Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Friends and Carers,

This has been an amazing week of activities and occasions. The Year 12 students are currently completing their retreat, Year 11 Recreational Studies students are on camp, Year 10 students are completing their week of work experience, Year 9 have completed their NAPLAN testing, and there are a good number of students competing today at the North Zone X Country. In between all this we managed to teach Year 8 a normal week’s timetable, had students compete at netball and Dave Cuskelly managed to, with his usual efficiency, organise every moment in the week.

I attended the Year 12 retreat for a short time yesterday to meet with our guest speakers and I had time to be present for one of the sessions. Victoria Orpin, past student of “Johnnies” (2003 I think) spoke passionately about her experiences at a remote aboriginal community about six hours west of Alice Springs. Victoria showed maturity and wisdom beyond her years and her story captivated our seniors; not a murmur heard as she presented about the plight of our aboriginal brothers and sisters and her love of the people at the Lutheran mission.

I did not have the opportunity to hear from another of our “Johnnies” past students, Darcy Higgins (class of 2005) but I had the honour of meeting this amazing young man who is still recovering from an acquired brain injury as a result of motor scooter accident. Darcy was giving his first large group presentation since his accident and by all reports his story was full of challenges for our students. You can read about Darcy at this link: http://www.profilemag.com.au/cms/news/news.aspx?id=939&fid=17

I would like to thank Darcy and Victoria for taking time to speak with our students and to Fiona Baker for organising this aspect and indeed all aspects of yet another extraordinary retreat experience for our senior students. It is also great to see the willingness of past students to give back to the college; an indication of their love and respect for the best secondary school on the sunshine Coast.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to parents of year 10 students for being so supportive of your children and the demands of work experience week. Also, I pass on a huge thank you to the parents who were able to arrange for their daughters to make it to netball fixtures after work experience on Monday evening. This was a tough call for many and although some didn’t quite make it, we are most appreciative of your efforts. Another tough call will be this afternoon when some of the Year 12 retreat students will compete for St. John’s at the X country. Your participation and spirit does not go unnoticed.

The Board meeting held last Tuesday was well attended and discussions centred on our School Renewal task of reviewing our Strategic Information Management. We will be focused on “where to next?” with our laptop program, now that Federal Government funding has ceased. The Board members will be putting together a fact finding mission, in conjunction with the leadership team and selected staff members, which should include a small questionnaire for all parents. Hopefully this would give us some valuable data for decision making.

One of our discussions at the Board meeting included the number of parents who read the newsletter. Last week we asked for a return recognition of opening the newsletter and to say the least, the response was extremely disappointing. I sincerely hope that more people than those who responded open and read the newsletter. This document provides essential information on school happenings, events and great stories of recognition. Perhaps we will need a monetary incentive for the reading of the newsletter. So here goes: The first student who comes to see me personally and can tell me three things that have appeared in this week’s newsletter will receive a $25 credit at the tuckshop.

The Netball fundraiser Golf day, May 26th at Noosa Springs Golf is just around the corner and if you haven’t organised your team or a spot I would suggest that there are only a few spaces left available. This is a great way of supporting the school and the netball trip to the UK. Don’t forget the $10,000 hole-in-one prize.
In the last few weeks Brisbane Catholic Education have launched the new “Student Behaviour Support” document outlining guidelines, regulations and procedures to be followed. There is a great deal of great information in this document and I shall endeavour to refer to its contents over the next few weeks. I have attempted a summation of the BCE policy for you below:

Catholic schools are committed to positive, proactive practices in support of student behaviour. The policy is based on the belief that young people in Catholic schools are on a journey to spiritual, social, emotional, physical, psychological and intellectual wholeness and maturity. The BCE policy is based on and heavily relies on:

• **Quality relationships and partnerships** – the fostering of respectful interpersonal relationships among and between all community members
• **A commitment to justice and service** - identifying and eliminating barriers that hinder students’ participation and achievement
• **Diversity is respected and valued** - welcoming and including students from culturally diverse backgrounds; responding to the diverse needs of students who experience learning and social-emotional difficulties
• **Social and emotional learning** – developing students’ social/emotional skills, qualities of self-discipline, reciprocal responsibility, responsible decision making and a social conscience
• **Effective networks of care across the community** - partnerships with parents, the wider community, church groups, support services, respite care and health services
• **Supportive Organisational structures** – the establishment of specific whole school approaches and structures, processes and arrangements to support student formation and redirection, grievances and appeals, reconciliation and restoration.

