Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Friends and Carers,

This morning on assembly I was deeply moved with the tribute to Mothers. Lisa McNicol, Maree Anning and Olive Thompson all spoke about their experiences of motherhood and Olive also spoke of her own Mother.

It is not easy to open up to the wider community about your personal life and experiences and we are all blessed for their sharing. I was particularly moved as Olive spoke of her elderly Mother who has dementia. The obvious love and depth of relationship were very obvious to all. I reflected on my own Mother, 86 years of age, who is in a low care facility in Sydney and sometimes has little recollection of events in her life.

I then related a story about “Mean Mothers” and all the while remembering how mum kept a close rein on me and my four siblings. She was mean, most mothers are and we are all the better for it. Imagine being made to be responsible for your actions, your language, your chores (what are these some may say), the way you present yourself and the way you relate to others. Mum was a tough task master and I thank her unreservedly for being so. I wish a Happy Mother’s Day to all the mums and dad’s and carers.

A Mother’s Beatitudes:

Blessed is the mother who understands her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

Blessed is the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child’s devotion.

Blessed is the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her children.

Blessed is the mother who is never shocked, for she shall receive and know confidence and security.

Blessed is the mother who teaches respect, for she shall be respected.

Blessed is the mother who emphasises the good and minimizes the bad, for her children shall follow her example.

Blessed is the mother who answers questions honestly, for she shall be trusted.

Blessed is the mother who treats her children as she would like to be treated, for her home shall always be filled with happiness.

I have sent home an email with a link to a survey relating to Dave Cuskelly’s appraisal as Deputy Principal. These appraisals are regular occurrences for members of the Leadership Team and your wisdom and input is sought as we seek to confirm Dave in his vocation to teaching and leading here at St John’s.

The Gymnasium project is has been delayed slightly as we wait for proper curing of the concrete floor prior to laying carpet and a slight delay in the security screens arrival. We have negotiated an excellent package with a gym supply company and it will be all up and running shortly.

The P&F meeting last Tuesday was well attended and I must thank the executive for their great work in securing the rights to the Nambour Show gates. This responsibility now belongs to St John’s and we need plenty of parent helpers over the time of the show. This is worth a considerable amount of money for the P&F and is a great way to have more positive exposure in our community.

I am looking forward to the Netball fundraiser Golf day, May 26th at Noosa Springs Golf. This is a great way of supporting the school and the netball trip to the UK. Once again I must recognise the excellent work of Maree Anning, Bec Barrett and helpers in organising a first rate function. I read the other day about someone who scored not one but two “hole-in-ones” on the same day. I hope he isn’t playing as I have dibs on the $10,000 prize.

The Mother’s Day morning tea and fashion parade was a great success. Thank you to Tracey for her initiative and to Narelle Persich and Year 11 catering students for an excellent morning tea. A special thank you to the year 9 girls who modelled for us, they were outstanding not only on the day but in the lead up to the day. Well done to all and thank you to the mums and bubs who came along – over forty people in attendance.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 6.30pm in the staff room. Also next week is the Year 10 Work Experience, Year 11 Driver Education and Outdoor Education camp, Year 12 Retreat, Year 9 NAPLAN testing and anything else that is happening in our events week.
Congratulations to all our girls at netball this week. I witnessed some passionate team spirit and some skillful play. Also to our rugby players on recording three wins again this week and especially to our Theatre Sports team from Year 12 who move into the next round of the Brisbane schools competition. Every year I am so proud to see our students matching it with the best there is to offer from Brisbane and always tasting success. I have yet to see too many other coast schools with the drive, energy and talent of our students in this area of drama.

On a less than positive note, I would like to express my disappointment at the fact that quite a number of students were given permission to miss school or part of the day at school to attend a pop concert in Brisbane. This was compounded by some of these same students either not attending school the next day or arriving late because of the previous late night at the concert. There are many distractions to the normal school routine as it is without such unnecessary events.

