**Principal’s Message**

Last Monday I attended the BCE Leadership Forum which is a gathering of all of the Primary and Secondary Principals within our system. The day was spent with Professor Lyn Sharratt who spoke to principals and other senior leaders about personalising student learning which she outlines in her publication *Putting Faces on the Data*. Professor Sharratt is one of three international leaders in education working with schools in 2015 as part of the BCE Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching 2014-2016 Strategy (DELT).

Our College will be engaging with what is known as Visible Learning. A number of staff attended a full day of learning which introduced us to this concept. During the year there will be further possibilities of engaging with another eminent educationalist Professor John Hattie and the work of Michael Fullan. Fullan’s focus is to frame new learning partnerships between and among students and teachers aiming towards deep learning goals enabled by universal digital access. His ultimate goal is to develop independent learners who have the abilities to create new knowledge and connect to the world, which is very much in alignment with our own beliefs about learning as stated in our Learning and Teaching Framework.

John Hattie has identified many factors that impact on student achievement and strategies that teachers can implement to improve student achievement in their classroom. We will use the research of these educationalists to improve our student’s learning and achievement, by focusing on high expectations, having students understand and engage in their own learning and assessment, set goals for improvement and work on teacher directed, specific feedback.

**Inter-House Cross Country**

Students will be allowed to wear their sports uniform for the day. In the event of wet weather, we will revert to regular classroom activities. Please see the article in this newsletter for detailed information.

**Year 9 and 10 Business Students**

Some of our Year 9 and 10 Business Students have been participating in the ASX’s Share Market Game as part of their studies. The students form syndicates and are given a theoretical sum of $50,000 to invest and manage on the Share Market over a period of three months. Jonah Michel and Jackson Perry (Year 9) have formed a syndicate named “J and J” and are currently ranked 3rd nationally in terms of their portfolios. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement so far.

**Instrumental Music Achievement**

Congratulations to Year 10 student Bethany Conroy who successfully completed her AMEB Grade 2 Piano Exam on 15 March with Honours.

Bethany learns piano within our Instrumental Music Program. She began under the instruction of Natalie Otto and now learns from Anne-Maree Eyles. Bethany has already begun preparing for her Grade 4 exam.

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**

We also congratulate Hannah Grimshaw for her Bronze Award achievement in this internationally recognised award. Hannah gained valuable skills through her work in volunteering and in the Skill and Physical Recreation Sections. We encourage Hannah to consider working towards achieving the Silver Award.

**Winter Uniform**

We will advise students and parents early in Term 2 as to when students will be required to start wearing the formal winter uniform. At this stage, the weather is far too hot. In the past it has been around Week 3 of Term 2, however we will be guided by temperatures.

**Safety, Safety, Safety**

Dear Parents please follow all of the parking and pick up/drop off procedures. Do not park in the turn-around area or in any of the bus bays; and in particular do not park on the opposite side of the road to the bus bays as this creates a very dangerous situation where students are running across the road in front of buses. The child’s view of cars exiting the turn-around is obstructed by the buses or cars parked illegally in this area. A near accident occurred earlier this week which could have been avoided if the correct procedures were followed.

If you want your child/children to come to your car then either park in one of the car parks or collect them at the secondary school turn around (in the smaller car park) or if you have
children at both schools then pick up is at the primary school pick-up zone. We need all of our students to be safe at all times.

God’s blessings

_Claire McLaren_  
Principal

**From the Deputy Principal**

**Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Interim reports for Years 7 to 10 were given to students to take home on **Wednesday 25 March**. These reports serve as a snapshot of progress to date as far as work practices and effort are concerned.

Parents were asked to make an interview time with teachers using an on-line system called PTO (Parent Teacher Online).

**Interviews will be held on Tuesday 31 March from 1pm until 7pm.** Students need to accompany their parents for the interviews and are required to wear College uniform.

**All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the Resource Centre**

Directions: Proceed past the College Administration Office and follow the signs to the Resource Centre front entrance doors.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Resource Centre courtyard, and waiting areas are located in the Resource Centre foyer.

Teachers will be in the following rooms for interviews.

**Resource Room 1 (R1)**  
Linda Brook  
Deanne Frischkorn  
Amber Grover  
Damien Harvey  
Tracey Mortimer

**Resource Room 2 (R2)**  
Julie Bright  
Paula-Mary Camilleri  
Tim Campbell  
Amanda Spooner  
Frances Zabarauskas

**Resource Room 3 (R3)**  
Cheryl Bell  
Michael Gilbert  
Peter Lavercombe  
Louise Thynne  
Michael White

**Resource Room 4 (R4)**  
Chris Carlill  
Jeanine Connor  
Hui Harvey  
Damien Johns  
Simon Richards

Interviews are for 10 minutes and require a booking. There are no walk up appointments and if parents cannot make the scheduled night, they can call teachers to organise a mutually acceptable time.

