Dear Parents

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.”

Maryanne Radmacher

We hope all our wonderful mums out there had a great Mothers’ Day on Sunday and were deservedly and totally spoiled by their children.

Thanks to Julianne Young (our hands on P&F President) and her troupe of hard-working mothers - Deb Thompson, Sonya Mackay and Alisha Maxwell who prepared and sold all the Mothers’ Day presents last week. It was quite an impressive sight to see all the gifts available to the excited students who were eager to purchase one for their mum. On Friday I got to enjoy the Prep Mothers’ Day liturgy that was put on for the mums who were able to attend.

**NAPLAN TESTS**
By the time you receive this newsletter the year 3, 5 & 7 students will have completed their NAPLAN tests for 2013. Anyone missing tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will have the opportunity to make up the test(s) tomorrow.

**P&F MEETING**
Thank you very much to those parents who were able to make it along to our P & F meeting on Tuesday evening this week. Apart from the usual business that was discussed Tony O’Shea and Kerry Rowlands presented current information to parents on cyberbullying. This session will be repeated during a parent forum early next term – watch here for the date. In the meantime all parents should check out [http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com](http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com/) that contains MUST HAVE information for parents.

**STAFF CHANGE**
This week we welcome Luke Riddell to 3 Blue. Luke will be teaching 3Blue while Paul Tierney is on long service leave until the last week of this term.
This term we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Archdiocese to help support the Annual Catholic Campaign. Over the coming weeks we will learn about the ministries and people it supports.

Later this term we will hold a school fundraising event for the Campaign. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be writing to you and other members of the Catholic community across South East Queensland to ask for everyone’s support.

The Annual Catholic Campaign gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is the new MacKillop Fund to help families, who could not otherwise afford it, access to our Catholic schools.

I encourage you to please give what you can. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Annual Catholic Campaign. If you are able to, please consider making a regular monthly gift. This way, the ministries supported by the Campaign can plan more easily for the future and grow knowing that people are willing and committed to making ongoing contributions.

Over the coming weeks, as we will learn more about the important contribution we make as a Church, I encourage you to consider your support.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photos will be taken on Monday 27th May and Tuesday 28th May in the undercover area and media room as per the schedule below.

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Children are required to bring photo money to school only on the day of photos. Money will not be collected prior to your child’s photo day. If you require a family photo, please collect a family envelope from the front office and then you are asked to call MSP on 5520-2999 to schedule an appointment time.

Children will need to wear full dress uniform. They may bring runners to school if they have sport training and change during the break.

**Dress Uniform - GIRLS**
Prep and Year 1 (for photos)
Green tartan shorts
Green St Vincent’s polo T-shirt
School socks
Predominantly white joggers
Long hair must be secured with bottle green or white ribbons.

Years 2 - 7
White school blouse
Green tartan skirt
School socks
Black leather college lace up (or buckle) shoes
Long hair must be secured with bottle green or white ribbons.

**Dress Uniform - BOYS**
Prep and Year 1 for photos
Green shorts
Green St Vincent’s polo T-shirt
School socks
Predominantly white joggers

Years 2 - 7
White school shirt
Bottle green shorts
School socks
Black leather college lace up shoes
**'KIDS IN SPACE' - THE MUSICAL  Ticket Sales**

We are pleased and excited to announce the upcoming ticket sales for our 2013 school musical - 'Kids In Space'.

Our Musicals at St. Vincent's are always great fun and a hit with all ages and this one will certainly be no exception!

Combine a cast of 80 Space Pirates, Droids, Space ballet, a futuristic family and a Kid with attitude and you have a great fun show sure to entertain!

So with this in mind and also mindful of the fact that all our three shows are a sell-out each year, **we are releasing pre-sale tickets to cast members next week. All cast members will take home details of the purchase procedure at rehearsals next Monday, 20th May.** Families will then have a week to purchase any number of tickets they require before the show goes on sale to the rest of the school community and the general public the following week. The shows will be staged at the Robina Community Theatre on the evening of the 19th of July and two shows, a matinee and gala evening show on the 20th July.

So get your family, friends, neighbours and people in the street ready for a great show full of dance, musical songs and lots of fun!

Yours In Space!

