FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This Wednesday we are having a “Champers Moment” with members of the Victoria Point Community Bank – Branch of Bendigo Bank to toast the outstanding success of our first year of the 1:1 computer access program for our Year 4 students. This great initiative would not have been as successful or indeed possible without this wonderful community partnership.

Furthermore we have this Wednesday evening our second parent information session for current Year 3 parents to prepare for next year. The session will start with some 2013 Year 4 students sharing their new learning with technology followed by an outline of the purpose and content of the program.

Great Book Swap
Our first Great Book Swap event was an outstanding success as you will read from our Student Council. Thank you for your wonderful support for this. It was fantastic to witness the enthusiasm generated by our students, staff and parent community. All in all – a “Deadly Experience”!

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.

Prayers and Condolences
Please keep some of our staff in your thoughts and prayers this week. Mrs Kay Zivokvic is recovering from some surgery and will be absent for a number of weeks. We have welcomed Mrs Owbridge to our school officer team during this time. We share our condolences with Mrs McNaughton whose brother passed away recently and Mrs Nikki Wild – whose mother, Pauline, passed away last Wednesday. A number of our staff will be attending her funeral service tomorrow. May God’s enduring love and strength be with these families at this difficult and sorrowful time.

May God’s peace and blessings be with you and your family in the coming week.

Anne
Personal Development & Sex Education:
Yesterday, students from years 5 -7 attended a presentation by the staff of St Rita’s which integrates with the HPE and RE curriculum. A copy of this presentation can be found on the school website. If parents have any queries or would like more information, please let me know. Congratulations to the boys and girls on their behaviour and maturity throughout the sessions.

Book Lists
Book lists were sent home to all students last Friday. Please let the office know if you did not receive this. Orders must be submitted online by Monday 18 November for delivery to school on Friday 29 November.

All the best for the week.
Shane
Last Friday it was good to see so many excited readers at the Great Book Swap. There was a real buzz of excitement while students chose their book and received their bookmark. It was even good to see Gus choosing a book as well.

Thank you for your book donations, without them the Great Book Swap would not have been so successful. A special thank you goes to Mrs Rossi and our Student Council for their tireless efforts in the preparation and running of the day. We were able to raise $660 which will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support the development of literacy in remote areas of Australia.

As we welcome back Kevin Billon next week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience as part of the leadership team and have had many great insights into the terms collaboration, communication and flexibility.

Marianne Ferguson

SPORTS NEWS

St Rita’s – Friday Night Touch Football
u/10’s Allstars 1 (Mrs Hill) – 4.30pm on Field 3A
u/10’s Allstars 2 (Mr Kenyon) – 4.30pm on Field 7A
u/12’s Allstars Blue – 5.15pm on Field 1A
u/12 Allstars Maroon – BYE
u/14’s Invaders – 6.00pm on Field 7A
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
This week is the P-3 Swimming Program, followed by a small activities carnival Next Monday 4 November.

Mission Cup Netball
Congratulations to our St Rita’s Rep Netballers who competed last weekend at the QLD All Schools Mission Cup Netball Carnival. It was a tough two days of netball competing with the best young netballers across the state. Our ‘Blue Team’ were successful in winning 4 of their 9 games over the two days, however our ‘Maroon’ team were unable to win a game as they were outclassed by some VERY tall girls! But they never gave in and were determined to fight on and put as many points on the board as they could. Well Done Girls!

A special thankyou to Miss Sally Rossi and Mrs Therese Jaffray, who generously gave up their time to coach the girls over the last 12 weeks. Your experience, knowledge and coaching was most valuable to the girls and they appreciate it immensely. Also big thankyou to all our parents that came over the weekend to support and encourage the girls.

Could all players return their netball dresses cleaned to Mr Kenyon, by the end of this week.

QLD State Karate
Congratulations to Madi (Y6) and Jake (Y5), who recently competed in the QLD State Karate Tournament on the 20th October. Madi was awarded 1st Place in continuous sparring, 2nd in Kata and 4th in point sparring. Jake was also awarded 4th in continuous sparring and 7th in point sparring. Well Done Madi and Jake on such fantastic achievements!
Congratulations to Joey (Y5), who recently on the weekend competed in the GKR State finals and claimed a silver medal for his efforts. Joey has now been selected to compete in the Nationals later this year in December. Well Done Joey on a fantastic achievement!

