16 May 2013

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Personal and Behavioural Development

This week we have been helping the students to understand **PURSUE YOUR PERSONAL BEST NO MATTER WHO YOU WORK WITH.** At St Flannan’s we do not come to school to be better than others, we come to school to be the best we can be by working with others. Working with others requires collaboration, communication, cooperation and an ability to listen. At St Flannan’s we see these qualities as essential skills for your child’s life as an adult.

Flarana Fair

I am so pleased to have experienced my first Flarana Fair. It was a great day where the community came together in the spirit of **UNITE** and were filled with excitement, joy and great big smiles. A very big thank you must go to all those volunteers who made the event such a wonderful day. Their tireless effort preparing, setting up and packing up is to be commended. A thank you must also go to the teachers who worked to prepare the students for their performance and also guided the children with the creation of their auction items, which are now proudly owned by very generous parents. If you would like to help out next year please register your interest with the parish. I am looking forward to next year already!

Annual Catholic Campaign

This term, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Archdiocese to help support the Annual Catholic Campaign. Louise has shared in her section this week, some of the ministries to which our financial support will go to. On Friday 21st June, students are invited to wear free dress for a gold coin donation.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be writing to you and other members of the Catholic Community across South East Queensland to ask for everyone’s support.

The Annual Catholic Campaign gives us the opportunity to **UNITE** together as one Church family to **NUTURE** and support ministries and service that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is the new MacKillop Fund to help families who could not otherwise afford it, access to our Catholic Schools.

I ENCOURAGE you to please give what you can. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Annual Catholic Campaign.

**NAPLAN**

This week our staff and students have participated in the NAPLAN tests. I would like to **RECOGNISE** and congratulate the students for being brave and participating to the best of their ability. Standardised tests do not cater to all learning styles and therefore do not suit all children. Well done kids! I would also like to **RECOGNISE** the professional teachers at St Flannan’s for making sure that the students were well prepared through test practices and providing a broad range of learning experiences that enabled them to participate fully. Results for these tests will be available in September. This data **EMPOWERS** us to enhance and focus the teaching and learning for all students.

School Cross Country Carnival

I encourage parents to come along and cheer the students tomorrow morning for the St Flannan’s Cross Country Carnival. The children have been training every morning before school.

Congratulations to 16 students who competed in the Bramble Bay Cross Country Carnival last week. They represented the school beautifully. I would like to make special mention of Scovia Ramadhan and Thonjot Mabor who were selected for Met North on Tuesday 28th May 2013

**Under 8s Week Celebration Fri 24 May**

Next Friday students from Prep to Grade 2 will **UNITE** and participate in a range of exciting and interesting activities to celebrate being young. A place we all wish to revisit as we get older. Letters have been sent home so please reply and come along if you can find some time. More details are available in the APRE section.

**ANZAC DAY**

I was very proud to receive a letter from The President and Members of the Geebung RSL thanking us for our ANZAC Day Service in which Mrs Margaret Huntley attended. Margaret spoke very highly of the service and wanted to **RECOGNISE** and was particularly impressed that the service was so well planned and conducted by our year 2E Class. It is wonderful that St Flannan’s Zillmere has such a good reputation within our community and this is achieved through all our students and parents supporting the school community so well. May you pursue your personal best by working with others this week.

**Regards**

Paul Mitchell | Principal
Saturday was my first Flarana Fair ever and WOW what an event. The school community and parish are certainly alive with wonderful people who make this place such a joy to be. Congratulations to all those people who were involved in such a successful day.

Tuesday 14 May was the Feast of St Matthias: According to the Acts of the Apostles, Matthias was the apostle chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas’ betrayal of Jesus. His calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended to heaven, and, it was made before the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAunZ5QS_Rs

Wednesday 15 May was International Day of Families: The United Nations states that ‘this annual observance reflects the importance which the international community attaches to families as basic units of society as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families as well as to promote appropriate action. The Day can become a powerful mobilizing factor on behalf of families in all countries, which avail themselves of this opportunity and demonstrate support of family issues appropriate to each society.

This week is also National Volunteer Week: is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer Australian volunteers are essential to society, and many charities would struggle to survive without the support of their volunteers. Australian volunteers contribute more than 700 million hours of community service to so many areas of society.

We take the time to give thanks for all those who volunteer within our school community to assist St Flannan’s in the education of the children entrusted to our care. Thank you for all you do!

Celebrating the Sacraments

The sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated this year on the weekend of 15th/16th June.

The first of the information evenings was on Monday night and it was wonderful to begin the journey with such lovely families. We look forward to next Monday night in which the children are invited to come and join us.

Should you require any further information about the sacramental program, please feel free to contact either myself at school, or the parish office to speak with Fr John directly.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Paul has already mentioned in his section, our school support for the Annual Catholic Campaign. Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign will help expand our ministries so that we can become more and more the Church that Jesus Christ wants us to be.