You can imagine my bewilderment and astonishment when I had one year 12 student ask me whether he had to attend the retreat next week. I know I am a little “old school” but if you have to ask such questions after five years at St John’s, then perhaps you are attending the wrong school.

These two events, though separate, have caused me to reflect a little on our purpose and vision and mission. One of the expectations of parents who have knowingly and voluntarily enrolled their child/children at St John’s is to support the ethos of Catholic education and to be able to pass this on to their children. A large majority of parents do this well and we need to strive for all to do this well.

Chris Gold
Principal

Unbind and Set Free

From the APA

Assessment Schedules and information:

As we head into the second half of the term, it is timely to remind parents and students of some of the issues relating to assessment.

Assessment schedules for all year levels are available on the College website at:


These should be referred to regularly. Any changes to due dates will appear in newsletters and should be conveyed clearly to all parents and students by individual teachers where possible as well.

Draft timetables for all Year 11 and 12 students have been e-mailed to students and these are very close to being finalised. At this stage, it is planned for the Year 11 block to only run throughout the final week of term. The Year 12 block will take up the entire last two weeks, including a full QCS Test practice on the final two days of term.

Parents are reminded that Senior students do have assessment blocks allocated at the end of each term, and for many students, this will mean that they are expected to attend school until the last day of term. Many Junior school subjects will also be continuing with work right up until the very last day of term. As such, any early departure at the end of term for students should be avoided wherever possible.

Should a student be absent for an assessment due date, the parents should contact the College as soon as possible on (or before) this date to make alternative arrangements. It is College policy that no student will sit an examination prior to the set date.

Senior Students are reminded that they do need to be familiar with the Senior School Assessment Policy and Procedures document and the implications of this as they approach this important time, in particular, the need for documentary evidence (e.g. a medical certificate) if they are absent for when assessment is due.

Years 9 and 10 Elective Subject Selections.

The due date for the return of these forms was today (Friday)

We will be making timetabling decisions throughout the next few weeks, and students can expect to be notified of their subjects for next semester before the end of this term.

Date – claimers.

- Thursday, June 20 – Year 10 to Year 11 Transition Information Evening – 7pm – 8:30pm.
  
  This evening will outline the procedures which will be undertaken in regards to the Year 10 SET Planning and Subject Selection processes for Years 11 and 12. Subject Handbooks will be distributed and Learning Co-Ordinators and staff will be on hand to answer questions about their subjects.

Mark O’Connor - APA
ROLL UP ROLL UP …………HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SHOW ROSTER

NOT SPENDING ENOUGH QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR TEENAGER ???…
WE HAVE THE ANSWER A SHIFT AT THE SUNSHINE COAST SHOW!!!!!

This year the P&F have accepted an invitation (via our wonderful Chaplain Tracey Langford) to run the 2 entrance gates (BLI BLI and MAIN GATE) at the Sunshine Coast Show, Nambour Showgrounds as a major fundraiser in our school community. Planning has already begun in the past months with the Show Society, Rotarians, Tracey and the P and F executive and Mrs Norris.

To achieve this successfully, we need ADULT/PARENT WITH STUDENT NAMES TOGETHER ASAP TO DRAW UP ROSTERS . THE MORE HELPERS THE SHORTER SHIFTS!!! NB students names should be accompanied by an adult as we will be handling cash and eftpos.

For the past number of years students from St Johns have assisted the Nambour Rotary Club with armbands at the gate. This year Rotary will be assisting St Johns P&F to coordinate teams of PARENT AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS to be in teams that will undertake shifts collecting money and issuing armbands from 5am till 8 pm on each day June 14, 15 and 16.

We will need more teams for the peak times in the morning rush hours so that the public can quickly enter the show.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER ……………URGENT 38 days to go

Contact Tracey via email preferable (tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) and please outline the preferred DAY, PREFERED TIME and PARENT/TEACHER WITH A STUDENT NAME (contact details email, Mobile phone, and YEAR LEVEL) Other specific requests eg same shift as … should be included in the email. This will allow us to draw up a roster to circulate it with more details on the procedures etc. ASAP.