In enacting this policy schools will develop, implement, review and monitor a Student Behaviour Support plan that:

• Aligns with Brisbane Catholic Education Student Behaviour Support Policy Regulations and Guidelines
• Reflects a proactive whole-school approach that develops effective student safety and wellbeing policies and practices.
• Is consistent with the Brisbane Catholic Education’s Strategic Renewal Framework 2012-2016
• Promotes positive relationships with parents and caregivers and ensures effective communication with families
• Outlines an ongoing program of staff professional learning in terms of familiarisation, skill development and philosophical approach
• Promotes and ensures the availability of the Student Behaviour Support Plan to all members of the school community

Another important area for parents to visit on the BCE website is the Year 7 to Secondary site. I have included the link to some valuable information about this happening in 2015:

[http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/schools-curriculum/Pages/Year-7-to-Secondary.aspx](http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/schools-curriculum/Pages/Year-7-to-Secondary.aspx)

Chris Gold
Principal
From the APA

**Changes to Assessment Schedules:**

As part of our efforts to ensure that students in particular year groups are not overloaded with assessment at different times of the term, the staff are working together to try and stagger due dates and take into account what other subjects may also be doing at different times throughout the year.

When assessment schedules are published at the start of the year for Semester 1, a lot of time does go into determining those due dates. However, as it is sometimes difficult to accurately determine the impact of some interruptions which occur to our learning programs, there is the need for changes from time to time.

If there are any changes to the published Assessment Schedules, (available on the website at: [http://www.stjohns.qld.edu.au/school-life/Pages/Semester-Assessment-Schedules.aspx](http://www.stjohns.qld.edu.au/school-life/Pages/Semester-Assessment-Schedules.aspx)) staff will be advising both students and parents about the implications of these changes (including through e-mail communication). To this end, staff will be sending those changes through me for checking against the schedules, and these will be published in this column each week as a central point of reference.

Assessment changes advised this week are:

- Year 11 Hospitality Studies – due date for assessment will now be May 21.
- Year 9 ICT – Game Design assessment will now be due in Week 9.
- Year 9 Drama - Comedy Review will now be happening in Week 6
- Year 11 Drama - Scriptwriting task will now be due in Week 7
- Year 10 drama - Written review will be due Monday, May 20 – The class who has their double on Wednesday should hand this in during PC in the morning; The other class will hand theirs in during the double lesson on this day.

*Should you have any concerns about these changes, please contact your child’s teacher or the Learning Coordinator of that subject area.*

**End of Term Assessment Blocks for Years 11 and 12:**

Assessment Schedules for the end of Term 2 Assessment Blocks have now been finalised. These will be e-mailed to students and hard copies distributed within the next week.

The Year 11 student will have assessment in this block throughout the final week of term only. 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 on 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.

**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
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.

POWERHOUSE OF LEADERS

On Monday, 11 members of the leadership committee were privileged enough to attend the 4th Powerhouse of Leaders Convention in Brisbane.

Among the guest speakers of the event were youth minister Steve Angrisano; Archbishop Mark Coleridge and former world class ballet dancer Li Cunxin. Steve engaged us in worship and prayer through song and storytelling; Mark spoke about the Catholic virtues a good leader should employ; and Li shared with us his inspirational story, which can be read in his autobiography, Mao’s Last Dancer.

The day was an amazing experience for all who were in attendance, and will be invaluable in our journey through grade 12 as leaders of the school.

