Principal's Message

Sexuality education is an essential aspect of any Christian Education and supports parents in their primary role as their children’s first and foremost educators. Through such education, parents and schools help students explore our Christian vocation to love which leads to a responsible and fulfilled Christian life.

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) has embarked on a two-year project seeking to strengthen its capacity to deliver quality evidence-based sexuality education within the Catholic Christian perspective. As part of this project, BCE would like to gain an understanding of the sexuality education currently occurring in Brisbane Catholic Schools and Colleges. To this end, a random selection of families from many schools and colleges is being invited to complete a survey to help BCE better understand the views, needs and wants of parents across the archdiocese.

Your Participation

Randomly selected families will be contacted and invited, by an external contractor engaged by BCE, to participate in the surveys. The contractor will contact these parents via email on 18th October, 2013. If you are contacted, you will not be asked to provide any personal information but rather about your views on what should be taught in sexuality education, how it should be taught, and how well it is currently being taught.

Although some families will be selected at random, BCE would like to extend an invitation to participate in the survey to any or all families wishing to be involved.

If you would like to be a part of this important project and would like to complete a Parent Survey, please contact the contractor detailed below before 18 October 2013.

Laura Graham
Survey Contractor
Email: laura.graham.surveys@gmail.com

Thank you to:
- Tuckshop volunteers – Lynda Ricca, Tanya Gilbert and Amy Bretherton.
- Father Sunny and the Parish Sacrament Team (Helen Bonanno, Sandra Freeman and Helen Freshwater) for their leadership in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Lauren Robba Visit

As discussed in a previous newsletter, Lauren Robba has been appointed as Assistant Principal Religious Education from the commencement of the 2014 school year. Lauren will be visiting St Joseph’s School on October the 23rd to meet students, staff and parents. If you see Lauren around, please introduce yourself. Lauren will also be meeting with the School Leadership Team on the 24th to be involved in 2014 planning.

Welcome Hayley Gordon

Hayley Gordon will be taking over from Carla Durnan as Year 6/7 Teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. We welcome Hayley to our staff and wider community.

Welcome Matthew Parkinson

At the beginning of term 4 (Tuesday, 8th of October), we welcome Matthew Parkinson back to St Joseph’s School to complete his internship in the year 4/5 class. Matthew’s internship is 6 weeks, which will see him finish at the end of week 6 in term 4 (Friday, 15th November).

Isis High Fun Run

St Joseph’s School student represented themselves, their families and their school with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Many prizes were collected. Special congratulations to Joshua Maroney and Cooper Burns who finished 1st & 2nd in the 2km event.

From the APRE

In a recent conversation where the discussions lead to school systems’ issues, a question was asked. “Why can’t other schools just do things like the Catholic schools?” I would like to reflect on this question.

In many ways each school is the same. We have the same curriculum, routines, discipline issues, strategic planning etc. However, there is one big difference. In a Catholic school, we have the beauty of having the stories of the Gospel to live by. We have the story of a man who walked among ordinary people. We have the story of Jesus. This story inspires us to open our hearts to all, welcome all into our community, forgive others, show compassion, empathy and tolerance to those who need us. In our classrooms, our children learn about this story and how Jesus lived his life. Yet this learning goes beyond the classroom. This story is lived out in the playground and at home. As the children from St. Joseph’s grow older and leave our school grounds, they will continue to live this story out in their workplaces, their communities and with their own families. Our motto; Christian Values, Catholic Family and Individual Growth will continue to be a guiding light as our students strive to be the best they can be, show compassion to those in need and be inclusive to all.

Have a great week

Helen Freshwater

Alter Serving Roster (Saturday, 21st September, 6pm)

Emily Burns and Celia Freeman

Children’s Liturgy 1st Weekend of Each Month

The next Children’s Liturgy will be on Saturday, the 5th October at 6pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.
Planning for 2014
Planning for class compositions is well underway for the 2014 school year. Enrolment numbers are a key determinant in our level of staff. Therefore, the school office appreciates being ‘kept in the loop’ in regards to any impacts on enrolment numbers.

Kids and Bats
Queensland Health has requested our assistance in promoting their new bat safety message by sharing it with our students, teachers and parents. A poster has been placed at the school office in regards to this.

Date Claimers
I apologise for the small print on the Date Claimers (front page of newsletter). Please see the school website for an up-to-date list of upcoming events in a larger print.

Reconciliation

School Piano Give-a-Way
Once again, we thank our supportive community for the upgrade of the school piano. The art work to recognise family contributions is progressing well. We are now looking for a home for our old piano. If interested, please see the school office by the end of the term.

NAPLAN Student Reports
These reports will be delivered to schools early in Term 4 and passed onto parents once checked by the school/college for accuracy and completeness. This delay has been due a printing error recently identified by the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Happy Birthday**

- Amelia Bradley  23/09
- Sophia Bowman   26/09
- Charley –Jayne Harney  29/09
- Charlie Fuller  30/09
- Clancey Pryor  01/10
- Bree Uridge  03/10
- Amara Burns  04/10

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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.

**School Banking**

The Dollarmites Character Moneyboxes will not be available in 2014. If you would like to redeem your tokens for a moneybox please do so prior to the end of the year. Please note that due to this change you can order more than one moneybox this year if you have the required tokens.

C&K ISIS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN – 14 PIZZEY STREET CHILDERS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR OPEN MORNING AND INFORMATION SESSION ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER FROM 9.00AM UNTIL 11.00AM.

THIS MORNING IS FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ENROLLING THEIR CHILD (AGED 3 OR OLDER) FOR 2014 COME ALONG AND CHECK OUT OUR FANTASTIC OUTDOOR AND INDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND MEET THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT.

FOR ENQUIRIES PHONE THE KINDY ON 41 261 241