13 June 2013

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

Personal and Behavioural Development

This week we have been helping the students to understand BE BRAVE – PARTICIPATE TO PROGRESS. We are all scared and nervous when we are learning or trying something new or challenging for the first time. That is normal. What is more important is that we show courage and be brave, despite these feelings, so that we can participate. It is only through participation that we can progress.

Is it better to be your child’s friend or parent? Finding the right answer to this is extremely important in our role of raising children. The video below is from the Play is the Way website and provides some thoughts around this question.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KHgcO9XP_U

Report Cards

Next week students will be bringing home their report cards for Semester 1. This report card will look different but will provide all the information of previous years. It is hoped that reports will be printed and ready on Monday, June 17, provided that the printing process is successful. These reports provide a picture of your child’s learning over the past semester. They are formal documents that are best combined with a Parent Teacher Interview. I strongly ENCOURAGE you to attend an interview with your child’s teacher so that you receive a full and comprehensive picture of your child’s academic progress.

P&F Meeting

In the second week of next term, Tuesday 16 July, there will be a P&F meeting at 7pm in the Library. I ENCOURAGE you to come along and UNITE together to help continue the wonderful work being done by the P&F at St Flannan’s. Items on the agenda will include uniforms and maintenance project for the school grounds.

Movie Night

Tomorrow night is the St Flannan’s Movie Night for 2013. This event is proudly organised by the P&F. The start time is 5.00pm. Bring you chairs, rugs, pillows and enjoy a family friendly night out. This is a wonderful initiative to NURTURE our wonderful community. Pizzas and coffee will be available to purchase.

Prep Playground

This term has seen the Prep playground remain out of action due to difficulty finding a reasonable quote for the job, along with the recent rain also delaying the repairs. The job is now planned for the first Tuesday, 25 June, of the school holidays. If any parents would like to help out on this date please contact me at the school office.

Wakakirri

This year more than 70 students are participating in Wakakirri. Natalia Humphries, Lauren Rogers, Ashleigh Cheyne & Liz Kucharski are busy preparing the students each Thursday afternoon. Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to support this incredible event as it could not happen without you. This opportunity will EMPOWER the students with confidence and courage. The final performance will be held on Friday July 26 at the Events Centre in Caloundra. More information will be provided closer to the date. Just a reminder for costume preparation, please bring in your black shirt, leggings and/ or head band as soon as possible.

Assembly Change

From next term our school assembly will be held on Monday morning at 8.45am. We hope that more parents will be able to attend this weekly event that involves celebrations and RECOGNITION of student success in our community. Please come along to help celebrate.

Professional Teachers

Over the past two weeks teachers have been revisiting and updating Feedback Plans for your children. St Flannan’s is a leader in Brisbane Catholic Education with its practice of providing explicit feedback to students. This program is enabled through the employment of the Art and CLL (Japanese) teachers. We use diagnostic testing to assess the students and then structure the teaching and learning to meet their needs. You should be very proud of the wonderful work that the teachers do and the incredible progress that your students are making. We cannot all be rocket scientists but we should all be pursuing and achieving our personal best.

This term has seen teachers undertake professional development in Religious Education, History, Information Technology (LIFE), ESL for Early Learners, Library PD and Feedback PD. The continued focus on developing professional teachers EMPOWERS them to best support your children’s learning.
Uniforms

Please remember to send your children to school with the correct Uniform. If you need to purchase a new item please drop into the uniform shop on Thursday mornings. I would also like to ENCOURAGE parents to check their child’s hats and ensure that they are named and brought to school each day.

May you be brave and participate in something that challenges you this week.

Paul Mitchell | Principal

APRE News

Celebrating the Sacraments this weekend

This weekend, many of our students will be celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation at the 9.00am with Fr John and the St Flannan’s community. We pray for these children and their families during this very special and sacred time in their faith journey.

