Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

This Easter Season celebrates the new life won for all humankind through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter assures us that we are now called to enter into a right relationship with God. This means that we live according to the plan of God exemplified for us in the life and teachings of Jesus.

The great message of Jesus was one of inclusion. When Jesus was dying on the cross almost all had deserted him. Those who were left were mainly women. In the society of the day women were very much inferior and were acknowledged according to the status of their husband or their father. Women enjoyed no personal status. The presence of these women beneath the cross indicated that they understood Jesus’ message of inclusion. There was no fear or disillusionment for them.

As we contemplate the new life so central to the Easter story we are challenged to renew and deepen our relationship with God. We can do this by internalising the message of inclusion that Jesus taught us. This may mean a change in the way we relate to others and to the world generally. Easter makes all of this possible.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Acting Principal
Swimming Carnival
We had a very enjoyable and successful swimming carnival at the end of term 1. Congratulations to the Blue team for a spirited victory. Congratulations to age champions Ky Sweeny, Clancy Pryor, Will Martell, Maicy McKey, Liam Lawler, Charley Jayne Harney, Anderson Bee, Caitlin Cook, Eden Farimbella and Emily Burns.

I am happy to announce the parents and teachers relay team touched the wall in first place during the final race of the day.

Term 2 Masses
We will be celebrating two school masses this term. Mrs Freeman and the Prep/1 children will be organising the Mother’s Day Mass on Friday 4th May. On Friday the 15th June, the Yr 3 class will plan the mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You are most welcome to come and join us for these celebrations.

Easter Story
On the last Friday of term 1, the whole school was involved in a presentation of the Easter story. A huge thank you goes to Twila Whittingham who had been working with the children on this. The children did a wonderful job in sharing the Easter story with our school community. It was great to see so many parents who were able find the time to come along.

Have a great week, Helen Freshwater.
Tuckshop
From the first Wednesday of term 2 the school tuckshop will be operational using a volunteer system. This system allows us to set prices at more affordable levels. Having at least 2 volunteers each week will also assist us to ensure prepared food is of a good quality. My sincere thanks to Lynda Ricca and Helen Woodman for volunteering to be tuckshop convenors. If you are able to assist in the tuckshop from 8.30 – 11.30am on an occasional Wednesday please see Helen, Linda, Danielle Smith (P&F President) or myself.

A term 2 tuckshop list was distributed in the final week of term 1’s newsletter. Additional copies are available from the office.

Cross Country
As indicated in a letter distributed on the last day of term 1, the school cross country carnival will be held on Friday the 20th April (first Friday of term 2). Students will run a set number of laps around the school block depending on their age. Supervisors will be stationed at each corner of the block. We are again seeking parental support. If you are able to assist please contact the office.

2013 Prep Enrolment
Enrolment for the 2013 prep year will be open from the 1st of May 2012. A student enrolling for prep with older siblings at St Joseph’s will be given priority, as will those who are baptised Catholics. Enrolment interviews will be carried out in term 3.

Easter Raffle
Thank you to all parents and the wider community for supporting the P&F Easter raffle. Congratulations to Janet Burns winner and Amy Uridge runner up.

Bundaberg Festival of Dance
The Bundaberg Festival of Dance was held during the first week of the school holidays at the Moncrieff Theatre in Bundaberg. Emily Burns competed in both group sections and solo events. She was part of dance teams that were placed first (twice), a third and a Highly Commended in the groups section. In her solo performances, Emily was placed first (3 times), a second and third (twice). She was also awarded the 11 & 12 years Tap Championship and the Patricia Tyrrell Trophy for “Most Promising Tap Dancer”.

Staff Professional Development
Research indicates that after the parent and the student, the teacher has the largest impact on a child’s learning. Therefore, it is vital we strike the right balance between teachers being present in class, yet also receiving necessary professional development to keep their pedagogy relevant to today’s changing world. This section in the newsletter will highlight the staff professional development occurring during the week.

Reading to Learn (Tuesday & Wednesday) – Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Rown
Principal Cluster Meeting (Friday) – Mr Hinton
Happy Birthday

Theresa Bretherton  12/04

Tennis

Please remember to bring in your tennis form if you want your child to participate in Tennis lessons this term.

If you require another form or further information please contact the school office.