*Anita Eldridge - Director*

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**GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR**

**Bullies who leave no bruises (Part 1)**

This is the first part of an edited version of an article written by Helen Signy. The article appeared in The Age a few years ago.

The article acknowledges the dangers of children being exposed to inappropriate material on the internet and our kids being vulnerable to online predators, but the real dangers of the internet lie in what our children are doing to each other. The article focuses on a 14 year old named Chloe, but I have been directly involved in recent cases in our schools that affect much younger children.

"Imagine Chloe, 14, coming home from school ... Her bedroom door shuts and her parents don't see her until she is called downstairs for her evening meal. Like hundreds of thousands of parents across Australia, Chloe's parents are blissfully unaware of what is transpiring behind her door. They may assume that she is deeply absorbed in reading this year's set text for English or labouring over a hot computer in preparation for tomorrow's French test.

"Wired child Chloe is most likely surfing the net and using social networking sites such as MySpace to stay in touch with myriad people - some friends, some new acquaintances and some strangers. She will be using instant messaging programs to chat with friends and may be joining some open discussions on blogs or chat rooms to express her opinions. She might have a window open with some schoolwork on the go, too."

The cyber revolution has seen an explosion of bullying, with an alarming 25 per cent of school students reporting they've been bullied in some way online (Carr-Gregg's research, conducted through Girlfriend magazine, put that figure at 42 per cent).

Only about 4 per cent of respondents to surveys on cyberbullying will admit to having bullied themselves. But what's dawning on parents and educators is that much of the behaviour has become normalised. Our children are bullying because everyone else is doing it, unaware that it's profoundly damaging to the victim - and it's illegal.

"The anonymity of the internet bestows upon these young people a sense of power and disinhibition that really has created a whole new level of cyber harassment that we have never before experienced," Carr-Gregg says.

It's easy to be a bully in the new cyber world. Harassment via email, instant messaging or SMS, posting upsetting replies in chatrooms, using defamatory material in blogs, spreading rumours or sharing private information online and uploading embarrassing photos or video clips onto websites are all behaviours that constitute bullying. Quite often the bullying is inadvertent. Teenagers might exclude friends from a chatroom, for example, or forward photos taken of unsuspecting friends on mobile phones. Children who have poor impulse control and don't think through the consequences of their actions may bully because they can, because it's being done to them or because they think it's a prank.

The thug waiting behind the bike shed has been replaced by the anonymous bully who can reach his or her victim 24 hours a day from just about any location. The bully needs no time to reflect and plan - cyberbullying is instant and the invisibility it affords reduces the level of empathy for the victim. For the first time, bullies can be younger and weaker than their victims. Many of them are girls.

I will include excerpts of the second part of this article in a future newsletter.

*Tony*

Have a great week

Tony (aposhea@bne.catholic.edu.au)
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Have a great week!

Colleen

Colleen Tootell – ctootel@bne.catholic.edu.au
(Available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

“Building quality relationships; celebrating with others; reaching out; making connections.” (RE guidelines.)
Please note dates for some great social and general interest events this year.

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Our Committee’s pledge is to:
"Treat all parents and friends of the school with courtesy and respect, and to deal with all matters coming before us impartially and in the best interests of the majority.

Julianne Young
President, P&F
tuska2@onthenet.com.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
All orders have arrived and have now been distributed.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now been running for some weeks. We hope you are collecting your stickers from the checkout of your local Woolworths (don’t forget to ask for the stickers, just in case ...)

The program runs until 9th June. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL BANKING - EVERY THURSDAY!
Reminder - School Banking Day is THURSDAY!

When you have collected your 10 Tokens send them in with your banking and reward card filled in showing what you would like to order. If you don’t have a reward card put a note in your banking and we will send one out to you.

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.
The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving. First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter! For you chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

Monday 13th May is the last in our Easter series of Adult Faith Formation sessions, which lead us to Pentecost. Our presenter this week is Rev Fr Anthony Mellor. Fr Anthony has served in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese, as well as having studied theology in Rome. Fr Anthony is currently the theological advisor for Adult Faith Education in the Archdiocese, as well as completing his doctorate on New Evangelisation. His topic is: The New Evangelisation – Awaiting a New Pentecost

“When Pope John XXIII officially convoked the Second Vatican Council on Christmas Day, 1961, he prayed that the time of the council would be like a “new Pentecost”; a time of renewal and new energies inspiring a new missionary relationship with the contemporary world. In the fifty years since the council, much has changed in our church and our world, and the Church finds itself still coming to grips with both the richness of the council legacy and the complexities of contemporary culture.

