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## Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

The Easter message for all of us is one of renewal, resurrection, life and a faith and hope in the divinity of our own humanness. To say "I believe in Jesus Christ . . . who rose from the dead," is to say I believe that the Resurrection goes on and on and on forever. Every time Jesus rises in our own hearts in new ways, the Resurrection happens again. Every time we see Jesus where we did not recognize him before—in the faces of the poor, in the love of the unloved, in the revelatory moments of life, Jesus rises anew. The real proof of the Resurrection lies not in the transformation of Jesus alone but in the transformation awaiting us. (Joan Chittester)

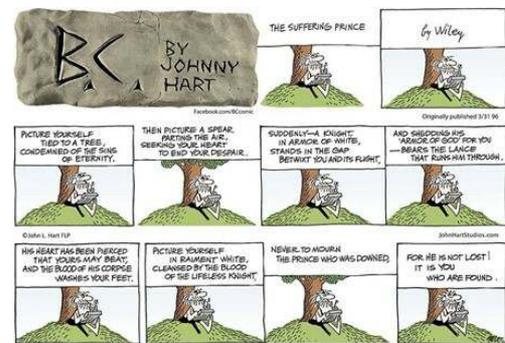


God help us to change.  
 To change ourselves and to change our world.  
 To know the need for it. To deal with the pain of it.  
 To feel the joy of it.

To undertake the journey without understanding the destination.

The art of gentle revolution.  
 Amen. (Leunig)

As we prepare for Holy Week and the mystery of Easter I recall a B.C. cartoon that first appeared around Palm Sunday 1996. The strip featured the famous character Wiley sitting against a tree, tablet in hand, writing a poem entitled "The Suffering Prince." Here's the poem:



I wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Easter Season and look forward to renewed energy for Term 2. There are many things happening early in the Term, not the least of which is the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. Make sure that you book with PTO via the website. The Year 12 Retreat is week 1, ANZAC day is in week 2, Labour Day Week 3 and NAPLAN in week 4. I think we will all need the hard-earned rest as we prepare for some organised mayhem of the school term at Johnnies.

**Mr Chris Gold**  
**Principal**

## Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

### Project Compassion House Fundraising Challenge

House Fundraising Challenge	Melaleuca	Banksia	Casuarina	Acacia
Weekly Tally	\$78.85	\$27.80	\$71.65	\$28.35
Overall Tally	To be announced first Assembly Term 2			

## Supporting a Connected Community

### Easter Egg Hampers for Aged Care Residents

As we approach the Triduum this weekend, we remember our challenge from Father Odínaka at Palm Sunday Mass. He encouraged us to spread hope in our community by doing something kind for another person, and what better way to do this, than to give to the poor and marginalised in our community.



As Christians, we are called to stand with those who are the most vulnerable in society, both materially and spiritually. We know that God's love excludes no one, and therefore it is our duty to uphold the dignity of the person. This does not always have to look like those who are homeless or materially poor. In our society, we are surrounded by those who are hopeless, lonely, downtrodden, suffering or in need of love and prayer, especially during special holidays or days of celebration, like Easter.

St John's College community has a strong commitment to the mission of helping the poor and marginalised. For years we have ministered to the elderly and the homeless, through our many different outreach programs. We also contribute globally, through Project Compassion, by raising thousands of dollars in donations (we will announce the overwhelming final tally our Term 2 Newsletter).

Over the Easter break our students and their parents will carry out this mission, by supporting the marginalised in our community. Members of our community will prepare and serve meals at The Daily Bread (our local soup kitchen) on Easter Monday and Wednesday.

Many parents and students offered to volunteer their time to visit eleven Aged Care Facilities, however, due to the COVID restrictions, we will not be able to visit the elderly on Easter Saturday.

Thank you to our parents and students for their generosity, in donating over 1500 eggs to this cause! Also, a big thank you to the students who made over 500 Easter cards. These will be delivered to the facilities and distributed by the staff.

Thanks to Mrs Corey in the library who spent hours preparing and sorting the card resources for classes.

**THANK YOU** to Ms Robertson, Bella, Declan and the Social Action committee for your dedication in getting the job done!

We have come together this Easter season, in unity and without judgement, to be with the poor and marginalised. By maintaining this Easter tradition, we are giving our young people an opportunity to reflect on their social responsibilities and demonstrate how they can contribute to the common good and uphold the dignity of the human.

Our beautiful Easter Baskets



**Tracey Langford**  
**Campus Minister**

## Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

**Attention Parents and Carers**

**Especially our new families**



On Wednesday 28th April we will be holding our annual Cross Country at Mooloolaba Spit. All parents and carers are invited to come along and join us for a morning coffee.