Siana Buiatti, Maggie Cotton, Diana Cruz, Jordyn Fidler, Ronan Glenday, Kara Herbert, Andrea Karumathy, Tahlia Longmore, Michael Marchetti, Johnson Meraveka, Giorgia Niccoli, Corrie Roberts, Savannah Stegeman-Symes, Delta Stegeman-Symes, Samuel Stiller, Nehemiah Talau-Brown, Angelina Talau-Brown, Dwaine Estabillo, Xeniia Ocampo, Dianna Murrihy.

NAIDOC Week

Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Feast of St Anthony of Padua

(white): also known as ‘Anthony of Lisbon’ (born Fernando Martins de Bulhões; 15 August 1195 – 13 June 1231) was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. Though he died in Padua, he was born and raised in a wealthy family in Lisbon. Noted by his contemporaries for his forceful preaching and expert knowledge of scripture, he was the second-fastest canonized saint (after St. Peter of Verona) and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on 16 January 1946

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD0MnFf49gA

Courage to Care

The Year 6/7 students last Friday visited the “Courage to Care” exhibition. Today we will struggle with prejudice, intolerance and injustices all over the world – including here in Australia. So what can we do about meaningful change?

We can start in our own neighbourhoods. If we start, others will follow. They, in turn, can encourage their friends and neighbours to do likewise. By doing this, we can expand our reach like ripples in a pond, to create a fair, equitable and accepting society for everyone. We cannot change the world singlehandedly, but we can do our part. A the exhibition, we learnt that in difficult situations, one kind word or one small gesture can give a person the strength and hope they need to overcome difficult circumstances. We need to take one step at a time, one person at a time.

Don’t be a bystander; passive contemplation does not bring about change.

Courage to care year 6/7 excursion

Next week is World Refugee Week. This is Australia’s peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. In 2013, Refugee Week will be celebrated 16-22 June to coincide with World Refugee Day on 20 June. Restoring Hope is the Refugee Week theme for 2012 to 2014. The theme reminds us that, while a refugee’s journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma. The theme also calls attention to the role of countries which, through offering protection to refugees and providing them an opportunity to rebuild their lives, restore hope for a future free from fear, persecution, violence and insecurity.
By Izabelle Curran SPA

On Friday the year 6/7 students went on an excursion to courage to care when we came we sat down and watched an introductory video about how to be an upstander and not just a bystander we also learnt that ‘being courageous is not the absence of fear but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear’. There were three parts to the exhibition first were the holocaust survivor stories. Secondly was an interactive display which involved outfits of survivors and giant boards with Adolf Hitler’s campaign posters and REAL stars of David. Finally we came to the third part of the exhibition which was a reflection of what we learnt we sat in a room and talked about people that Hitler judged and wrongly accused than we spoke about times we should’ve not being a bystander. I believe that courage to care was a extraordinary excursion I learnt many things about judging people before getting to understand them I hope that the years and grades after me will one day experience the courage to care exhibition.


Catholic Education Week in July

In July, we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week. The school will participate in various activities and reflections during this time. There will be a whole school liturgy in the church at 9.30am on Monday 22 July to which all members of the St Flannan’s Community are invited. More details will come early next term for you.

Anthony Ryan has been named as the official Ambassador for Catholic Education Week celebrations in Queensland this year and says a life-long commitment to social justice was nurtured during his days as a student at Brisbane Catholic schools.

Anthony, 44, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Edmund Rice Foundation working with the Christian Brothers Oceania Province in their mission of reaching out to the poor in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, East Timor and the Philippines.

His most recent initiative, a program called “Gone Fishing”, involves taking small groups of 10-12 corporate leaders overseas to see the work of the Foundation first-hand.

It is a program that Anthony is passionate about.

“I believe it is vital that corporate decision-makers, many with the capacity to affect change, have the opportunity to see these things,” Anthony said following a recent trip.

Anthony attended St Anthony’s school and Padua College in Kedron before completing his schooling at St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace and says his passion for social justice was nurtured during his school days.

“One of my teachers at Padua College used to say ‘preach the gospel and use words only if you have to.’