Kaitlin Pepper
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 28 days to go
Contact Tracey via email preferable (tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) and please outline the preferred DAY, PREFERENCE 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
SJC 8A

This year, I’ve had the privilege of coaching the 8A netball team. Consisting of Ella Bury, Rosie Doolan, Eliza Fallis, Zoe Jemmett, Teaghan Le Busque, Sophie McNaught, Hannah Reif, Brittany Stark and Emily Young, the team is one of the most committed, dedicated and enthusiastic students that I have ever coached.

All the girls show up at training (unless limited by injury as was the case with Teaghan Le Busque who was a sideline participant for at least the first three weeks of training) and all the girls play their absolute best every single week. We have only lost one game this season and I am so excited about the possible finals prospect looming ahead.

We are currently 2nd on the ladder in the Junior A Reserve Division. Not only are the girls talented netballers, but they are improving every week. Sophie McNaught has improved her footwork considerably since the beginning of the season. Ella Bury assures me she can play anyway and in every position she always plays her best, particularly with her partner in crime, Teaghan Le Busque, who is a brilliant shooter and trainer. Zoe Jemmet is another sharp shooter and will do everything you ask of her on the court. Eliza Fallis and Brittany Stark are my mid-court stars and while Eliza can chase down every ball, Brittany is quick off the mark when the whistle blows.

Then I have my defense duo of Emily Young and Rosie Doolan, who continue to impress me every week with increasing reflexes and positioning in the circle. Finally, I have my all-rounder, Hannah Reif who can shoot and defend equally well.

I have greatly enjoyed watching these girls grow and develop as a team and most of all I have enjoyed their good humour and fighting spirit both off and on the court.

I also want to thank the parents who are at the games every week.

Stayed tuned – this is definitely the team to watch leading into the finals!

Amy Ring

SJC 8B

Year 8B had a great win against Siena on Monday afternoon.

The first quarter was quite close. However, due to the awesome accuracy of Ellie and Alannah’s shooting, SJC ran away with the game, winning 19 to 8.

Kayla and Daffy’s defence in the circle was outstanding against an extremely tall Siena shooter. Kiera, Amelia, Maggie and Zoe were running machines in the centre court.

This team has really improved over the last few weeks and should be really proud of their efforts.

Their determination, friendliness and fun loving spirit is inspiring. What a great team to coach.

Kylie Denny

SJC 8C

What a wonderful team of enthusiastic players we have in this team.

Most of our girls had not experienced netball before and within a few weeks proved they had the making of one day being A grade players.

We may not have won many games, but the fun and team spirit 8C girls show, make every game an enjoyable experience to watch.

Their coaches, Megan and Teearn (Yr 12 students) have a great rapport with the girls and training on Wednesday afternoons has provided the team with valuable skills.

Teresa McMahon
ARTSPACE

Fractured Fairy Tales

This week Year 8 completed the end of their Drama rotation with the focus on the Elements of Drama unit.

The students performed fairy tales with a twist. They wrote, directed and acted in these presentations as they demonstrated their ability to work as a team.

Please see the photographs below.
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 26\(^{th}\) 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 3\(^{rd}\) *

**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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*Completed forms with payment details can be scanned and emailed to snambour@bne.catholic.edu.au
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**Immunisation for Year 8 and 10**

Round 2 will occur on the 3rd June.
Year 10 Boys and Girls will receive DTPA (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)
Year 10 boys will receive 2nd HPV
Year 8 boys and girls will receive 2nd HPV (Human Papillomavirus) and VZV (Chickenpox).
A reminder to Year 10 girls that the DTPA forms are due back to the office immediately.
Parents are reminded that the student drop off area for the college is on Perwillowen Road.

The car park off Dandenong Street is for STAFF only and is not to be used as a drop off area for students. There is a serious safety issue here for both students and staff and there have been some near-accidents in the last few weeks.

For the safety of your children and our staff, please use the Perwillowen Road drop off area and not the back car park area.

Thank you.