Information sheets about access, passwords and timelines were included with the reports.

**School finishes at 12.15pm on Tuesday** for students, with supervision available until the regular finish time of 2.30pm. Please note that buses will run to normal schedule on this day.

**Assessments and Organisation**

Time Management and organisation are two very important aspects of being successful in high school. Students all have a MacBook Air that is a tool that can help them become better organised and responsive to homework and assessment demands and home, sport and work commitments.

**Calendar Application on student MacBook Airs**

If students use the Calendar icon on their tool bar, they can set up times where they will be doing homework, sport, eating dinner, doing chores, working on assignments etc. This calendar application can also be a life saver as it allows students to set reminders to bring equipment to school as well as when tasks are due and when they should be working on them leading up to assessment drafts and final submission of tasks.

As adults, we use our calendars and devices to set reminders for appointments, tasks, birthdays and to note down shopping lists and needs. Students have this ability at their fingertips with their laptop.

**Easter break Set Up for Term 2**

I urge you to take some time with your son or daughter over the Easter break, to set up their schedule for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Include all aspects like dinner, work, chores, leisure, family events, sport etc as well as study time and homework. A calendar is dynamic – it changes all the time to meet the demands of life, so it will need revising weekly, if not daily to accommodate real life changes.

**Term 2 Assessment Schedules**

In Week 1 Term 2, students and parents will receive the Term 2 assessment schedule. This will be very useful in modifying their calendars to set goals so they can get their assessments submitted on time, and revise for tests and exams in a strategic and well informed way.

There is a direct relationship between students setting goals for learning and having parents know of these goals and time demands, to students achieving these goals in a well-supported and balanced way.

_Candi Dempster_  
Deputy Principal
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

We are often told that suffering is a mystery. Why does God allow suffering? The scriptures deal often with the reality of suffering in the lives of God’s people. Central to Jesus’ own story is his death by crucifixion. Reflecting on suffering in the scriptures may not answer its mystery, but can give us a fresh way of responding to the pain of our lives does not have to be an end of the story.

Sometimes, struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. Never been able to fly.

I asked for Strength... and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for Wisdom... and God gave me problems to solve.
I asked for prosperity... and God gave me a brain and brawn to work.
I asked for Courage... and God gave me obstacles to overcome.
I asked for Love... and God gave me troubled people to help.
I asked for Favourites... and God gave me opportunities.

"I received nothing I wanted... but I received everything I needed."

Live life without fear, confront all obstacles and know that you can overcome them.
(Author unknown)

In the course of a day our students will meet with a number of challenges and even setbacks. They may struggle with some schoolwork or relationships. They may not do well in a test and they may not be picked for a game that they wanted to play. Students grow stronger when they overcome their difficulties. The challenge for parents is to build and maintain children’s confidence to help them get through the rough times and rescue or solve their problem for them. Our Lenten journey challenges us to rest and renew and listen to the Gospels to reveal a God, who welcomes us into a life of hope and promise.

With Easter almost upon us, I would like to wish all our families every blessing for the final days of Lent and commend your efforts, for our Project Compassion fundraising events.

Peace and Blessings
Cheryl Bell

Inter-House Cross Country

The 2015 Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held next Wednesday the 1 April. I would like to encourage as many parents, family members and friends of our students to attend the carnival and support the students on what is always a gruelling test of their fitness and character.

All of the key information for the event is outlined below. For those family members who attended last year I would like to highlight that the start/finish area is on the opposite side of the lake from last year. All of the House colour tents that were generously provided by the College P&F will be up and it should be a great day.

Venue: North Lakes Town Park (Lake Eden)

Race Times:
12yrs Girls and Boys (Born 2003) – 11.30am
13yrs Girls and Boys (Born 2002) – 12.00noon
14yrs Girls and Boys (Born 2001) – 12.30pm
15yrs and over Girls and Boys (Born 2000 and earlier) – 1.00pm

Uniform: All students are to wear full sports uniform including hats. Students are allowed to wear their sports uniform for the day. The only exception to this will be if the students choose to wear a House colour t-shirt, which should only be worn for the event. Running shoes are allowed but please keep in mind that the event is run on concrete paths with a small section of wooden bridge.

Other details: All asthmatic students are to bring their medication and/or puffers with them and take them with them during the race.

Students who finish in the top 10 places will be considered for selection in the Inter-School team. The finishing time will also be taken into account when making this decision.

