FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Yesterday our staff participated in our final Professional Development Day for 2013. Our specific focus was presenting to our colleagues the learning and outcomes from an action research model of professional learning for the implementation of LIFE – Learning Management System. This is an online technology tool for each teacher to create a school based web page that hosts learning activities, shares information and captures some learning progress for students. Some of our year levels are also implementing “LIFE” pages for students.

From my perspective, the importance of this work centres on the continued development of our professional skills. I was very impressed with the obvious active and effective learning from our teachers which highlighted a preparedness to take risks, reciprocal collegial support, asking questions, creative problem solving and a clearly high level of relational trust. Congratulations to all our teachers for this fine work.

While these so called “pupil free” days can be difficult for parents to manage, please be assured that they are productive and worthwhile for improving learning outcomes for our students in the long term.

Preparation for 2014

One of the tasks for this term is to work with current year level teachers to organise class groupings for next year. An advantage of a school our size is that our students have opportunities each year to mix and learn with a different class group. Our process is to initially make a random mix balancing gender and learning needs across the three or two groups.

As is our practice of school/home partnership, I invite parents to provide information – where necessary – to assist with any refinement following this. This invitation is about sharing understandings, communicating needs and respecting professional and personal insight - your input is welcome and shall be considered. Our main source will be recommendations from your child’s current teachers and where appropriate our Student Support Team. Please note that it is not an invitation to request teachers and this shall not be considered.

I ask that should you wish to – please put any information about your child's learning styles, social and emotional needs, strengths and challenges in writing to me, as Principal. Could you please have this written communication sent via email (pvictoriapoint@bne.catholic.edu.au) or paper copy to the school office by Wednesday 6 November.

Anne McKenny
Principal

In the spirit of celebrating Nude Food Day today and every Tuesday at St Rita’s, last Wednesday was National Nude Food Day and I share with you an article below. I congratulate the St Rita’s community on your great efforts with this along with continuing to ‘wipe out waste’. Because of this great work we have now cut back to emptying our Industrial waste bin from twice a week to once a week which will effectively save the school approximately $70/week!

National Nude Food Day is back in 2013 and will be the most engaging, beneficial and fun event to date. Held on Wednesday 16 October in partnership with

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 23 October
Prep Liturgy 2.15pm, Middle Years Assembly

Friday 25 October
Great Book Swap

Monday 28 October
Whole School Assembly
Swimming P – Yr 3, Yr 4 Activity Day, Early Yrs and Junior Yrs Assemblies

Next Week
1:1 Notebook Information Session, Music Count Us In.
Nutrition Australia and supported by Smash’s Nude Food Movers lunch gear, Nude Food Day will be exploding throughout schools Australia wide.

Nude Food Day encourages Australians to pack healthy, natural lunches and snacks without the use of any disposable wrapping. The day raises awareness and tackles two of Australia’s biggest concerns: landfill caused by excess waste, and childhood obesity levels caused by poor diet and lack of physical activity.

The annual event’s participation will be massive this year, with an expected 2,500 schools and one million Australians set to participate. What isn’t to love about Nude Food Day? Not only is it a powerful educational tool for Australian kids to learn about the health of our planet, it also contributes to the decrease in childhood obesity throughout Australia, and promotes healthy activity for the whole nation. Coinciding with National Nutrition Week once again, this is a brilliant opportunity to help kids learn about important issues in a genuinely fun way.

All the best
Shane

To reconcile is to re-unite, to bring back to harmony, to heal division, separation, rupture. The Christian perspective seeks reconciliation with God, with one another, between nations and with our environment.


The Parable of the Lost Son in Luke 15 connects Jesus’ teachings with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During the rite of Reconciliation we admit to ourselves and God that we have ‘mucked-up’ just as the son realised when cleaning out the pig sty. We pass judgement upon ourselves as the son did – ‘I have sinned against heaven and against you’. We ask for forgiveness and to be taken back into the ‘Father's House’ as the son did – ‘I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ Then through the laying on of hands we experience God’s compassion just as the son was embraced by his understanding Father – ‘his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.’

And we receive God’s forgiveness through absolution – ‘For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’

Last Sunday I felt very privileged to be witness to the continuing faith journey of some of our students at the Enrolment Ceremony for Reconciliation. As these students begin their Sacramental journey, I ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Wednesday 23 October all are welcome to join the preps in celebrating the Word of God at their Liturgy in the Church at 2:15 pm. And this Friday, 25 October, remember to bring your gold coin donation to choose a book at the Great Book Swap.

Marianne Ferguson

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP!

Why: To raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which aims to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous children living in remote and isolated regions.

When: Friday 25th October
9 am – 3 pm (parents: 8 am)

Where: The Lab

Cost: Gold coin donation to choose a book
We are still accepting donations of good quality books, please leave donations at the library.