“That idea of living the gospel and taking action has stayed with me.

“The Edmund Rice tradition I first encountered in Year 10 at Gregory Terrace was similar. It taught me the importance of moving beyond just serving, to forming genuine relationships with people in need.

“The rich heritage of justice and service coming from the charisms of our Religious Orders is something that I believe Catholics should be extremely proud of.

“I believe Catholic schools are continuing to make a huge difference both in the lives of individuals and in communities,” he said.

Anthony is also a former teacher at St Joseph’s, Gregory Terrace and Nudgee College, and former Assistant Principal at St Patrick’s College, Shorncliffe.

Throughout his teaching career, Anthony did outstanding work in the area of social justice education, including founding the ‘Eddie’s Vans’ project to provide meals for the homeless in Brisbane.

Queensland Catholic Education Commission Executive Director Mike Byrne says he is delighted that Anthony had accepted the invitation to be the Ambassador for Catholic Education Week celebrations this year.

“Anthony’s work truly brings to life this year’s theme for Catholic Education Week of Making a difference... inspired by Jesus.”

“I congratulate Anthony on his appointment and thank him for committing the time to carry out this important role for Catholic education in Queensland.

Anthony will visit each of the five Queensland Dioceses during Catholic Education Week, meeting with various groups of students, staff, parents and parishioners.

Catholic Education Week 2013 runs from 21 -27 July.
Catholic Education Week 2013 Ambassador Anthony Ryan is congratulated by QCEC Executive Director Mike Byrne.

Catholic Education Week 2013 Ambassador Anthony Ryan visited Kenya recently as part of his work with the Edmund Rice Foundation.

Class Masses
Class Mass this Friday is with SPE at 9.00am
And next week will be Year 1A celebrating a class liturgy in the church at 9.00am.
All are invited to attend and be a part of our celebrations.

Curriculum
Staff Planning Days are scheduled for over the next two weeks, all teaching staff will have the opportunity to have a planning day where they spend time in professional conversations about the curriculum program for the coming semester. We will have the opportunity to have Sue Cronin who is an Education Officer from Brisbane Catholic Education come and assist in our planning for History and share some information on the new Geography Learning Area to be introduced next year as part of phase two of the implementation of the National Curriculum. Our teachers take great pride in their planning and we thank them for all they do to bring authentic and exciting learning to every student at St Flannan’s.

Mrs Louise Olley
Assistant Principal Religious Education

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Mass Times: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Fit N Fun Sports Clinic
Fit n Fun Sports Clinics will be operating in the first week of the school holidays Monday June 24 to Friday June 28, 9am-4pm. Activities include soccer, touch football, basketball, T-Ball, cricket, BinBall, Handball Championships plus much more games and activities. Each child receives a sports clinic T-Shirt and Gold Medal. For more information visit the website fitnfunonline.com.au or call Nick on 0414 499 010

School Photos
TOMORROW IS SCHOOL PHOTOS - Friday 14th June 2013.

School Movie Night
TOMORROW NIGHT - Friday 14th June 2013 @ 5.00pm – Movie: Madagascar 3 – starting at 6.00pm
Items available for purchase on the night:
- Woodfired Pizza’s – Roam’in Pizza will be at the school for anyone wanting to have dinner before/ during the movie. Prices starting from $7.00 per pizza.
- Tea/Coffee – A coffee van will be at the school for anyone wanting to purchase hot drinks.

Please byo drinks, nibbles etc. as the P&F will not be selling any other food or drink items on the night. Don’t forget to bring blankets/pillows/chairs to sit on. Gluten Free Pizza Bases available.

National Rugby League (NRL)
The National Rugby League (NRL) in conjunction with Brisbane Broncos, are inviting boys aged 10 – 15 years to participate in Rugby League Coaching Clinics over the June - July school holidays.