Not long after the end of the council, the call for a “new evangelisation” was issued. This expression was first used in Latin American and later embraced by John Paul II who urged the Church to launch a “new evangelisation” – new in “its ardour, its methods and its expression”. In essence, John Paul II understood that the Church needed to reflect on how best to proclaim the Gospel to the heart and mind of the modern person.

Our modern culture is not particularly attuned to institutionalised religion. Many Catholic parents know from painful personal experience that it is not easy to pass on faith and its practice from one generation to the next within the faith. Many people are happy to identify as “Catholic” yet they feel that a regular connection to a parish or community is not necessary or a priority in their daily lives. The spiritual quest is still important in our culture, but for a large number of people, the Church is the last place they will look to find spiritual guidance and enlightenment. So given the realities that we face, what might a “new evangelisation” mean for the Church and parishes today?

In this presentation, we will explore what the “new evangelisation” means, where it comes from, and what are its implications for our parishes. As our own annual celebration of Pentecost approaches, a new evangelisation invites us to reflect on our own personal and communal vocation to be “bearers of the Good News” in our own families and communities. If we desire that the Gospel and the Church be something attractive to others, we must first think about what makes the message of Jesus attractive to us. Only then can we move out and proclaim the gospel in new and inviting ways, because faith can never be imposed, but only proposed and invited. And, like it or not, we are the tools that God uses to invite a response of faith in others.

I hope that you can join me for one of Monday’s sessions, as we consider the call of a new evangelisation and our response to the spirit and energies of “new Pentecost.” Fr Anthony Mellor.

Please let us know you are coming so we can arrange seats and resources. 9am- 1130am, repeated 6.30 – 8.30pm (6pm cuppa)
Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters.

Registration forms are available for the new Sacramental Preparation process commencing July. Registrations close Friday 21 June, and forms are available from the Parish Office.

RCIA Inquirers: Thinking about becoming Catholic? A small group is currently meeting to explore becoming Catholic. Our next meeting is 6.30pm Tuesday 7th May, Parish Office, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Stewardship: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13) These words from the last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives, in all that we do. Putting God first doesn’t mean giving until it hurts. It means giving until we are filled with joy and contentment. This usually means giving more generously, not less.

Liturgy: Q&A: Why can’t we dip our communion into the precious blood? They also told me that the extra communion minister can do this but not the person taking communion? Is this correct? I know you have written many times about intinction but why we can’t would be interesting. ‘Intinction (colloquially aka ‘dipping the host’) is one of the forms of receiving Communion under both kinds referred to in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. The way it must be done is clearly laid out: “Each communicant, holding a communion-plate under the mouth, approaches the Priest who holds a vessel with the sacred particles, with a minister standing at his side and holding the chalice. The Priest takes a host, insticts it partly in the chalice and, showing it, says, The Body and Blood of Christ. The communicant replies, Amen, receives the Sacrament in the mouth from the Priest.” (GIRM #287). This very complex, choreographed arrangement is... simply too impractical for most parish Masses. It must be the priest who takes the host and dips it into the consecrated wine, not the communicant. Liturgical law makes no provision for people to serve themselves communion. The tradition has always been to receive, not to take, communion.’ Edited extract from Liturgy Lines 26/08/12.


CRAqld PHOTOGRAPHIC AND INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION
Catholic Religious Australia, Qld feel it is a significant time to celebrate the past, reflect on the present and look forward to what the future of Religious Life might be in the next fifty years.
What: Photographic and Interactive exhibition
Where: Lourdes Hill College in the Good Samaritan Centre, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne
When: Saturday 25th May— 1pm-5pm and Sunday 26th May— 10am—5pm
Also touring throughout Queensland until August 2013.
Miami Community Childrens Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration is to be held at the centre in Redondo Ave on June 22nd from 2.30pm -6.30pm.

All parents, children and staff, past and present, are invited. There will be food and drinks for sale, entertainment and activities for the kids. Would love to see you all there.

Kind regards
Melanie Pinner
Miami Childrens Centre Fundraising Committee

BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!
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