Principal's Message

This term year 4/5 is participating in a homework trial, taking homework online using our school LIFE learning platform.

My thanks to the year 4/5 students, their parents and their teacher for being brave and entering into the unknown. A trial is never a smooth experience, however after the first week things seem to be traveling well. The positive start can be attributed to good communication between the 3 most important people in a child’s learning journey – the child, the parents and the teacher.

As year 4/5 parents have heard, the online environment comes with benefits as well as real risks. The Australian Communications and Media Authority have recognised this and have created a number of valuable resources. These resources assist parents in creating a safer online experience for their child at home. I have placed a link to the ACMA on our school website and would encourage all parents to visit and implement the advice given.

As the term progresses, I wish the year 4/5 class well during the homework trial. I would especially encourage students and parents to provide ongoing feedback directly to Mrs Hinton or myself regarding the trial.


Please find a list of some key term 4 dates:

Monday 21st October - Consistency of Teacher Judgement day (Student Free Day)

Friday 25th October – Walk for refugees (Year 4/5 & 6/7)

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October – Book Fair

Friday 22nd November – End of Semester Reports sent home

Monday 25th November – Parent/Teacher interviews commence

Monday 25th November – 2 weeks of swimming lessons commence

Wednesday 4th December – Year 7 graduation and dinner

Thursday 5th December – End of year concert and P&F BBQ

Friday 6th December – Last day of term 4 (1/2 day for students)

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
From the APRE
Last Friday I attended the Launch and Blessing of the New Religious Education Curriculum with John Hinton and Sandra Freeman. The Religious Education Curriculum brings into closer alignment the two dimensions of Religious Education. These being ‘teaching people religion and teaching people to be religious’. Schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese aspire to educate and form students who endeavour to live out the Gospel in their day to day lives. We as parents and teachers come together in a partnership to nurture this spiritual growth of our students. In this journey there will be times where we are right by their side and other times where we will be guiding them from a distance. Pope Francis tells a story of flying kites in his neighbourhood when he was a child. He explains that knowing how to let children grow and is like flying a kite.

“There’d come the moment when the kite would begin making a ‘figure 8’ and begin falling. In order to keep that from happening, you mustn’t pull the string. The kids who knew more than us would scream, ‘Give it some slack, it’s wobbling!’

Flying a kite resembles the approach you need to take regarding a young person’s growth: sometimes you need to give them some slack because they are ‘wavering’. In other words, it is necessary to give them time. We have to be able to set limits at the right moment, but other times we need to know how to look the other way and be like the father of the parable, the Prodigal Son, who lets his son move out and squander his fortune so that he learns from experience.”

Pope Francis

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

Children’s Liturgy 1st Weekend of Each Month
The next Children’s Liturgy will be on Saturday, the 2nd November at 6pm. All children are welcome to come along and join in this wonderful experience.

Altar Serving Roster (Saturday 19th October, 6pm)
Emily Burns and Celia Freeman

Teacher Professional Development Day
Monday, the 21st 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. Please be aware this is a student free day.

2014 Classes
In 2014 we are planning on having five classes (same as this year). The composition of these classes will be announced in coming weeks. 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 2014.

2014 School Fee Trial
In order to assist families, as well as to promote St Joseph’s as an affordable educational option in our community, we are beginning a direct debit trial that spreads payments across an entire year (as opposed to term time only). If interested, please make contact with Jodie Campanini before the end of the school year to ensure direct debit payments can be organised in time. For additional information, please see last week’s newsletter insert.

P&F Meeting
Please be aware that this month’s P&F meeting has been cancelled. The next P&F meeting will be held on the 20th November at 2pm.
Parent Forum
The Brisbane Archdiocesan Parents & Friends in conjunction with the Federation Secretariat have organised an opportunity for parents to have input into the Review of Senior Assessment, OP and Tertiary Entrance.

All parents, primary and secondary, are welcome to attend. The forum will be held in Brisbane on the 31st of October, commencing at 5.30pm. If interested, please contact the school office for additional information.

Book Fair
Book Fair is back! On the 29th and 30th of October, we are holding a Book Fair in the library. Last year, we had some wonderful books and this year’s looks to be just as great. Opening times will be before school at 8.20 am, lunch times between 11.05 am and 11.30 am, and after school till 3pm. Love to see you there.

Term 4 Tuckshop List
The Term 3 tuckshop list will be continued this term. If you would like to volunteer, please see the office.

End of Year Concert
A hip-hop dance concert, followed by a P&F BBQ will help us celebrate the 2013 school year in a fun, exciting and collaborative way. Please keep the evening of Thursday, 5th December free in your diary for this event.

Year 3/4 Podcast
The Smith family have recently been creating Podcasts about animals and the environments in which they are located. These Podcasts are aptly named Animal Geeks and can be found on itunes.

At the end of last week, the Smith family visited the year 3/4 class and recorded a Podcast about the Great Barrier Reef.

I would encourage you to search for Animal Geeks in itunes and download the Podcast. It is informative, entertaining and full of inspiring young voices wanting to know more.

2014 Fete Committee
We are considering the possibility of hosting a school fete in 2014. A fete would provide a fun community event, as well as a boost to school resources. The establishment of a fete committee, involving students, parents and staff will be necessary to ensure its success. If you have the desire, energy and willingness to be involved, please let me know or drop your name off at the office and I will be in touch.

Music Lesson Vacancy
There is space for up to 4 beginner students to share a lesson (years 3-7 only). Instruments may be available to borrow (free of charge). This is an affordable way to have your child try out an instrument. Please contact the office if you are interested.
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

#### CHRISTIAN VALUES | CATHOLIC FAMILY | INDIVIDUAL GROWTH
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**Prep/1** | Hailei Breznikar | Ryan Santacaterina, Chloe van der Heide
**Yr 1/2** | Isabella Wozniak, Kyle Blake | Xavier Freeman
**Yr 3/4** | Amelia Bradley | Bree Uridge, Harriet Smith
**Yr 4/5** | Jared Wozniak | Tom Blinco, Samuel Woodman
**Yr 6/7** | Selena Russo | Anderson Bee

#### Date | Week | Subway/Tuckshop | Helpers
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16.10.2013 | 2 | Tuckshop | Lynda Ricca, Amy Bretherton and Val Walkington
23.10.2013 | 3 | Subway | 
30.10.2013 | 4 | Tuckshop | Tanya Gilbert, Lynda Ricca, Amy Bretherton
06.11.2013 | 5 | Subway | 
13.11.2013 | 6 | Tuckshop | Tanya Gilbert, Lynda Ricca
20.11.2013 | 7 | Subway | 
27.11.2013 | 8 | Tuckshop | Tanya Gilbert, Lynda Ricca
04.12.2013 | 9 | Subway | 

### Happy Birthday

- Will Graham-Jones 15/10
- Ryan Blinco 16/10
- Sofie Bonanno 16/10
- Celia Freeman 17/10
- Charlotte Bradley 18/10
- Kate Fitz-Gibbon 18/10

### Student Travel Rebates

**Semester 2, 2013**

#### Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $22/week* on fares to and from school (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 2013. Late applications cannot be accepted.