Thank-you to those who have already contacted Tracey offering support.

God Bless and Thanks Again

Damien Quinn
PRESIDENT 2013
St JOHNS P&F

Reminder
Term 2 Fees are Due -Thank you

DANCE EISTEDDFOD CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Brianna Green, Sallyanne Russell and Catie Loch who recently competed at the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod.

Brianna & Sallyanne won the tap duo competition and Cati received a third for her contemporary duo. The girls also received seconds and thirds in the open categories. The girls study with the Royal Academy of Dance through Sunshine Coast Dance Centre and train up to 12 hours a week!

Well done girls.
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 1, 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 (* $17/week 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 by 31 May 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Mark on Your Calendar Year 12 Retreat

Year 12 Retreat occurs this year from Wednesday 15th of May till Friday 17th.

Students who work or have an apprenticeship day should ensure they are not required to work on these dates. The Year 12 Retreat is an integral part of our St John’s experience and students have fond memories of the event.

Often as our students make their final descent down the hill on the last day of being a “Johnnies”, parents and teachers marvel at the amazing transformation our young adults have undergone. I would like to think it is because we educate, challenge and nurture the whole person here at St John’s. It is an expectation of the College all students are to attend.

Details regarding the Retreat were emailed to parents last Tuesday.

Mrs Fiona Baker
APRE
The 2013 Netball season has been jammed packed with activities, training camps, fitness trainings, Sausage Sizzles, Monday night games, Overseas Tour planning, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon trainings and of course, the fiasco with the netball uniforms. Thank you to all parents and students for their patience in “putting up” with the situation with our new uniforms.

At this stage, with only a few weeks of the season left, these uniforms will be rectified in the off season, ready for the 2014 season. Apologies for not reporting earlier with regard to the teams’ progress in the Interschool competition, but since the Gold Coast Training Camp on the first weekend in February, the weeks have simply skipped away from me.

However, all players, parents and supporters can follow any of the 14 SJC teams online at www.sportingpulse.com

Some snippets from a few teams are as follows:

Senior Social Teams:

The 4ths have had a great season of laughs and fun, having only won once over sjc 6 they are still in high spirits to play every week with great enthusiasm. Some students have had an improvement in ball handling and goal keeping, however most students are just happy to try hard in different areas.

The 5ths started the year with a team of 9 girls, 4 of whom had never played before (including 2 who had never even SEEN the game played). So far we have not had a win, but we have had some fun! The girls have settled into some good routines in their game, with Anastasia Kriz being a surprise packet as a shooter and all round great team player. Crystal “bounce-pass” Moss-Garrett has gained in confidence and has taken to the role of GK with flair. Laura MacLachlan is another valuable player, ably taking on the position of GD.

Although the 6ths are yet to win a game, the players have shown immense enthusiasm and willingness to learn. It took a couple of games before we registered our first goal, but since then they have improved steadily to now scoring near to ten goals a game. Our game plan is simple: pass to our team mates and not the opposition, catch the ball and don’t step. Look out when the girls win their first game, the celebrations will be unbelievable.
ARTSPACE

The Art Department would like to take this opportunity to thank Pete and Moyle for their hard work on the art deck installing the boards. This makes the space more workable for the senior students to create large works of art. Not only does it allow them to work big, but it gives them the opportunity to work outside the restraints of the classroom. We are very excited about the students’ progress and look forward to seeing their completed works.

THEATRESPORTS

On Wednesday night, the Year 12 Theatresports team consisting of Adam Fletcher, Matt Swan, Billy Murray, Sam Ong and Will Vale competed at Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture, as part of the Youth Theatresports Competition. They were down a player, Anthony Pobar, as he had a rugby game to play. Despite their diminished numbers, the team was one of two teams to make it to the next round of the competition.