QLD School Sport – State Tennis Championships!
Congratulations to Chelsea (Y7) who recently competed at the School Sport National Tennis Championships representing QLD. Chelsea played a series of singles, doubles and mixed doubles games over the five days of competition. Chelsea won the majority of her games and was thrilled to be part of the ‘Winning State’ QLD who won the championship. Well Done Chelsea on such outstanding achievement and memorable experience.

Important Dates
Prep to Year 3 Swimming Carnival – Mon 4 Nov

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Our Trip to Seaworld - by Max D1T
On Friday, 18 October, we went to Sea World on the bus. First, we had munch and crunch. We went to a dolphin show. The dolphins did gnarly tricks. We patted the sting rays. We looked at the baby penguin. It was walking. The bull shark was swimming. We had a good day.

Sea World - by Samuel B 1T
On Friday, the Year Ones were going to Sea World. First we had to catch the bus. On the way I talked to Cooper and I also looked out of the window. Then we arrived at Sea World. We saw the stingrays. I touched a stingray. Next we saw the baby polar bear. It was very active. Then we went to Dolphin Cove. We saw the dolphins do tricks.

Under the Sea - by Tatiana J
At Sea World, we went to see water animals. First we had munch and crunch. We had a partner. My partner was Imogen. We saw Henry the new cub. His mother was standing really still, but the cub was splashing in the water and playing with his ball. And we watched a dolphin show. On the show, one of the dolphins jumped over a boat.

Learning Support
This week Carlos J from 4T was published in the ‘Mindscape’ magazine, where he outlined his challenging experience in the robotic workshop. He said, ‘The challenge I enjoyed the most was to save Penelope the bear. We used our robots to get to her because it was too dangerous for humans to do. We had to get around a maze using different rotations making sure we didn’t hit the walls. Can’t wait to get my own, and know more, do more, be more.’
Not only did Carlos get his writing published, but he also went on and got his own robot. Fantastic Carlos! We can’t wait to see what you’ve got planned for us next.

MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS AND BACK TO SCHOOL APPEAL

With Christmas fast-approaching and preparations for the festive season begin, it’s that time when our thoughts also turn to those less-fortunate than ourselves. The Mini Vinnies are once again holding a Christmas and Back-to-School Appeal and are asking for your help.

Please show your support for families in our community by donating from the list of items requested by our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference below. All items will stay within our Parish and are sure to brighten-up somebody's Christmas.

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Appeal runs from Mon 28 Oct until Thursday 28 Nov. The collection will be presented to the St Rita’s Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference at our carols evening. Please ensure that all food items are non-perishable.

ARTS NEWS

This week will be a very exciting week with the 'Music Count Us In' event happening on Thursday at 11.30am in the Unitas. Parents and family are welcome to join in the singing, but make sure you arrive prior to 11.30am for the countdown, as the performance will be at 11.30am sharp. Tim-o-matic from 'Australia's Got Talent' will be counting down the song for the last few weeks, and are sounding excellent! It should be a great day!

Please mark the following musical dates in the diary: Carols Night (Thursday November 28th), K-Mart Christmas Wish Appeal (Senior Choir - 11th November), Retirement Home Christmas Visit (Junior Choir) - TBC

Have a great week
Paul Tyrrell - Arts Teacher

SCHOOL BANKING

The Banker of the Week is Brendan B, congratulations Brendan we have deposited $2 into your bank account. With Christmas only 6 weeks away are you ready for the Festive Season? We can help you be prepared with a low rate Visa Card with 0% interest on balance transfers and purchases for the first 4 months. Call into the Victoria Point branch today (we’re open from 9am – 12 noon on Saturdays too) and ask us how we can help you save money today. Ph 3207 6133

MISSION CUP NETBALL

On the weekend I went to netball with my school netball team to play in the mission cup. The carnival inspired me because we may not of won a game but we tried at least. You don’t need to win a game to be good, you’ve just got to believe in yourself. I think the best game we played in the carnival was round 5 because we may have had really tall girls but we fought for the ball and didn’t give up. I am pretty happy that I had a team like that because we never gave up.

At the weekend we attended Mission Cup. We entered two teams which were organised by Mr Kenyon and I would like to thank him for the hard work and time that he has put into this experience for all us girls.