To be more effective in our outreach into the wider community – we need your help and St Flannan’s will support the annual Catholic Campaign by having a free dress day on Friday 21st June. Students may wear free dress this day for a gold coin donation and all money raised will go towards catholic ministries.

By supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign you will help our ministries find more powerful and creative ways of working so that our contribution touches more people more powerfully.

Your gifts will restore hope and help change lives

Every day, Centacare helps create life-changing opportunities for thousands of women, men and children across South East Queensland.

As the social services arm of the Church, Centacare provides practical and compassionate support to people from all walks of life who need a helping hand.

Centacare works with the elderly, the hospitalised, the unemployed, the homeless, people living with disabilities and mental illness, prisoners and their families, seafarers, young people and families in crisis.

Whether it’s making someone feel they belong or supporting their independence, your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign will improve someone’s life.

Help a child and you will help a family, a community, a nation

A great education is one of the most compelling ways to provide a child with a hopeful future.

Catholic schools are valued for offering high quality education in a caring, faith-based environment that fosters the personal, spiritual, physical and academic growth of each young person.

But only one in two Australian Catholic students attend Catholic schools – half of our Catholic young people are missing out on a Catholic education.

One in six Australian children live in poverty making the dream of a Catholic education seem unreachable to many families. But a Catholic education should not be denied to any young person because of the financial situation of their parents.

The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund continues the work of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who
devoted her life to seeing that children were educated regardless of their financial status.

Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign will offer children of families, who could not otherwise afford it, the dream of a Catholic education.

Under 8’s Day

Each year at St Flannan’s we join in National Celebrations for Under 8’s week. This year, the theme is ‘Celebrating community - sharing music, movement and culture’.

As a school community, the students from Prep, grade one and two will spend most of the day in various activities, have a shared picnic together and a lunch time disco. The rotational activities the students will participate in are:

- Aboriginal Dot painting
- Traditional Cultural Dancing
- Biscuit decorating
- Storytelling
- Cultural outdoor games
- Paper chains

We are very blessed in our community to have so many of our families come from different cultures and we would love for you to come and share your cultural heritage with us on the day. Even if you do not have a child in Prep, grade 1 or 2, but feel that you have something you can share with us on the day from your heritage, please come and see me and let me know.

On this day, we will also be welcoming into our Catholic Community through Baptism, Pheonix in grade two and his brother Xander who will be joining us in prep next year. This will take part during our liturgy at 9am in the church. This a very exciting time for their family and you are all invited to come and share this special occasion with them.

Mrs Louise Olley
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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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

CLASSROOM VISITS

It’s always wonderful to be able to go and visit classes and see what the students are learning and enjoying each day. Last week I was invited to talk with Year 3A about the new Pope, our Archbishop, the local church and even about my confirmation name was. The students had lots of wonderful questions and it was lovely sharing some time with them.

I also had Angelina and Cordelia from 3A come and share with me their Goldie Locks and Three Bears story. Great work girls.

Prep Mother’s Day Morning Tea

Around the Classrooms

Curriculum

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all those students in grade 3, 5 & 7 who participated in NAPLAN testing this week. This is a snap shot of student learning at a particular point in time and is used to assist teachers in their planning and curriculum focuses throughout the year. Teachers use a variety of other assessment instruments to assess student learning in the classroom and NAPLAN is only one of many tools. Results for these tests will come out to parents around late September, early October.

We have been unbelievably busy in Prep A. We have been counting to 20 and learning about ordering events and patterning. We have been discussing stories and likes and dislikes of characters and events. We have been busy using our senses to make observations and talking about celebrations from the past. We have also been preparing for our assembly, the fair and Mother’s Day liturgy. Very busy indeed.

In Prep Enuba we have been learning to blend words for reading and have been exploring tricky words. We also continue our work with fairy tales in Literacy. We will finish up our fairy tales unit in the next two weeks and begin a new unit about Rhymes. We continue to build our skills in counting, shape knowledge and patterning. Today was the culmination of preparing for our Mother’s Day liturgy and morning tea. It was wonderful.

In Year 1A we have continued to work on our rhyme and poetry in English. In Maths we have been doing number sequencing to 100 and we have been formally recording addition stories. The children have enjoyed...
looking at and constructing things with cooked and uncooked spaghetti in Science.

1 E
Mrs O’Hara

We are writing a recount on Flarana Fair and remembering all the wonderful things that happened there. We are learning about adding numbers and learning our doubles facts and rainbow facts.

2 A
Ms Davidson

We are looking at how we can use money in our daily lives to help us. We did lots of work on our dance for Flarana Fair & have been practising lots.

2 E
Mrs Wilkins

We have been using our describing words to create interesting stories about Frankenstein. We are hiphopping our way through our Fair Dance.