Well done boys and good luck in the next round!
Last week St John’s College Social Action Committee elected students to run a St Vincent de Paul school conference. The conference will not replace the social action committee but will be a sub group that can organise fund raising and community services under the banner of St Vincent de Paul.

The officer bearers are:
President: Lily Donohue
Vice Presidents: Tayla Wescott and Mary Ellen Malone
Secretary: Tarni Sanewski Treasurer: Caleb McNaught

Staff assisting with the conference are Mr Calvo, Ms McNicol, Ms Horton-Stephens and Tracey Langford.

St Vincent de Paul Society works to help alleviate the suffering of people living in crisis: most crucially, in being there to provide a hand up, not just a hand out to prevent people from falling into the cycle of homelessness. We as a school conference can raise the awareness of homelessness in our community and do more than provide a “hand out” this winter- our first project is to organise the School Sleepover. Students will be encouraged to connect with the local soup kitchen that provides meals for the homeless in Nambour twice a week so they can see a “face” to homelessness. We will run our own “soup kitchen” at school to raise funds so we can make a difference this winter.

Participating in outreach programs challenges students to actively live their faith of common good. Ms McNicol Year 11 RE students have started community service with St Vincent de Paul Warehouse in Rigby St Nambour. Not only does this contribute to the faith development of students it encourages them to take social responsibilities. This is an opportunity for young people to “walk the talk” Jesus challenged us to do.

Date Claimers:
May 23rd Thursday 8.15 am Mass in the GSC at St John’s College
June 14th 15th 16th -Sunshine Coast Show Gates-P&F fundraiser
June - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and School Sleepover

Peace and blessings
Tracey Langford Campus Minister
CONGRATULATIONS
Year 11 Hospitality students and Year 9 textiles students

Over 40 mothers, grandmothers, friends and members of Blue Care enjoyed a delightful fashion parade and High Tea presented by SJC students.

Year 9 textile students strutted the fashions of local boutique Madleine Rose while Hospitality students busily prepared a high tea under strict assessment conditions.

The assessment included preparing the invitation, menus, setting up the venue, food preparation and delivery, with each student being assessed individually.

They did a magnificent job and the talk around the tables was how extraordinary the food was presented and how beautiful the tables looked.

The library looked stunning in pink and white with views across the deck to the trees. Thanks you to all those who assisted with this successful social gathering.

Special thanks to Nerriolle Wilson and her staff at Madleine Rose and Cathy Mackenzie Holy Spirit (for helping with gift wrapping).

Thanks to the following business for their donations of lucky door prizes
- Madeleine Rose
- Holy Spirit
- Nambour Shoex
- Dominos Pizza Nambour
- Gems Hairdressers Nambour
- Jenny K Beauty Nambour
- Royal George Hotel
- Burnside IGA
- Nambour Hairloom
- Sunray Nursery

A big thank you to Ms Persich’s amazing organisation and students who helped set up, clean up and worked behind the scenes and Ms Liddy’s support with modelling.

The setting was beautiful and we thank St John’s Library staff Anne-Marie, Anna, and Jane for making this morning special.

Tracey Langford
Campus Minister
From the Library desk... Our library was the venue for a very colourful and successful Mother’s Day High Tea on Wednesday of this week. There are so many happy and great photographs I’d encourage any students whose mothers, grandmothers or younger siblings were present to come and see Ms O’Brien (Wed-Fri) in the library, as it is recommended you bring a USB stick, so you can view, copy and delight in the many quality photographs that were taken.
ST JOHN’S COLLEGE GOLF DAY

The St John’s Golf Day is fast approaching and places are filling. So it’s time to find your best old school golf attire and sign up for the big day.