Tennis
Just a reminder about Term 2 Tennis Coaching finished this week in the MORNING (only) on Wednesday 12th June. Term 2 Tennis Coaching will finish next week in the AFTERNOON (only) on Wednesday 19th June. Term 3 Tennis Coaching will commence on Wednesday 17th July. All Tennis students will be automatically Re- enrolled for term 3. The Tennis Enrolment form will be distributed during the first week back from holidays. I hope you have the opportunity to watch a few Wimbledon matches during your holidays. All tennis enquiries to Wayne on 0438 195 723.
Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club

Children are encouraged to read and write during this year’s Gold Star Reading Club program, which commenced in Council libraries across the city on Saturday 4 May 2013.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2013 Gold Star Reading Club

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a writing journal, a writing pen, story inspiration dice and library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Hi Everyone,

Woolworths Earn and Learn has now ended. So please search everywhere and send in those stickers!

Every sticker counts and it will help us get some great resources for the school. We need to finalise the stickers by the 26th July. So there is still time to hunt them down and send in any lost stickers.

Thanks for your support,
Louise Maniaty

Around the Classrooms

**Prep A**
Mrs Badcock
In Prep Ariba we have been exploring fairy tales and nursery rhymes. We have also been making collages of what God means to us. We have been counting up to 30.

**Prep E**
Miss Kurcharski
In Prep Enuba we have been learning about nursery rhymes and letter patterns. We have been learning about sentences and simple punctuation. We also continue work with shapes and numbers.

**1 A**
Mrs Funnell
In 1Ariba we have started our addition investigation. We are exploring different combinations of numbers up to 12. In Science, we have made popcorn and we observed the changes that happen when you heat it.

**1 E**
Mrs O’Hara
We have been learning about number stories and number facts to 20. In science, we have been investigating heating and cooling and how materials change.

**2 A**
Ms Davidson
We have been counting in different patterns and looking at short ‘oo’ sounds in words. We have also been exploring stories that Jesus told and that we need to be forgiving people. We have also been enjoying literacy rotations.

**2E**
Mrs Wilkins
We have been subtracting with re-grouping. We enjoyed doing our re-count on our imaginary trip to New Zealand. Pizza fraction Friday has been a huge hit.

**3 A**
Mrs Bolton and Mrs Toohey
We have been working on procedural texts. So far we have made frogs and snakes. Angelina and Cordelia made us Fairy Bread. We have also been learning about fractions in Maths.

**3 E**
Ms Hill
We continue to work on our reading, listening and speaking skills. We are working together in groups and supporting our peers. Preparation for our reconciliation has us looking more closely at our gifts and how we can help others.

**4 A**
Miss Cheyne
In 4 Ariba we have been practising our times tables and related division facts. We have also completed a non-fiction scavenger hunt to help us understand how features of books can help us to be better researchers in History.

**4 E**
Miss Rogers
We have been writing diary entries about an explorer’s voyage to Australia. We have been learning about multiples and factors in maths.

**5 A**
Mrs Humphrys
We are working on division in Maths and writing a report in English. For History, we are researching a famous pioneer. We went on our excursion to St Helena Island. We learnt so much and it was fun.

**SP A**
Mrs Graham
We have also been writing historical fiction about World War 2. We also have been doing perspective drawing. We have been learning about natural dyes.

**SP E**
Mrs McArdie
We have been working hard on our terracotta warrior sketches. We have been presenting our Qin Shi Huangdi powerpoint presentations.
Awards:

**Unite** in a spirit of blessing,
- Jacob Christophers, Joshua Obongo, Clae Flanigan

**Nurture** in a spirit of the sacred,
- Nancy Wang, Kian Callinawan,

**Encourage** in a spirit of holiness,
- Porscha Taka, Achan Acuil,

**RecognisE** in a spirit of inspiration,
- Sanjay Gurung, Matilda Shields, Joshua Lowe,

**EmpoWEr** in a spirit of gentleness,
- Kwan Obongo, Ashton Smith,

Tuckshop News

Click link to download tuckshop menu
http://www.stflannans.qld.edu.au/community/Pages/ Tuckshop.aspx

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