I played for St Rita’s Maroon which was coached by Therese Jaffray, unfortunately we didn’t win any games but we kept going. The teams we came up against were very tall and experienced, but that didn’t stop us as we were determined to get some goals onto the board. I would like to thank Therese for her time helping us improve throughout the
weekend, Sally for helping with the training and Mrs Rossi for her amazing support throughout training and carnival days.

We were a little team in size compared to the girls we played, but we didn’t give up and kept trying hard. I thing we improved a lot over the weekend.

I had a fantastic time with my team mates, we had fun and learnt a lot.

The other teams should be ware over the next few years, because we are coming!!

Go St Rita’s Maroon.

On the weekend we had Mission Cup. There were 78 teams there from all over Queensland. St Rita’s had two teams there, blue and maroon. The team that I was in was maroon team. My team didn’t win any games but, all the girls that we versed were taller than us. We had nine games over the whole weekend. We all tried our best and had a great time.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Wednesday 30th October**  
Michelle Berry  
Leila Winterburn

**Thursday 31st October**  
Tracey Knight  
Help Needed???

**Friday 1st November**  
Darryn Smallwood  
Maggie Helmn  
HELP NEEDED???

2ND Break  
Nicola Taylor

First I would like to say sorry to all the Students and Teachers that missed out on Sushi last Friday. As we have had an overwhelming demand for Sushi, in 2 weeks we will be starting a cut off time for ordering Sushi, this will make sure that everyone receives the Sushi that they have order. Sushi will need to be ordered by 1:30pm on the previous day. This applies for Flexischools and the paper bag system. Bags may be handed into the tuckshop the previous day with Thursday or Friday clearly marked on it. Orders that are handed in late will not be guaranteed Sushi. It is great to see everyone making healthy choices as the weather gets hotter.

**Reminder:** Due to the amount of different allergies amongst students we do not allow students to buy from the tuckshop for their friends. If you wish to allow your child to purchase for their friends please do it with the paper bag system.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Renée Saleh  
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email: rsaleh@bne.catholic.edu.au

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HOURS**  
Thursday 8.00 to 10.00am  
Friday 8.00 to 10.00am

Year 3 orders are now ready for collection, if these could be finalised by November 15. Don’t forget that students moving from Prep to Year One need to have a Blue Sports Hat.

**WOOL CLUB**

This term at Wool Club we have been learning new weaving skills and creating lots of different projects in time for Christmas. We are looking for more volunteers to help us each week until the end of term – and you don’t need to know how to knit or weave to join in! Please call me on 0414 943 485 or come along to the library during 1st break on Wednesdays. If any student still has borrowed knitting needles can they please return them to wool club or to the office.
If you want further details please call Sue Maclean at the school – 3207 6628

Parent Information Night - How to handle difficult behaviour

Monday November 4th, 8pm in the St Luke's Hall. Entry is by gold coin donation with the proceeds to the St Luke's Parent Support Group. The St Luke's Hall is located at the back of the school near the oval. Walk past the administration building and the library down the path to the hall.

We will be playing the DVD by DR Thomas Phelan psychologist called ‘123 Magic - How to handle difficult behaviour in 2 to 12 year olds’.

Even if you are a good parent you can benefit from this session. This DVD covers how to get your child to stop annoying behaviours that push your buttons. It looks at the two biggest discipline mistakes parents make. How to control obnoxious behaviour and examples of how to do the 123 techniques. It covers child behaviours of badgering, tempers, threats, buttering up, martyrdom, sibling rivalry and when children play up in public. It covers what to do if they won’t go to their room for time out or won’t stay in their room for time out. It covers what to do if they wreck their rooms during time out.

Light refreshments will be available for a gold coin donation.
Please RSVP to psgroups1@gmail.com for hall setup and catering purposes.

JOIN US for fun and food – at the “HOOD” FEST at Victoria Point Reserve (near VMR & boat ramp)
Date of Event: Sunday November 10th (weather permitting)
Time 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. at Victoria Point Park – next to VMR & boat ramp
This is a community NHW Fun day, with other local community non for profit groups, free live music, jumping castle, BBQ, drinks, Best Dressed Dog competition (dogs must be on leash) $2.00 donation to enter your dog. Entry is free – you only pay for what you buy. Parking is limited so why not walk down, car pool or get dropped off and join us for the afternoon....

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