This is a compulsory school event. All students are expected to compete to the best of their ability. If any students are unable to compete for any reason they will require a note from their parents which is to be presented to the PC teacher.

Michael Gilbert
Curriculum Leader – HPE and Sport

Year 10 Work Experience – Tuesday 15–Friday 18 September

Some advanced notice for parents - there will be a compulsory four day Work Experience program during the last week of Term 3, from Tuesday 15–Friday 18 September. A letter will be sent home shortly to outline a step by step process of what exactly is required to facilitate this process.

In the meantime it would be appreciated if parents can continue talking to their son or daughter about areas of interest they may have and to reflect upon a potential career pathways.

Louise Thynne
Curriculum Leader – VET and Careers

Mathematics Updates

March 14 is known in some circles as pi day. At St Benedict’s College we celebrated the fact that 3.14 is similar to 3/14 (the fourteenth day of the third month) by challenging our Year 8 students to see who could recite pi to the most number of decimal places. On Friday 13 March a large number of Year 8 students came along to see Rhiannon Orme (8.3) take on Graceyn Turner (8.2). In the end it was very close with Rhiannon reciting to 16 decimal places and Graceyn writing the
number down to around 20 places with only one error. Both girls received a prize for their efforts.

At this point in the term all students have completed and received feedback on maths assessment. If you would like your child to review a past topic or work ahead at any stage please feel free to encourage them to use Mathletics (Years 7-9) or Maths Online (Year 10) to help with this. They can either search for related topics themselves or ask their classroom teacher to set a course just for them.

Jeanine Connor
Middle Leader – Mathematics

Life in Plastic – Really Fantastic?
Year 10 Science students have been applying their knowledge of chemistry and inquiry skills over the past two weeks as they learn more about plastics.

The students have completed a range of tasks including conducting research on the development of polymer technology, investigating the strength of a range of plastic shopping bags and debating Australia’s role in reducing global ocean plastic - predicted in a recent study (published in the Science journal Feb 2015) to be increasing by 4.8 million metric tons annually. They have also had the opportunity to apply their creativity when imagining “A life without Plastic”.

Tracey Mortimer
Curriculum Leader - Science

Resource Centre News
The Resource Centre is a very busy place from 8.00am each morning. Students are welcome to use the spaces for homework, reading, board games, card games and meeting friends. We have made the Resource Centre an electronic gaming free zone before school, so that our students begin the school day with maximum battery power on their laptops and so that they can interact with their friends in a quiet environment.

The Ravenous Readers have also been raising funds for Caritas by selling raffle tickets for a $20 Book Voucher and a chocolate Easter Bunny. Thank you to Gabrielle Gandi in 7.2 for a beautiful poster promoting the Twilight series of novels. Many students have stopped to read it. Ravenous Readers will continue to meet next term and advertising a book (or series) of the week will be one of their ongoing tasks.

Thank you again to parent helpers who continue to keep on top of our covering. Special thanks to Sue Grimshaw and Jenny Brown who have both assisted since our last newsletter was published.

Resource Centre Opening Hours
Before school from 8.00am – Tuesday-Friday
Lunchtime – Monday-Friday
After school until 4.00pm – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Happy reading

Frances Zabarauskas
Teacher Librarian

Sports Report
I accept the fact that it is going to be painful, whether it be slow or fast. So I may as well do it fast - Rich Kenah, Champion Marathon Runner

Inter-School Sport
The last few rounds of Inter-School Sport have seen some outstanding individual and team performances from St Benedict’s College students. A full list of the recent results and those students who have been recognised as the Players of the Week in their respective sports is below. Congratulations to all students on their efforts thus far and I would like to wish all students and teams the best of luck for the 2nd half of the season in Term 2.

Round 2 v Burpengary State College
Yr 7 Boys Touch lost 4-0 v Pine Rivers and 5-0 v North Lakes: Slater Spinks
Yr 7 Girls Touch lost 2-1: Caitlin Stewart
Yr 7 Maroon Netball lost 6-0: Danni Guay
Yr 7 Blue Netball lost 16-3: Aimee Hastie
Yr 7 Girls Futsal lost 2-0 and 6-0: Kirstyn O’Connell
Yr 7 Boys Futsal Maroon won 4-2: Gianmarco Pietropaolo
Y r7 Boys Futsal Blue lost 3-1: Allen Saju
Yr 8/9 Girls Touch lost 6-5: Annabella Henrickson
Yr 9/10 Girls Touch lost 3-2: Jaime DuMont
Y r8/9 Boys Touch won 10-1: Danyel Chivers
Yr 10 Boys Touch won 7-3: Connor Trudgen

Michael Gilbert
Curriculum Leader – HPE and Sport

Concert Band News
St Benedict’s College students have been participating in our new concert band since the beginning of Term 1.
Instrumental music tuition is available for:
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Keyboard
- Drums and Percussion

**Instrument Hire**

Instrument hire can be organised through Woods Wind and Brass at Deception Bay

**Thank You SBC Parents and Friends Advisory Committee**

The College concert band would like to extend their thanks to the P&F Advisory Committee who recently funded the purchase of 20 music stands and a storage trolley. The stands have quickly been put to good use by our band during their rehearsals.