3 A
Mrs Bolton and Mrs Toohey

We have been continuing investigations on solids, liquids and gases in Science. We have also been sharing lots of interesting things in our speaking and listening tasks.

3 E
Ms Hill

We have been working on our persuasive writing. We used ideas about Flarana Fair to write an advertisement for the local paper to advertise our Fair. We even created a picture to persuade the readers as well.

4 A
Miss Cheyne

We have been researching the voyages of explorers to Australia and observing and recording our bean seeds growth.

4 E
Miss Rogers

We have been practising the fete dance and we have also been doing times tables in Maths.

5 A
Mrs Humphrys

We had reconciliation with Father John on Thursday. We have been busily practising our fete performance and creating our auction item. We would like to welcome Miss McKeown who is with us for the next 4 weeks.

SP A
Mrs Graham

We have been working on our Powerpoint projects, practising for Naplan and prepared for the fete. We recently had a test on soil types for science.

SP E
Mrs McArdle

In Maths we have been working on areas for different shapes. We collected lots of products for our Flarana Fair baskets.

**Awards:**

**Unite**
in a spirit of blessing,

Marco Niccoli, Jarrett Stubbs, Hayden Ruthof,

**Nurture**
in a spirit of the sacred,

Sophie Rose Simpson, Bella Montenegro,

**Encourage**
in a spirit of holiness,

Carmen Billon, Harrison Alcorn, Callum Mcllory, Mitchell Kemp, Kaleb Doolan, Jordyn Fidler, Georgia Hopsick, Christina Gade, Lual Neyal, Catherine Mameloco, Fred Sehmsn, Jacob Mirrieles, Ella Madigan, Braedyn Wallace, Thonjot Mabor, Erica Keily, Harrison Poore,

**RecognisE**
in a spirit of inspiration,

Sophie Rose Simpson, Bella Montenegro,

**EmpoWEr**
in a spirit of gentleness,

Imogen Hawkins, Porscha Taka, Louie Madigan, Juliana Mourter, Stephanie Littler

**School Photos**

Friday 14th June 2013 – Photo envelopes will be sent home this week

**Tennis News**

Congratulations to Jarrett Stubbs from St Flannan’s who is our Tennis Raffle winner for term 2. Jarrett commenced tennis lessons in term 1 and is already showing good progress. A new tennis racket awaits Jarrett. A thought for all sports players. *Be humble in Victory and gracious in defeat* All tennis enquiries to Wayne on 0438195723.

**Uniform Shop**

UNIFORM SHOP - open Thursday Mornings 8am - 9.30am
SPECIALS FOR WINTER
(these items will not be held for anyone first in first served)

- Long Sleeve Polos - $20.00 each
- Tazlon Jackets - $20.00 each
- Tazlon Pants - $10.00 each

We still have the polar fleece zip jacket for Winter - $28.00

If purchasing the tazlon items and the long sleeve these are still part of the school uniform.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn program**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has stated and goes until 9th June 2013. You can collect stickers every time you shop at Woolworths. Simply collect the stickers and place it on your card and send it into the school office. Last year we were able to get thousands of dollars of resources for teachers and student to use thanks to everyone just doing their weekly shop and collecting stickers. Last year we
collected 75 170 points let’s see if we can beat that! Ask everyone you know to start collecting!

Thanks for your support and happy collecting,

Louise Maniaty
Teacher Librarian

Aspley State High School
An Independent Public School

We are a disciplined school and approach our learning with a growth mindset. Teachers give quality instruction in an orderly environment.

Students know that learning is the focus and they wear their school uniform with pride.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My name is Jacquita Miller, Principal of Aspley State High School. It is with great pleasure that I invite you to come and take a look at how we are improving student learning. Our 2013 focus is about being clear – ready to learn and work, visibly learning, teaching and improving.

I would like to invite you to join me in a tour of our school. We have scheduled tours on Mondays. I conduct the tours from 9am. We will look around the school while our students are in classes and have time together for you to ask questions. Please phone the main office on 3863 9222 and ask to make a parent tour booking.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

We are now currently conducting interviews for the 2014 intake of Year 8. Please contact the school to make a suitable time. Before the Interview date Enrolment packs are available for you to collect at the front office. 651 Zillmere Road ASPLEY QLD 4034 Ph. 3863 9222 www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au

Brisbane MIND Child mental Health Service

We have attached a flyer for FREE SERVICES available for families of young children (under 12) who would like to access some counselling or parenting support and are financially disadvantaged. The process for accessing these services is as follows:

1. If there is a program you are interested in, please contact the facilitator to see if spaces are available for you and/or your child.

2. If there is space available, you need to go to your GP/doctor and obtain a referral. Your GP will make sure you meet all of the criteria for accessing this free service.

