Principal's Message

Long before the Green Movement, long before World Heritage Listing of forests, oceans etc., long before Environmental Regulations and bodies such as the Environmental Protections Agency, one man had an extraordinary apperception of the environment, and what a precious God-given gift it is to all of humanity. His name was Francis Bernardone and we know him today as Saint Francis of Assisi. We celebrate his Feast on October 4th each year.

Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226) lived in twelfth century Italy and like most wealthy young men of that era, joined the army in search of glory and hope of a knighthood. However, while recuperating from battle wounds, Francis had an encounter with Jesus and consequently became a changed person. From that moment onwards the only glory and honours Francis sought were in the service of God. The closer he grew in understanding of God, the more Francis became aware of God's presence in all things, most especially in nature. His prayer Canticle of Creation reveals the depth of this insight. In it Francis refers to the earth as mother, the sun as brother, the moon as sister, and he celebrates the gifts of water, wind, fire, trees and flowers. So captivated by the beauty of nature was Francis that he even tried to avoid walking on leaves, and if he did so would apologise for damaging their beauty.

Francis was also a great advocate for peace and the famous peace prayer attributed to him is testimony to this. For Francis, all life was precious and a gift from God. Hence anything that harmed life was a rejection of God's gifts.

Francis had a great devotion to the image of Jesus on the cross – an image that revealed to him in the most profound way the unconditional love of God. It was this love that inspired his appreciation of nature, respect for life,
Grandparent’s Day Mass hosted by Year Four Five
Friday, 10th October, 9.00am
We would like to put together a slideshow and reflection for our Grandparents that will be presented at the end of Mass. To assist, please email a photo to Miss Robba - lrobba@bne.catholic.edu.au of children and their grandparents if you wish for them to be included in the reflection.

Following Mass, the year 6/7 class will lead Blanket Reading (all grandparents are welcome). Following Blanket Reading, a small children’s market stall will follow by a morning tea with grandparents and staff.

Children’s Market Stall
Last term, some students from Years 3 – 7 participated in an enrichment activity called “Business in a Backpack”. The aim of this activity was for each group to develop their own business by manufacturing and selling small items (e.g. key rings, cards, jewellery, photo frames and hair accessories).

As a culminating activity, the students will be selling their products at a “Market Day” this Friday (10th October) from 10:30am, and any profits will be donated to a charity. The students will be advertising their products at school over the next few days. All students are welcome to bring a small amount of money and purchase an item to support this project (maximum cost of items is $2).

Reading to Joey’s Kids
The Reading to Joey’s Kids program was enacted through the SPIIT (School Parish Inclusive Think Tank). This program has involved up to 6 grandparents of our community reading regularly to children in the prep/year 1 class. We would love to expand this program. We are looking for grandparents (either connected to our school or parish) who would be willing to volunteer one hour per week. If willing, please contact the office with your details.

Parish News
St Peter’s Catholic Church at Biggenden is celebrating 75 years and cordially invites all school families to attend Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge as main celebrant at 10am on SUNDAY, 19th OCTOBER. A light lunch will be shared in Biggenden Memorial Hall after Mass. This is also our annual parish get-together so please put the date in your diary. As catering and transport arrangements need to be made, please put your name on the clipboard in the church or phone the parish office on 41261256 by 8th October. We hope you can come along to get together and help our fellow parishioners celebrate this important milestone in their faith history.

Children’s Liturgy 1st Weekend of Each Month
The next Children’s Liturgy will be on Saturday, the 1st November at 6pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.

Annual Catholic Campaign – Socktober
The Annual Catholic Campaign raises much needed funds for a variety of programs facilitated by the Catholic Church. On the last day of term 3 all children and staff were invited to contribute a gold coin to the Annual Catholic Campaign and wear their favourite pair of socks – the funkier the better. For an extra gold coin a funky hair style might match the socks perfectly.

Thank you to the year 6/7 Social Justice ministry for their leadership of this event.
Consistency of Teacher Judgement
Monday, the 20th October, is a teacher professional development day. This is an annual day where teachers moderate work samples with teachers from other Brisbane Catholic Education schools to ensure consistency. Please be aware this is a student free day.

Tennis
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Learning programs for Term 4
Wednesday afternoons: 4 - 5pm
Commences: 8th October, 2014
Saturday mornings: 8 - 9am & 9 - 10am
Commences: 11th October, 2014 (Games: 18th October 2014).
Register now with Bundaberg Tennis Academy
Coaches - Murray Whitbread: 0407 639 824 and Kevin Banner: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

C&K ISIS COMMUNITY OPEN DAY
Open Morning and information session on Friday, 31st October, 9-11am.

This Open Morning is for anyone interested in enrolling their child (aged 3 or older) for 2015. Come along and check out our fantastic outdoor and indoor learning environment and meet the director and assistant.

For enquires, phone the Kindy on 4126 1242

2015 Classes
In 2015, with the move of year 7 to secondary, we are planning on having four classes. The composition of these classes will be announced in coming weeks. Factors that need consideration include:

- A commitment to composite classes that do not exceed two year levels.
- A commitment to consistency of class compositions, where possible.

In order to assist in this planning, please contact the office as soon as possible if your child/children will not be attending St Joseph’s School in 2015.

2015 School Fees
Throughout 2014 a direct debit trial that spreads payments across an entire year (as opposed to term time only) has been underway. I am happy to announce this trial was successful and will now be a part of our normal school fee structure options from 2015.

In 2015, fees and levies will be maintained as close to 2014 levels. If you are on direct debit this will mean approximately:

- One child $35 per week.
- Two children $50 per week.
- Three or more children $60 per week.

A 2015 fee structure will be included in a future newsletter once approved by the relevant bodies.
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## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

**Semester 2, 2014**

**Bus Fare Assistance**
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (* $20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

**Students with Disabilities**
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 October 2014.

Late applications cannot be accepted.