Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last week’s events at school were very important to set the tone for a most successful year. It was good to meet a good number who came to the parent information night and got to hear directly from your child’s teacher. These links between home and school are so important so that there is a clear understanding of expectations and practices under which your child will work. Likewise, if you have particular concerns about your child, do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher for a meeting. With clear communication and understanding, much can be done to meet the needs of your child.

Our Welcoming Mass and commissioning of our student leaders, both Years 6 and 7, in this rather special year when both year levels are experiencing their final year of primary education, went very well. There was a good roll up of parents and we are very proud and optimistic for what the year will bring.

Following that we celebrated with our Welcoming BBQ last Friday afternoon. Again, it was great to see so many families gathering and enjoying the community spirit that exists here. Congratulations and thanks to the P and F Association and all who came to help. Many hands certainly made for light work, the face painting was fabulous and the cake disappeared so quickly. The entertainment, with the food and drink gave us all a great afternoon. Remember, should you have concerns, do not hesitate to contact either your child’s teacher, myself or the office.

Year 5, 6 and 7 Camps
These camps provide a wonderful experience for our children. For many, it will be a highlight of the year. It is great to have our student leaders have the opportunity to establish group spirit and plans for the year, as well as the skills that will assist them in their leadership tasks. Year 5 are off to Tunnel Ridge, at Landsborough and the Years 6 and 7s to the Apex Camp at Mudjimba. Be sure to listen to the stories that will come. My thanks to the teachers and support staff prepared to give so generously of their time and expertise to ensure each camp will be a success. By the time you read this, the camp will be well underway. Thanks for your support of your child as they grow from what, for many, is their first camp experience.

Advance Notice: Working Bee
Please come and help — Saturday, 1st March, 8.00-10.00 am. Mark it on your calendar. Details next week.

Fees
Families should have received fees last week. If not, please contact the office.

Assistant Principal—Religious Education
From the 3rd March until the end of the first term, Mrs Lysaght will be enjoying some well-earned long service leave. I’m pleased to announce that Mrs Chantale Wilson will take on the role during Nikki’s leave. Adjustments will be made for Prep B during this time. It will be 3 days a week.

Traffic/School Crossing
There are some safety concerns about Lilac Street. I am meeting with representatives from council soon to review our situation. In the meantime, please follow all road rules and signs. Drive through the pick up/drop off zone, as far as you can. Do not use the parish/ Ngutana lui parking area for school pick ups. Thank you for your patience, especially at peak times.
What Respect?

Being respectful is an attitude of honouring people and caring about their rights. Being respectful is reflected in the way we treat one another (and their belongings) and the way we speak. Being respectful includes self-respect. You protect your own rights, such as privacy and modesty. If anyone violates your rights, even if it is an elder, this must be stopped. Every woman, man and child was created by God, and we all deserve respect.

You are practising Respect when you …

- Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated.
- Listen to the wisdom of elders.
- Look after your body and your rights.

Date Claimers ...

- This Friday, 21 February, 2G will lead us in our Assembly prayer at 8:45am in Mercy Hall.
- We will begin our weekly Class liturgies will be with 6W and 2W next Thursday, 27 February.
- Ash Wednesday, which signifies the beginning of Lent, is on Wednesday 5 March. Every class will participate in a liturgy on that day.
- All parents and friends are warmly invited to join us for all these events.

Markus says when you listen to others you are being RESPECTFUL!!

Virtue of the Week: Respect

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Assistant Principal Religious Education
Cybersafety - Tips for parents!

Many thanks to those who heard our cybersafety talk at the parent night last week. There are still more brochures for parents on Cybersafety in English or Vietnamese available at the office if you did not get one.

Cybersafety is such a real issue with our children today. It is part of our lesson plans in the library to make your child aware of the dangers and learn how to become Responsible Digital Citizens. From time to time, we will have a section in the newsletter giving clues, helpful websites and tips on how you can assist as a parent. This week a few helpful hints:

1. Install and update your security software; set it to scan regularly.
2. Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.
3. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses.

(From Australia Govt: www.staysmartonline.gov.au)

Brigidine College, Indooroopilly invites you to Visitation Day on Monday 24 or Tuesday 25 February 9.30-10.30am.

Enjoy a student guided tour of the College followed by morning tea with the Principal. Phone 3870 7225 to secure a booking or obtain an enrolment pack.

Please use the Cecil Street entrance.

Brigidine College is an independent Catholic girls’ secondary school - Strong in academic achievements; Gentle in the tradition of the Brigidine Sisters.

Parents with daughters currently in Year 2 and upwards are encouraged to lodge applications now to avoid disappointment.

Limited places are available for Years 7 and 8 for 2015 and offers for Year 7 2017 will be confirmed this term.

St Peter Claver College, 10 Old Ipswich Road, Riverview 2014 Principal Twilight Tours

Mr Diarmuid O’Riordan, Principal of St Peter Claver College, extends an invitation to parents and families to attend a personalized tour of the College during a Principal’s Twilight Tour. Please register your interest by contacting the College Enrolment Secretary on 3810 5907 or mhunt@bne.catholic.edu.au

Tours will commence at 5.00pm and 5.30pm on selected evenings. We will contact you to arrange a suitable time once you register your interest. Tours go for approximately 1 hour with an opportunity to ask questions over a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments.

There are 12 good reasons for you to consider enrolling your child at St Peter Claver College. It is a place:

- Where students’ learning needs are central to all we do.
- Committed to Catholic education – where all students are valued and nurtured.
- Where our first Australians have a home and where their elders past and present are respected.
- Where we welcome and celebrate cultural diversity. With a dynamic curriculum – lots of choice and catering for all learners.
- With heaps of extra-curricular opportunities.
- Where your child can excel in a number of sporting programs including Rugby League, Dance, Netball, Futsal and Soccer to name a few.
- With a pastoral care system that promotes belonging and well-being.
- Offering student leadership pathways and opportunities.
- With a deliberate focus on social justice and outreach in our region.
- Located amongst beautiful grounds with new facilities and close to major roads and railway.
- With a sponsored bus system to ease parents’ concerns about transport.

Our Open Day is 17 May from 10am—1pm

Enrolling now for 2016 and 2017

Limited places for Years 7 and 8 in 2015

For further details contact 3848 7492

Or visit our website www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au
Thank you to Physics 3D for sponsoring last Friday’s BBQ and revamping our school leader shirts which were ordered on Monday.

Congratulations on a Successful Welcoming BBQ last Friday.
Thank you to our special guests; Annastacia Palaszczuk and Michelle from ALP Qld, Gerry Crooks from St James College, John Beaton from P&F Federation, John and Daniel from Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge P&F.

Thank you to the face painters, cooks, servers, Sarah from Mission Australia and everyone who attended making this an amazing event!
Great News — Warren & Matt, the talented musicians, will join us at our May Mothers Day BBQ.

St Marks Working Bee is on Saturday MARCH 8am-10am
Please help us at our first Working Bee to clean out the Prep area sandpit and other jobs around your school. This will run for 2 hours only so let’s make it count!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
Happy Valentine’s birthday to B Jay Williamson and her niece Felicia who celebrated their Birthdays with us at the BBQ last Friday!
Last weekend Ms Bonney and Mrs Aileen Richter celebrated very special birthdays!