Principal’s Message

During this Easter season we are reminded that God’s peace is with us and for everyone. It is not something that we can acquire or purchase; rather it is a gift from God. We can discover this gift through developing a relationship with God. By prayer and reflecting on the Word of God in the Bible we come to know God and experience God’s loving presence in our lives. This then becomes the source of that peace for which we all long. This is what the disciples gradually realised during those days following the resurrection. It gave them the courage to spread the Gospel and changed the way that they related to others as clearly recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

Thursday is ANZAC Day and a special day of remembrance of the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces, and sadly in too many cases, have given their lives in this service. Their sacrifice was made striving to bring peace. Their service brought hope where there was suffering and despair. Their courage and generosity spoke of the desire for all to live in peace and freedom as the children of God.

In the Christian context the ANZACs and the continuing ANZAC tradition is a sign of the resurrection. It points to that gift of peace Jesus promised to all, and identifies them as peacemakers, truly blessed as the children of God.

We pray this week for peace in our world, in our own families and communities, and in our own hearts. We pray in gratitude for the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present who have devoted and continue to devote their lives to the cause of peace. May God bless and protect them all.

Please be aware that ANZAC Day falls on Thursday this week and the school will be participating in the local March. Children are encouraged to attend and march with the school group – school uniform and school hat are to be worn. Children participating are asked to assemble on the corner of North and Churchill Streets at 9.45am. The march is scheduled to commence at 10am. The school ANZAC Commemoration will be held this Wednesday at 2.20pm.

Thank you to:
- The P&F and School Board for the meetings held last week.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

School Photo Day – Wed. 24th April
Fire Visit (Year 1) – Wed 24th April at 9.30am
Xavier Visit (Year 6/7) – Wed. 24th April at 11.00am
ANZAC Commemoration Liturgy - Wed. 24th April at 2.20pm
ANZAC Day – Thurs. 25th April

St Joseph’s Footy Tipping Leaders:
1. The Blake’s
2. Anderson
3. Mr Hinton

Congratulations to team ‘Fitzy’ who had the only 8 point round last week. I hear Fitzy tips according to favourite colour!
From the APRE

New Religious Education Curriculum

It has been fifteen years since Brisbane Catholic Education launched a new Religious Education Curriculum. In light of the national curriculum changes which have occurred over the last several years, Brisbane Catholic Education has worked hard to produce a new Religious Education Curriculum. As of January this year the Curriculum has been ratified by the Archbishop which means that it is now a fully workable document.

With the changes of structure and strands and sub-strands within the new curriculum it is now important that all teachers are guided through an implementation phase to ensure that everyone is familiar with the format and content of the materials. To do this our school has set up an implementation team who will participate in professional learning opportunities, supported by Brisbane Catholic Education. Teachers will attend a twilight professional development at school this evening that will help us to unravel and become familiar with the content of the new Religious Education Curriculum.

Visit from Xavier Catholic College Students

On Wednesday, year 6 students from Xavier College, Hervey Bay, will be visiting St. Joseph’s on their way home from camp. Our year 6/7 class will join them for Mass followed by a sausage sizzle.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – First Communion & Confirmation

The first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for First Communion & Confirmation is on Wednesday, 22nd May, at 4.30pm in the St. Joseph’s school hall. This meeting is the enrolment meeting and first session for parents and children. The program is for Catholic children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are in Year 3 or older.

We will be running a Reconciliation program later in the year. Look out for dates the newsletter.

If your child will be participating in the First Communion & Confirmation program, please contact: Helen Freshwater at St. Joseph’s School on 41 261 866 or Fr. Sunny at the Parish Office on 41 261 256 by the 8th May.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

School Website

Please take a look at our School’s website. This website is updated regularly and includes a comprehensive list of school activities for term 2.

Parent Email Addresses

Please supply your current email address to assist with school communications. Pop into the School Office or email it to pchldiers@bne.catholic.edu.au

Term 2 Tennis

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

The P&F will provide face-to-face consultation regarding the year 6 & 7 arrangements for 2014 in the May meeting (all parents are welcome). A final position will be published by the school at the end of term 2, 2013.

