From the Principal

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday, we will celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ- Corpus Christi. It highlights the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist.

In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. The words spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper are these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer in each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

This Sunday, rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another ‘eucharistic’ story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story, because it was a clear example of God’s presence in a miraculous meal. In St Luke’s gospel, the author is keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.

Kindergarten 2017

Over the next four weeks I will be interviewing the families of children who will attend St Agatha’s next year. If your child turns five before 31st July, 2017, they are eligible to attend school.

If you have friends or relatives who are members of our parish you might like to remind them that this is an opportunity to have a look at our school. The number of places for next year will be limited.

Developments Happening Around School

This week I met with representative from Viva Energy Australia who will be undertaking some work on the Shell Service Station next to our school and on the development site opposite the school over the next few months. In particular, we discussed student safety, noise and traffic congestion around our school. I have included the notification letter for your information. Click here.

Staff Development Day Friday 10th June

Important Diary Dates

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We are pleased to announce that Ben C of 6 Green has won 1st Place in the Short Story category of the 2016 Schools Short Story & Poetry Competition! Over 9,000 students entered the competition, so we are really proud of Ben for his AMAZING achievement!

As the winner, Ben has won:
$500 for himself;
$500 for St Agatha’s;
A 10” Samsung Galaxy Tab 4, OR an Apple iPad Air OR an XBOX One OR a PlayStation;
An engraved First Place Winner pen;
His story will be printed on a wall mounted plaque.

Ben’s story will also be printed in the Short Story & Poetry Competition anthology ‘Top Secret’
A copy of ‘Top Secret’ will be given to Ben and one will be given to the school.

To read Ben’s story click here

Congratulations Ben!!!

Once again, thank you for your continued support. I believe that it is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Kevin Bauer - Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our PBL focus for Week 5 and 6 is We Are Respectful -Use Safe Hands
“Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Mt 7:12)

The purpose of this rule is to focus on and acknowledge the responses of those who act appropriately in conflict situations. We use caring hands to show comfort, to share, to help and to communicate. Students will practise using these safe and caring hands in small groups and through the use of role plays to act out situations and help them communicate their needs.

Examples of situations include: when someone is hurt, upset, needs help, to communicate without words i.e.; feelings, instructions, greetings, approval and disapproval.

This can extend to the home by encouraging children to take responsibility to use safe and caring hands with their brothers and sisters. Resolving conflict with siblings by shaking hands, comforting each other when hurt and ‘lending a hand’ are all ways of using safe and caring hands.

Student Workbooks coming home this week

This week the children will be bringing home some of their work books. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as their handwriting skills. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book, after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have had the opportunity to ‘walk’ through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.
MATHEMATICS IN THE MORNING for PARENTS- MADE EASY
9am Wednesdays (Week 5 to Week 10)

This term we will be running short Parent Education Sessions for parents
Mathematics for Parents-Made Easy (Focusing on the Middle Years)

These sessions will be aimed at parents who have children in the MIDDLE YEARS (Year 2 Year 3 and Year 4) and will run for only 20-25 minutes each Wednesday morning from 9am-9.25am in the TROOSH. Each week during the 25 minute session a new Mathematics game/activity will be introduced and parents will be guided in how to play the game or activity. Parents will then have some time to explore the activity and get a copy to take home. Over the term parents will gain a bank of Number activities that will help support their child’s learning.

Our sessions will commence on Wednesday Week 5 at 9am in the TROOSH. I hope many parents can join us. Please RSVP via the link below so we can ensure we have enough handouts and equipment.

Fiona Bylsma - Assistant Principal

—from the REC

As this is the time all teachers are busily writing reports, I thought it an appropriate time to outline how Religious Education is assessed in the diocese.

As with all Key learning Areas, Religious Education is assessed on the knowledge, understanding and skills that the student has displayed in their learning. Each assessment task is supported by learning outcomes that the student must met. When assessing the students, teachers will use a variety of assessment strategies and tasks to determine a grade. How well a student meets the learning outcome will determine the grade given. Therefore, a student could receive a low grade if they do not meet the learning outcomes, even if they are a regular church goer, an altar server or show reverence in Mass.

Although our mission is to form young Catholics in faith, it is important to emphasise that teachers cannot assess the faith that a student possesses. This will not be shown in your child’s school report as a grade. There are, however, many opportunities for continued faith development at St Agatha’s such as prayer and worship, liturgical celebrations, pastoral care, sacramental preparation and Social Justice initiatives.

On the 9th June St Agatha’s school is organising a special morning of prayer - unfortunately we can’t have toddlers at this session, however, if child minding is an issue please contact the office and we will try organise something for you. Please understanding this will be a very relaxed time. We would like to see as many parents enjoy this time of prayer and relaxation as possible.

Invitation to Parents

The Gift of Mercy…in the Family
You are invited to our parent reflection morning on the Gift of Mercy. An opportunity to truly stop and reflect on our understanding of mercy. Gentle meditation, interactive discussion, engaging clips, a blessing and some beautiful morning tea to refresh and revive your Spirit.

When: Thursday, 9th June 2016
Time: 9:00am—11:00am including morning tea

Click here for more information

Finally, don’t forget to support our fundraising initiative for the homeless. Please send in new, warm pyjamas (adults or children sizes) by next week. Together we can make a difference!

God bless

Vicki Ford - REC
The Power of Social & Emotional Skills for Children’s Learning

Understanding the social-emotional development of primary school age-children

This session will support Social and Emotional Learning in the home

• Social & Emotional Stages of Development
• Brain development and learning
• How to develop your child’s Social & Emotional Skills at home
• Practical application – strategies into action

For more information regarding these sessions please click here.

From the Sports Desk

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to Represent Broken Bay at the Cross Country Polding Trials on the 17th June at Eastern Creek.

Isabella Pereira
Riley Pereira  3rd
Jack Lovell  3rd
Joshua Easton
Charlotte Hall
Tom Martin  3rd

From the P&F

We are looking for volunteers to help with collecting donations for the fete from local businesses. If you are able to assist, please contact Melissa Gillooly on melissa.gillooly@eppingclub.com.

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have obtained their Silver Awards.


Working Bee

Our next working bee will take place on Saturday, 4th June from 8:00am - 10:am.

Luke Palmer - Maintenance Coordinator

Happy Birthday to:

Dean A, Liam W, Cameron H, Grace S, Edith L, Thomas M, Ella L, Sam D

Community News

Bubble dome
OLMC Open morning
Parent Line
St Cecelia’s centenary celebrations
Kids Camp - Winter 2016
Keep Kids Safe

TROOSH  Contact Greg on 0423 647 607