literacy and about 0.8 for numeracy. This is a great result as we aim for around 0.8. The results suggest that the approaches we use to teach literacy and numeracy are working!
- Students in Year 5 (now) were in Year 3 in 2010. When we compare the 2010 results to the 2012 results we find that the effect size is about 1.01 for literacy and about 0.97 for numeracy. This is a great result as we aim for around 0.8. The results suggest that the approaches we use to teach literacy and numeracy are working!

NAPLAN is one test that tells us that the way we do learning at St Flannan’s is working – and working well.

The way we do learning involves:

- Planning literacy
- Planning numeracy
- Telling kids what they are learning about
- Telling kids what they need to do to be successful
- Teaching/showing kids how to do something
- Giving feedback to students about how they are going.

At St Flannan’s we do this. These are some of the characteristics that make our teachers quality teachers and quality teachers are the one thing that really influences your child’s achievement.

THE PLAYGROUND… I was on the playground this week and thought I’d show you some of the things that happen. We have lego club who come and sit under the mango tree and do lego. We have the sand pit that seems to provide hours of dumping sand. We also have the climbing frames. We also have room for kids to run around. Play is such an important part of being human. It is in play that children learn how to develop:

- socially acceptable patterns of behaviour,
- good grace and consideration,
- impulse control,
- skills for strengthening team work and cooperation,
- a common awareness and language,
- empathy, respect and appreciation for difference.

When we play well we develop well!
Sacramental Programme – RECONCILIATION

Is your child eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

According to Brisbane Archdiocese Guidelines, children are now considered eligible to celebrate these sacraments from Year 2 of their formal education.

What really matters is whether you feel that your child and family are ready and appropriately prepared to celebrate the sacraments. The right time for this may differ from family to family and child to child.

If you believe your child is ready to receive the sacraments come along to an information night to collect enrolment forms for the sacraments of Reconciliation. Children are then presented and enrolled at a weekend Mass when the Parish is asked to support our families through prayer. Families then gather 3 or 4 times in small groups and prepare the children in a family context to celebrate the sacraments.

The following dates outline the process of the programme:

1st Parent Night – Monday 15th October, 7pm in the Church Hall
2nd Parent & Child Night – Monday 22nd October, 7pm in the Church Hall
Enrolment weekends – 20/21 October & 27/28 October (at any of the Parish Masses)
Celebration - Tuesday 13th November, 7pm in the Church

Who is Jesus?

In this week’s Gospel reading (Mark 8:27-35), Jesus asks, "who do you say I am?" It’s a good question - because often we create Jesus in our own image. We accept what is comfortable and can ignore the uncomfortable. Being a Christian is hard work - to turn the other cheek, to care for the sick, poor and imprisoned and to top it off, give up everything and follow Jesus!

Something to think about - Who do you think Jesus is? What is he calling you to do?

Enjoy the next couple of weeks! Bernadette

TROPHIES:
1st - YEAR 6 OVERALL
1st - YEAR 7 OVERALL
1st - LINE DANCE OVERALL

INDIVIDUAL COUPLES:

Waltz
Year 4
1st – Nicholas Weir & Emma Ruthof
Year 5
1st – Jonathan Hill & Andrea Karumathy
Year 6
2nd – Okaw Obonno & Madison Hauser; Nhial Neyal & Jade Johnson
Year 7
1st - Francis Godinet & Lena Joseph; Kae Wood & Emily Dore
2nd – Mark Loy & Anu Chacko

Mambo
Year 4
2nd – Nicholas Weir & Emma Ruthof
Year 5
1st – Jonathan Hill & Andrea Karumathy
Year 6
1st – Francis Godinet & Amelia Drake
2nd – Mark Loy & Caitlyn Athorpe
Year 7
1st – Francis Godinet & Irene Karumathy
2nd – Mark Loy & Anu Chacko; Melad Arop & Ruby Watson

Thank you to Jocelyn Graham for her efforts throughout the term to organise the Line Dance with the students and for providing the finer details so that the students could participate in this competition. The extra time and effort really paid off! Your presence on the day of competition was a great support to the students.

Thank you to Maria Mcardle, Fraser Craig and Lauren Rogers for your commitment to supporting the students in their preparation for the competition. It was great that you were able to travel to and from the event on the bus to ensure as many children as possible could participate in the competition.

The Trophies are kept in the cabinet in the Office. Take some time to have a look at them the next time you are in the Office.

