Principal's Message

Our School's Vision Statement is - A Connected Community.

The word Connected should be interpreted as our link with humanity, recognising that we are all interconnected. When we recognise this we make different choices. Our choices become more collaborate, selfless and good.

Over the holidays one of the books I read was called 101 Ways to be of Service and Create Community. The author goes on to write “Connected is the start to seeing and being a different kind of human being. One in which we take conscious actions and contribute to humanity without the need of anything in return – to be of service and unite people merely for the sake of bringing people together and doing good.”

Creating A Connected Community at St Joseph’s starts within and moves outside of us. Lily Tomlin wrote “I always wondered why somebody doesn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.” I would argue the more we give of ourselves in the spirit of service, the more we create A Connected Community.

My vision for St Joseph’s School is to see people unite. What if we had a school where every student knew and felt that they belonged? Where illusions of disconnection and loneliness diminish. I would argue that this would greatly assist students to be more open and able to learn.

As this new term begins, I would urge each of us to find small ways to help build A Connected Community here at St Joseph’s School. It begins with our interactions with others where we honour the divinity in everyone else around us.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

DATE CLAIMERS

Isis District Cross Country – Wed. 17th April

Parents & Friends Meeting – Wed. 17th April at 2pm

School Board Meeting – Wed. 17th April at 4.30pm

No Music Lessons with Peter Paget – Thurs. 18th April

Make Up Strings Lesson with Beeke – Mon 22nd April

School Photo Day – Wed. 24th April

ANZAC Day – Thurs. 25th April

BRONCOS BANNER

St Joseph’s Footy Tipping Leaders:

1. The Blake’s
2. Anderson
3. Mr Hinton
Parent Email Addresses
We ask that all parents supply a current email address to assist with school communications. Please take some time to pop into the office to supply an email address if you have one. Alternatively you can email the school directly at pchilders@bne.catholic.edu.au

Technology Roll Out
The Responsible Use of Computers Policy and Consent Forms were inserted into a newsletter in term 1. Please take some time to read through this policy and talk to your child about their responsibilities (obviously parents of younger students will need to keep their discussion simple). Please return these forms to the office, they are now overdue.

Changes to Tuckshop & Subway
A reminder that tuckshop will be on alternate Wednesdays. The Subway day has also been changed from Fridays to alternate Wednesdays (non-tuckshop weeks). This way parents can plan on Wednesdays being the day for either tuckshop or subway. The first Wednesday of term 2 will be Subway. Subway orders will need to be handed to the school office the day prior to Subway (Tuesday).

P&F Purchased Coffee Machine
The P&F has purchased a coffee machine! This machine is available for our adult community on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. It will be set up in the tuckshop. A $2 donation would be appreciated and would help to maintain the machine and coffee and milk supplies.

From the APRE
Below is part of the Easter message delivered by Pope Francis.

“Happy Easter! Happy Easter!
What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen! I would like it to go out to every house and every family, especially where the suffering is greatest, in hospitals, in prisons ...
Most of all, I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of God always Triumphs!
......So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ’s Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.
And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world.”
The Easter Season lasts for 50 days and continues until the feast of Pentecost on Sunday, 19th May. We are called as Christians to rejoice in the rising of Jesus and make a difference in the lives of those around us. We need to believe that many little things can make big differences in our world.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater
Year 4 Excursion to Woodgate
On Thursday, the 21st of March, the year 4 students travelled to Woodgate beach with their teacher, Kate Hinton. Our six enthusiastic students, armed with cameras and notebooks, were focused on plant and animal features and their survival on both the coast and inland. Working within their Science unit, the students examined the beach, sandbars, mangroves and along the shores.

The first stop was the beach. The tide was out, offering a broader area to search. At first, our scientists only saw sand and water, but when they looked harder, they found shells, sea creatures and plant life. A big thing the students noticed was the dirty brown water and the erosion caused from the recent floods.

As the class walked from the beach around to the Theodolite Creek, the effects of the floods was much more obvious. The creek was very brown and the students failed to see any small fish in the shallows. There weren’t many birds and the mangroves were smelly and full of sandflies.

Quickly moving on, the students drove to the other end of Woodgate to visit Banksia Park. The small park is set amidst a bushy location with a boardwalk. The students noticed a big change in the variety of plants and grasses to what they saw at the creek. They even found pretty flowers. While walking along the boardwalk, the students found some friendly beetles, lizards and ghost crabs. Birds were also in abundance compared to the creek and beach.

The path led our group to the beach. The students found the floods and wild weather had reached this part of the beach as well. Trees were uprooted and the sand dunes had suffered severe erosion. The students saw pelicans and baby seagulls. Soldier crabs gave them some fun when they marched across the wet sand. The students studied them, after digging them up, as well as sea snails they found creeping along the sand.

Our six scientists had fun and learnt a lot about the different environments within the coastal environment, despite them being situated so close together. After a busy morning, the group had a quick lunch before returning to school.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
A friendly reminder that the 2013 Woolworth Earn & Learn program has begun. Please collect your stickers for our School.

Strings Instrumental Music Lessons
This Thursday, strings lessons will take place as usual. Next week lessons will be held on Monday (22.04.13). Please remind your children to bring their instruments and music on these days.

Presbytery Open Days
Fr Sunny warmly invites parishioners and friends to come to the presbytery after Mass on Wednesday 17th April for morning tea, or on Thursday 18th April to share an evening meal.

Term 2 Tennis
Tennis lessons with Mr Banner are again on offer in term 2. If you would like your child to participate please contact the office. All students who enrolled in tennis in term 1 will be automatically enrolled in term 2 unless parents notify the school office otherwise.

Year 7 to Secondary
In term 1, year 5 and 6 students and their families were requested to provide feedback regarding leadership responsibilities and privileges in the 2014 school year. The P&F will provide further consultation in the May meeting of term 2 (all parents are welcome). A final position will be published by the school at the end of term 2, 2013.
Happy Birthday

Jared Wozniak
15/04

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If these dates do not suit tuckshop helpers, please contact the school office. If you are available to assist please contact the school office.

Ladies, fancy a day out shopping without the hassle of trying to get to the Sunshine Coast or Brisbane.

Isis Community Preschool & Kindergarten is running a Mother’s Day Bus Trip to Eumundi Markets & Sunshine Plaza on Saturday 4th May, 2013. Departing Kindy (Pizzey Street) at 6.00am Returning approximately 6.30-7.00pm Cost $50 per seat

A day of fun, games, raffles and, of course, shopping.

Please phone 4126 1241 for bookings.