We hope to welcome more students to our band in Term 2.

For enrolment information please contact Mr White via email: mbwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au

*Michael White*
*Music Teacher*

**Card Club**

The inaugural College Card Club meeting was held this week with students and staff excited about the activities in the Resource Centre.

All types of card games are welcome from traditional playing cards to students sharing their enjoyment of various trading card games. Today some students even shared some amazing playing card “Magic Tricks”.

In Term 2 the Card Club will continue to grow and student suggestions are always welcome.

Learn all about “Card Lingo” and new meanings for words such as deck, suit, hand, trick and joker.

Do you have a Card Game or trick that you would like to share with others?

Come along to Card Club next Tuesday at second break in the Resource Centre and join the fun.

Stay tuned for the Term 2 weekly meeting time. Coming soon…

You never know what might be on the cards!

**Knitting Club Commencing Term 2**

Next term, on a Monday at second break, I will be facilitating a Knitting Club.

The club will be open to any student who would like to come along. I will be teaching students how to knit. I will prepare some kits over the holidays, so any students who are interested in this club just needs to go to B5 at second break on a Monday. Initially, we will be knitting ‘squares’ of various colours which I will then make up into rugs. The idea is for them to be very colourful.

These rugs will then be donated to a local charity that deals with homeless people at the grassroots level on a daily basis.

*Susie O’Farrell*
*Campus Minister*

**Campus Minister’s News**

**Cake Stall**

St Benedict’s Community, you are extremely generous! Year 7 parents, your response to the request to ‘stock the cake stall’ to raise money for the wonderful work of Caritas was nothing short of spectacular. The amount raised on the day, as well as the variety of donations ensured a very successful cake stall. The whole of the St Benedict’s College community should be acknowledged for the outstanding support of the stall which raised $382.20.
I would like to also thank the six Year 7 students who worked to promote this event by presenting items at Year 7/8 Assembly as well as Year 9/10 Assembly. Additionally, they served on the day and also presented a ‘thank you’ item to the Year Level Assembly last Tuesday. Well done – Aidan, Harry, Caitlyn, Aimee, Maddy and Kirstyn.

It is wonderful for the students to be witness to and part of this ‘living faith’ through ‘faith in action’.

Ignite Youth

If you are not aware of this initiative of the Catholic Church to connect with teenagers and young adults, the following website is worth a look.

http://new.igniteyouth.com/

To quote the website:

‘Connecting a generation with Jesus through authentic relationships and dynamic events.

IGNITE YOUTH is a Brisbane-based Catholic ministry that connects with teenagers and young adults, from dynamic mountain top experience through to one-on-one relationships. We hope this site is a place of inspiration, faith, interaction and growth for a generation of young people rising up around the world.

Ignite Youth is a ministry of Emmanuel Community, a Catholic mission community within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia.’

Susie O'Farrell
Campus Minister

From the Finance Office

All School fees have now been emailed to families and the due date for payment of 2 March 2015 has now passed.

Please be advised that this does not apply to families who already have a fee arrangement in place.

If you have any concerns or for any reason you have not received your fee statement please contact Donna Roy on (07) 3385 8807 or via email finance@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Donna Roy
Finance Secretary

College Canteen Closed for Remainder of Term 1

Due to illness, the college Canteen will be closed for the rest of the term. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Hours – each Friday from 8.00am-11.00am

Winter Uniforms

Winter stock is now in for those who would like to avoid the rush and get in early.

Phone orders

For the convenience of families uniform orders can be placed via email. Your student can then easily collect the order on Friday morning before school or during first break.

Please note that EFT facilities are available, and cash payments are also accepted. We do not accept cheque payments in the Uniform Shop.

Second Hand Uniforms

Second hand uniform items are now being accepted. All clothing is to be freshly laundered and ironed. Please include an envelope with name, phone number, description of items and the price you would like. LJ Apparel does take a small commission for handling.

For those wishing to purchase second hand uniforms, this will be via a strictly cash only system.

Layby Available

Detailed information about the Uniform Shop’s layby facility can be obtained from Jenny Brown via the email address listed below, or in person at the Uniform Shop.

Jenny Brown
Convenor
Email: sbcuniforms@gmail.com

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