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Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

ZONE 6 Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our athletes who performed brilliantly on Friday 7th September at the Zone 6 Athletics Carnival. St Flannan’s Athletics Team won 2 trophies in the following divisions:

1st Place Percentage Trophy
1st Overall Senior Boys Trophy

Our athletes’ results were fantastic with many individual placings and records broken on the day. Special thanks go to the teaching and school officer staff who assisted on the day to make the carnival so successful and to our ever supportive band of parents who cheered the athletes on relentlessly.

Thankyou, Maria Mcardle

Curriculum News

Dance Fever

On Sunday, 9th September, 60 students from Year 4/5 and Year 6/7 participated in the 2012 DANCE FEVER INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE at the Sleeman’s Sports Centre, Chandler. Our school has been participating in this competition since 2000. Each time the students participate, they represent St Flannan’s with pride and enthusiasm. This year was no exception. The students demonstrated all the dancing skills they had learned throughout the term and looked fantastic on the dance floor. Many of the students progressed to the finals for each of the dances (Waltz and Mambo). They supported and encouraged each other throughout the whole day and showed great community spirit.

By the end of the day the students had won numerous ribbons (1sts and 2nds) and 3 trophies for their efforts:
**Awards:**

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**P&F News**

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

**Adidas School Fun Run 21st September 2012**

**St flannan’s Fun Run challenge**

There is only one more sleep until the fun run and it’s time to see the results of your training and hard work. By now you should have handed in your sponsorship forms with all money and finalised online donations. If not make sure you bring it with you to school on Friday morning. For the run you are encouraged to dress up, maybe as a favourite sports personality, in a wig or you could come in a fun team costume with your friends. Just make sure you have a hat and running shoes and you can run in whatever you decide to wear. Students are also asked to bring in a healthy snack to share for afternoon tea. Some cut up oranges or slices of watermelon would be perfect after a hot run. Parents and carers are all welcome to come and join the fun. Feel free to run or walk the course with your kids and enjoy being active with them. If you would like to volunteer to be a marshal on the course, please come and let me know in the morning. The Fun Run starts at 11.10am with a whole school warm up in the assembly area. We would love to see you there!

**Kate Toohey**

Congratulations to DOMINIC SHIPPERLEY, a past student of St Flannan’s Catholic Parish Primary School (1997-2000), upon his recent selection in the WALLABIES Australian Rugby Union Team. Dominic currently plays for the Queensland Reds.

**Zillmere Blue Light Dance Party**

At Zillmere PCYC 340 Zillmere Road Zillmere Ph. 3633 0244 www.zillmerepcyc.org.au Entry: $5.00 6.00pm – 8.00pm Primary School Age. Police Supervision. 2012 Dance Dates: 26th October & 30th November. Great Prizes.

**Library News**

As everyone may know the school has purchased 30 ipads for teachers to use with students. They have been using them to create stories, publish work, create comics, and practise math and literacy concepts.

I thought everyone might be interested to know some of the apps we are using at school so each newsletter till the end of the year I will be including a review of some of the apps. You might like to download them if you have access to a device.
Book Creator

Is a great app that lets you create your own stories using photos, you can record your own voice. Then you can share it via email and even put it in iBooks. Prep and Year 1 having been making some great books. Senior Primary have used it to publish reports as well.


Check out some of the great examples of work we have included.

Squeebles TT

The more times tables questions the children answer correctly, the more stars they win and the more of Whizz's friends they rescue from the Maths Monster. There are 24 Squeebles to rescue, each with their own personality. Save them all to complete the game - something which can't be done unless all the times tables sets can be answered correctly.

This app is written by KeyStageFun. This company also has a similar app for division, subtraction and addition. They even have one you can put your spelling words into to practise.


Books

Please have a good look around your house and make sure that you find any overdue library books and bring them back to the library.

Hope you all have a good holiday.

Cheers Louise

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 fitnfunonline.com.au

Tennis News

Tennis coaching for term 3 will be completed this Wednesday morning 19th September.

Wednesday afternoon was completed last week.

Term 4 tennis coaching will commence on Wednesday 10th October.

Enrolment forms for tennis coaching will be handed out this week at school.

Now is a good time to start tennis. We coach pupils from Prep to Grade 7.

Have a great holiday and we will look forward to seeing you in term 4.

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.

Claire’s Circus School

Circus classes at St Flannan's School will be held on Monday afternoons in term 4. Classes start on 8 October with a free trial class from 3:10-4:10pm in the undercover area. Circus classes are open to children in grades 1-7. For more information or to enrol, email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or call 0439 532 299.

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Coming Events:

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Uniform Shop Details: Hours: Thursday 8.00am – 9.30am – Contact: Joy Ph. 0419 672 971 Email: info@ljapparel.com.au

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