SCHOOL PARENT NETWORK

School Disco
Due to circumstances beyond our control the Disco has been cancelled this year. Instead, we will be having a FREE Movie Night & FREE Sausage Sizzle in the Unitas Centre on Friday 8 November. We are sorry for any disappointment caused but know that the Movie Night will be a great night. More details to follow this week!
Monthly Volunteer Draw
Be in the running to win two adult Cineplex movie tickets. All you need to do is place your volunteers registry ticket in the box beside the sign in register on the counter in the school office. Each month a ticket will be drawn and that volunteer will be rewarded for their time.

Congratulations to our latest winner, Michelle Kotynski, who won two movie tickets!

SPORTS NEWS

St Rita’s – Friday Night Touch Football
u/10’s Allstars 1 (Mrs Hill) – 4.30pm on Field 3B
u/10’s Allstars 2 (Mr Kenyon) – 4.30pm on Field 6B
u/12’s Allstars Blue – 5.15pm on Field 4
u/12 Allstars Maroon – 5.15pm on Field 10
u/14’s Invaders – 6.00pm on Field 3
Please let Mr Kenyon or Mrs Hill know if you are not available to play this week.

Training for U/12’s will now be held on Monday afternoons from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

P-3 Swimming
The P-3 Swimming Week and carnival is fast approaching! As swimming caps are now mandatory, you may purchase one in your child’s sporting house colour for $6 at the uniform shop.

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Mission Cup Netball
The QLD All Schools Mission Cup has come to Redlands! St Rita’s will once again compete this year, after two successful carnivals in previous years. We have two teams participating this year, and welcome anyone within our school community to come cheer our girls on. The carnival is held this weekend at Pinklands Netball Courts with first games starting at 8.00am. All the best St Rita’s!

Important Dates
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Program – 28 Oct to 1 Nov
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival – Monday 4 Nov

The following students were awarded a Gotcha from Gus. Fantastic Work!

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Kasey B For Inspiring learning for his enthusiasm to share his knowledge of the world! Well done Kasey!

Bethany W For Inspiring Learning for her willingness to tackle tasks with a smile! Keep up the good work!

Ruby C For Inspiring learning by showing confidence in all areas of school life! Congratulations Ruby!
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<td>You get along with everyone and are a kind and caring friend. Thank you.</td>
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**MUSIC NEWS**

Please feel welcome to be part of a celebration of music next Thursday (31st Oct) at 11.30am when St Rita's will host 'Music Count Us In' for all students from P-7, in the Unitas Centre. Music count us in is a government initiative which celebrates the benefits of music making in schools, and is celebrated with students singing the song 'Keep On' on the same day at the same time as other registered schools participating. Last year over 600,000 students participated. Students have been learning the song in class time, however if students would like to practice at home the link of a youtube clip with lyrics and music is here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8HwleyNuo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8HwleyNuo)

Please feel welcome, teachers, parents, friends and family to be involved in the performance. Looking forward to an exciting day on the 31st! If you would like more information on Music Count Us In, please visit the website: [http://www.musiccountusin.org.au](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au)

Paul Tyrrell

**SCHOOL BANKING**

This week’s Banker of the Week is Matthew K from 7L, great work Matt!! Sometimes, saving for a home loan can be so much hard work that it feels as though it would be easier to just build a house from scratch yourself. When it comes to saving, don’t try to overdo it. Set clear, achievable goals and have patience while you’re looking to buy. When you have to make the decision between that new dress (EVEN if it’s on sale) or that new iPad, think about how that money could be going towards all the things in your shiny new home instead.

Have a great week.

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**YEAR 7 2013**

**HAWAIIAN ALOHA ‘OE**

SHOUT OUT TO ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS.
WE ARE HAVING A MEETING ON TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER AT 7PM IN THE RUBY ROOM (BEHIND THE PARISH OFFICE) TO FINALIZE PARTY DETAILS AND GET OURSELVES ORGANISED FOR THE NIGHT. ALL IDEAS AND HELP ARE WELCOME.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.
JUST A REMINDER THAT THE RSVP’S ARE DUE BACK FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 23rd October**
Trish McNamara
Veronica Dunn

**Thursday 24th October**
Niah Brown
Tania Digby

**Friday 25th October**
Louise Lowcock
Michelle Kotynski
Nigel Wright
HELP NEEDED???

**2ND Break**
Michelle Kotynski

I would like to thank you for your feedback on the new Sushi. It was great to see so many students
ordering it on Thursday (we sold out) I am pleased to say that having the flavours closer to what you would buy from a Sushi shop is a big hit. Plus the new containers are recyclable where the previous plastic wrap was not. We do only put one in each container as not everyone orders 2 and it saves on the handling of the Sushi directly.

We will be trialling new Juice Poppers from this week. They are from the Nudie Range. We still have the same flavours, Tropical and Apple. The cost for a 250ml is $1.70. We have found the ingredients in the Nudie Range a lot healthier than the Golden Circle. If you wish to read the ingredients please feel free to drop in.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Renee Saleh 0411 523 969 email rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS**

Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am  
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