When: Sunday 26th May, 2013
7am Registration & $7.50 breakfast deal available
Start 8am sharp

Where: Noosa Springs Golf Course & Resort

Price: $90 for individuals or $320 for a team of 4

Price includes 18 holes (usually $120), golf cart, gift bag of goodies, entry into random prize draw, nearest the pin, straightest drive and longest drive competitions on course.

Cash prize of $10,000 up for grabs for a “hole in one” on the Exit Golf sponsored hole. $5 entry to have this chance.

Bring some change along as players will also have the opportunity to participate in some on course betting and purchase food and drinks on the course. All proceeds will go to our 2013 London Netball Tour.

There will also be an AUCTION at the end of the day for some big items including a weekend package at the resort including 2 nights’ accommodation (breakfasts included), two rounds of golf and a spa package worth over $1000.

Money and entry forms must be given to the school office by Friday May 3rd.*
All teams must pay together to ensure your team is placed together.

Payment MUST be received before the team is registered in the competition.
Please indicate your handicap or place N/A if you do not have one.

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Career Hints n Links

Year 10 Students – Work Experience
Monday 13th to Friday 17th May 2013

All Year students will be on Work Experience placements next week. Please note that there will be NO Year 10 classes at school. If you are unable to attend your work for whatever reason, you MUST notify your employer as early as possible and also notify the school of your absence. A letter to parents/carers and students with a Work Experience Information Book was sent home with students on Monday 6th May. Students need to complete these booklets and bring it with them to their Career Planning Interview which will occur during Term 2, Weeks 6-8. We wish all Year 10 students on Work Placement next week the very best of

Job Vacancies
There are many School Based Traineeships available across the Sunshine Coast. Please see the MRAEL and MEGT School Based Vacancy attachments.

Cert II in Automotive Mechanical
Yr 10 & 11 students only to apply. Business is located in Yandina. Contact Bernadette if interested in applying.

Full Time Signwriting Apprenticeship
Signwave Sunshine Coast in Maroochydore would like to recruit a full time Certificate III in Signage apprentice. The successful applicant will need to do work experience. If interested please email your resume to: mark.montgomery@signwave.com.au

Experience USC Day for Yr 10 Students
There are still a lot of places available. Students that attended last year felt that it was very beneficial to experience hands-on, interactive activities in a career of interest and that it helped them immensely when making subject choices for Years 11 & 12. If students are at all contemplating University after Yr 12, this is an incredible opportunity with workshops in over 30 Careers across 6 Faculties. There may be students that for various reasons are not sure that university study is for them. This is an opportunity to see for themselves and may help them to make up their minds. Please email Bernadette Natoli for login instructions on how to register on the USC website. Access is open till 22nd May 2013.

Date Claimer
Year 10 Work Experience
Mon 13th – Fri 17th May 2013

USC Law Information Evening
Wed 29th May 2013
6.00 – 7.00pm
www.usc.edu.au/infoevents

Defence Force Information Sessions
15th May: Women in the Army
22nd May: Australian Defence & 3rd July Force Careers
10th July: Royal Military College

Please be aware of the Important Dates for Senior Students

TAX FILE NUMBER
TFN Application forms are available from the Student Admin Desk and Bernadette Natoli in room 15.

More Information
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Natalie Clapoudis
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Facebook facilitates connections between YOU and organisations/businesses and people with whom you may not otherwise have a connection. Used safely and sensibly, social media, such as Facebook has the potential to enrich your life.

Parents & Guardians,

Our St John's Facebook page aims to do this through connecting our community with the daily life of the college and the achievements of it's members in a convenient and current way.

Consenting to allow your child’s photo on social media is allowing him/her to be recognised and celebrated in our wider community. Images are used safely and sensibly with photos NOT TO BE TAGGED with names. We ask that students do not tag themselves or others in their comments. By doing this, we protect the identity of the student.

We must have a record of whether a child has consent or not on each student’s file. Thank you to those parents and students who have returned their media consent forms. There are still a number of outstanding forms - please return these as soon as possible.

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