Date: Wednesday 28 April

Meeting place: The BBQs at the end of Parkyn Parade

Time: 8:45am

It's a great opportunity to get involved in the school community, meet other parents, teachers and students, have a chat and, if you wish, assist with the supervision on the Cross-Country course or with cooking on the BBQ. This event will follow the COVID guidelines.

Each year we supply a sausage sizzle and the students and staff always appreciate extra hands to help cook and serve. The money raised will go to **Family Connections** our parish-based Family Support Service.

If you can spare some time on Wednesday 28th April 2021, please advise me of your availability to help cook or serve via an email: [tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) or text 0417 071 168.

Hope to see you there.



**Tracey Langford**  
**Campus Minister**

### Library

#### HOLIDAY READS

It has been a fantastic term down in the library. We have enjoyed the quiet of Mindful Mondays, and the intense concentration of Chess Club on Friday's. Both activities will continue into next Term. The library is always a hive of activity during breaks, and it is a joy to see students studying hard,

having a moment to themselves to escape in a book or taking a break with their friends while playing an energetic round of Uno.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter break!

If you're looking for something to do over your holidays check out the 'Draw like an Artist' and 'Write like an Author' workshops held at Immanuel Lutheran College starting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and running until Thursday, April 15, 2021.

<http://www.writelikeanauthor.com/>

and

<http://www.drawlikeanartist.com/>



### Read on!

**Mrs Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe**

## District, Regional and State School Sport

Term 1 of 2021 saw many of our St John's students, both male and female, participate in the District, Regional and State Team Trials in numerous sports. The sports included AFL, Basketball, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball. Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby 7s and Water Polo. Many students were successful in be selected in the next level and will compete in Term 2.

We also had students who competed at a Regional Level in individual sports of swimming and triathlon.

Congratulations to all students who went to these trials and gave it their all.

## Rugby Season Term 2



### Open Boys & Girls Football

Due to weather events and the Brisbane COVID lockdown the Open Boys and Girls Football teams have had their Semi Final matches postponed until Wednesday 21st April (Term 2, Week 1). Please check Team App as further information is released about match details. We wish all our players a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to the competition heating up again for the Semi Final match in Term 2.

## College Business

### Tuckshop Volunteers

Thank you to all our wonderful Term 1 Tuckshop Volunteers, we've loved meeting some new faces and welcoming back old friends this Term. If you're interested in volunteering in Tuckshop for Term 2 and haven't already contacted our Tuckshop Convenor, please get in touch with Sharon Brady – [sbrady8@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbrady8@bne.catholic.edu.au).



## Enjoy the Easter Holidays and see you in Term 2!

The Week Ahead	
<b>Monday 19th April</b>	Morning: Open Boys Football Training (Week 1 only) All Day: Year 12 Retreat Day 1 Y10 Careers & Pathways Interviews commence Afternoon: Netball Matches All Rugby Training Open Girls Football Training (Week 1 only)
<b>Tuesday 20th April</b>	Morning: Surfing All Day: Year 12 Retreat Day 2
<b>Wednesday 21st April</b>	Afternoon: Open Boys & Girls Semi-Final Football Match All Rugby Games 1st, 2nd & Intermediate A Netball Training Drama Production Rehearsals
<b>Thursday 22nd April</b>	Afternoon: Y7-9 Intermediate Girls Netball Training
<b>Friday 23rd April</b>	Day: ANZAC Day Liturgy

*Note: Please check Team App for full updates on Sports Training and Match Information.*

### Wishing you a Happy Easter

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h\\_NjTQIXCY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h_NjTQIXCY)

## Embracing change and continuous improvement

### Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10 students are out on Work Experience, I had the pleasure of visiting some of them today.

Placements varied from Veterinary, Hair and Beauty, Aviation, Engineering, Medical, Recreational Studies, Animal Care, Cabinetmaking, Building and Construction and Information Technology.

The students have had opportunities to observe workplaces, ask questions and assist where possible. On one of my visits a

student was in theatre observing the vital signs of a pet during surgery, the next student was in the cockpit of a small plane checking the instrument panel, he was also fortunate enough to see an engine being dismantled and repaired. Another student was assisting in building cabinets for a house build, another was able to use specialised software to design and create a game, developing his coding skills.

All of the students I spoke to today were having a wonderful week, the employer's spoke highly of our students, they were happy to give up their valuable time in helping / guiding them, we have been very fortunate that our students were able to undertake work experience and we thank all of the Host Employers for supporting our Work Experience Program.

See the Photo Gallery and Video below of our students at their placements.

For more information regarding our Careers Department please visit the Parent Portal or the dedicated Careers Website. Alternatively please reach out to Bernadette or Kim at [sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au) or via the Appointments Calendar.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mv7wI7XrFGE>



*Eva at Nicklin Way Vets Ethan at Custom Built Cabinets*



*Jett at Baird Technology Jarvis at GoFly Aviation*



*Aiden at HeliMods*



*Kunica at Greencross Vets  
Kawana*