Technology Roll Out

Please complete The Responsible Use of Computers Policy and Consent Form with your child (obviously parents of younger students will need to keep their discussion simple). Please return these forms to the office as they are now overdue.

Changes to Tuckshop & Subway

Please find a copy of the term 2 tuckshop menu inserted into the newsletter. A reminder that tuckshop will be on alterant Wednesdays. The Subway day has also been changed from Fridays to alternate Wednesdays (non-tuckshop weeks). Please see back of newsletter for Subway/tuckshop calendar.
School Board

Today, the School Board released our School’s Student Behaviour Support Position Statement for community consultation. Please find a copy of this Position Statement inserted into the newsletter. All feedback regarding the Position Statement is due by the end of term 2, 2013. The School Board will provide a published copy of the Position Statement on the School’s website in term 3, 2013.

2014 Prep Enrolment Open

Please spread the word – Prep enrolment for 2014 is open at St Joseph’s School. A small advertisement has been placed in the Town & Country to remind our wider community of the option for Catholic Schooling in Childers. Please be reassured knowing that Catholic children, followed by siblings of currently enrolled students are given priority if required.

Wakakirri Update

Thank you to the many respondents indicating an interest in participating in a St Joseph’s Wakakirri program this term. Unfortunately we require a minimum of 20 students. Due to this restriction, we will not be participating this year.

New Parish Website

The Parish has a new website that contains information on a range of topics, some of which include Mass times and locations and current Parish Newsletters. Check it out at www.childerscatholic.com

P&F Purchased Coffee Machine

A coffee machine will be set up in the tuckshop for adult use on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. A $2 donation would be appreciated and would help to maintain the machine and coffee and milk supplies.

Isis Cross Country

On Wednesday, 20 children from St. Josephs walked to Childers State School to participate in the Isis District Cross Country Carnival. The course was gruelling with its bridge crossings, muddy patches and punishing hills. The St. Joseph’s team was very successful with 5 children making the Isis Tigers Cross Country team. Benji Gardner-Smith, Brooke Fitz-Gibbon, Cooper Burns, Joshua Maroney and Will Martel. will travel to Hervey Bay on the 2nd May, where they will take part in the Hervey Bay Zone trials.

Parents and Friends Committee

The major project for the P&F Committee in 2013 will be to upgrade the audio and visual equipment in the Hall. We are currently seeking quotes on a variety of systems. If you have expertise in this area please make contact with John Hinton (Principal) or Tania Tarda (P&F President).

On the 10th May, the P&F will set up a Mother’s Day stall from 11.30am. All students will have access at some point during the day. Children are encouraged to bring some money ($1-$10) on this day to purchase a special gift for their Mum. This is not a fundraising event for the P&F, it is merely a service we are providing for our families.
Happy Birthday

Travis Katt    24/04
Chloe van der Heide   28/04

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

Date   Week   Subway/Tuckshop   Helpers
24.4.2013   2   Tuckshop   Natalie Drake, Wendy Santacaterina, Louise Graham-Jones
1.5.2013   3   Subway
8.5.2013   4   Tuckshop   Natalie Drake, Wendy Santacaterina, Louise Graham-Jones
15.5.2013   5   Subway
22.5.2013   6   Tuckshop   Natalie Drake, Wendy Santacaterina, Louise Graham-Jones
29.5.2013   7   Subway
5.6.2013   8   Tuckshop   Tanya Gilbert, Natalie Drake, Wendy Santacaterina, Louise Graham-Jones
12.6.2013   9   Subway

TENNIS
MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning lessons for Primary & Secondary school children at the Isis Tennis Club Inc, North Street, Childers commences Thursday, 18th April for Term 2 conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach, Kevin Banner. Registration is Essential.
For more information please contact Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520 753

KINDERGARTEN COOKBOOK
The Kindergarten is hoping to publish a revised edition of their cookbook. If you would like to contribute a recipe, you can email it to mararogers@hotmail.com or isiskindie@bigpond.com. Please email by the end of April as they are wanting to have it printed in time for multicultural.