Take note: Your GP might not be aware of this initiative yet and so it would be good to take the flyer with you.

BRAMBLE BAY CROSS COUNTRY 2013

Congratulations to our 16 athletes who competed in very damp conditions to complete the courses at the Bramble Bay Cross Country on Friday 10th May 2013. Scovia Ramadhan and Thonjot Mabor are to be recognised for their pursuit of excellence in achieving placings which have now gained them a position in the next level of competition and Met North on Tuesday 28th May 2013.

I would also like to thank our school officer, Ken Hartley, for assisting me on the day and for the support of the families who came to watch the events.

Thank you once again for your support,

Regards,

Maria McArdle
Sports Co-ordinator
Gonski School Funding

The media has reported extensively the negotiations that continue between the Federal and State governments and with the Catholic and Independent sectors regarding future school funding. The Gonski funding model remains under negotiation, however the following statement from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission provides an update of the progress being made and as further information comes to hand, we will pass this onto parents.

Outcomes of Gonski still unclear for Queensland Catholic Schools

QCEC Executive Director Mike Byrne said:

“While the QCEC welcomes the Federal government’s commitment of an additional $1.4billion funding for Australian Catholic schools (indexed over six years), there are still a number of unknowns to be worked through before we can develop a definitive position on the Gonski funding model.

“QCEC continues to do detailed modelling work to validate the figures provided by the Department (DEEWR) and assess the impact for the Queensland Catholic sector share of the additional funds.

“The funding position of Catholic schools comparative to other schooling sectors is also critical to assessing the model, and we are not yet aware of the details of modelling carried out by the Independent and Government schooling sectors.

“In this respect, I commend Premier Campbell Newman for forming a group comprising the Catholic, State and Independent schooling sectors and senior government officials, that will review the proposed funding model and help inform the State Government prior to the 30 June decision deadline.

“The final outcome that the Gonski model would deliver for Catholic schools in Queensland is also dependent on a significant injection of funding from the State Government.

“QCEC is committed to ongoing negotiations with both State and Federal governments to achieve an equitable funding outcome for Catholic schools.

CROSS COUNTRY TIMETABLE FRIDAY MAY 17

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*Times are only a guide and may run 5 minutes earlier or 15 minutes late.

PLEASE BRING DRINK BOTTLES, HATS, HOUSE COLOUR SHIRT—not compulsory

Children are running in the same age groupings as is expected at Zone 6 BUT each age group will be awarded a winning medal. For example a 9 yr old may come 9th in the 9 + 10yrs race but if he/she is the first 9yr old to cross the line they will be awarded a 1st medal.

Cross Country

Cross Country food available from 9am for spectators and children at the shed at the top oval.

Sausage Sizzle $2.00
Aroona’s $1.80
Water $1.50
Ice Blocks will be sold at the tuckshop at the usual time.

Singing and Dancing Opportunities in 2013

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre provide opportunities to develop performing arts skills under expert guidance. Students make new friends, perform in exciting concerts and develop their confidence.

Visit www.niypaa.com.au or call us 3366 0644
Tuckshop News
Click link to download tuckshop menu
http://www.stflannans.qld.edu.au/community/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx

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Coming Events:

- **Monday 20th May**
  - Assembly Prayer Leader 2 Ariba – 1.50pm in the Hall area

- **Thursday 23rd May**
  - Reconciliation 9.30am – SPA Classroom

- **Friday 24th May**
  - 2E Liturgy at 9.00am – welcoming Phoenix (Year 2) & his brother Zander into the Catholic Community
  - Under 8’s Week 11.30am-3.00pm

- **Monday 27th May**
  - Assembly Prayer Leader 1 Ariba – 1.50pm in the Hall area

- **Thursday 30th May**
  - Reconciliation 9.30am – SPE Classroom

- **Friday 31st May**
  - 4 Enuba Class Mass 9.00am

- **Monday 3rd June**
  - Assembly Prayer Leader SPA – 1.50pm in the Hall area

- **Thursday 6th June**
  - Reconciliation 9.30am – 3 Ariba Classroom

- **Friday 7th June**
  - 5 Ariba Class Mass 9.00am

- **Monday 10th June**
  - Public Holiday

- **Thursday 13th June**
  - Reconciliation 9.30am – 3 Enuba Classroom

- **Friday 14th June**
  - SPE Class Mass – 9.00am

- **Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th June**
  - Celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist (First)

- **Monday 17th June**
  - Assembly Prayer Leader 5 Ariba – 1.50pm in the Hall area

- **Thursday 20th June**
  - Reconciliation 9.30am – 4 Enuba classroom

- **Friday 21st June**
  - Liturgy 1 Ariba 9.00am

- **Friday 21st June**
  - Free Dress to support Annual Catholic Campaign “Gold coin” donation

1800 4 Teeth

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