From the Principal

Just a Thought: Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that’s an easy out. We can’t all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions. So I guess a way forward should be to reflect, pray and make choices - use Jesus as our model.

Renovation Update

The refurbishment of our classrooms near the hall have been held up to some due diligence checks regarding to the contractual arrangements between the Diocese and our builders. I have been notified today the amendments have been accepted and that the Bishop will sign off on this today and hopefully work will begin shortly. The diocese will be spending more than $750K on this refurbishment. Four years ago the diocese spent $600K on the refurbishment of six classroom and the kindy playground.

St Agatha’s Uniform and Grooming Policy

Recently there have been a number of boys coming to school with comb over haircuts, shaved very short up the side, longer length on top with a line shaved into the part or side of the hair. St Agatha’s has a uniform and grooming policy which can be accessed from our school website. Please refer to the section from the policy below on acceptable hairstyles.

Boys – hair must be above the shirt collar
Number 2 haircut is a minimum acceptable length and must be one length.
Undercuts, stripes or other patterns shaved into hairstyles are not acceptable
Hair should not be covering the students face
Hair accessories (including elastics, ribbons and headbands) must be in school colours, royal blue and white and are available at the Uniform Shop

Girls – long hair should be tied back

I would like to thank you for your continued support as I believe that it is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Kevin Bauer - Principal

Important Diary Dates

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Medical Alert Wrist Bands
A number of students at St Agatha’s have one or more medical conditions e.g. Anaphylaxis, Allergies and Asthma as well as other medical conditions.

At St Agatha’s School we endeavour to reduce the risk of any medical conditions by ensuring class teachers, office staff and canteen staff and helpers have up to date medical alert details on children.

To ensure students with medical conditions can be easily identified by teachers on the playground, parent helpers on food days and other students, we have “Medical Alert Wrist Bands”. These colour coded bands are to be worn everyday by students who have one or more of the above listed conditions. As a KIDS matter school we are responsible for the wellbeing of all students in our care. The wearing of these bands will not only assist staff and parents to keep our students safe but also promote an understanding and awareness between students that we all have a responsibility to look out for the safety of others.

Medical wrist band order forms can be found on our website [click here].

Bands are sold in packs of 5 for $10. It is a Parent’s Responsibility to ensure your child is wearing their band or bands (if required) each day to school.

From the Assistant Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
As you know the three school rules are:

• We are RESPECTFUL,
• We are RESPONSIBLE and/or
• We are LEARNERS.

This week we will all be focussing on “WE ARE RESPONSIBLE- BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME”.

We will be discussing with students what this rule might mean:
Being ready for school on time.
Being at correct dismissal points when the bell rings after school
Being on their lines by the time the bell rings.
Not playing in out of bounds areas or toilets
Being on the right playground.

We will also discuss why being in the right place at the right time is important and what happens when they are not in the right place at the right time.

Maybe you can discuss some examples of this with your child during this fortnight.

Mathematics videos to support parents at home
The Partners for Learning website has a series of short, snappy videos explaining Primary Mathematics Number concepts in simple terms for parents. Many parents will find these videos useful in assisting their child with Mathematics and developing their own understanding of how mathematical concepts are taught in our classroom’s today. Click on links to go to videos.

Addition & Subtraction
Multiplication & Division
Subitising
Fractions
Rounding

Fiona Bylsma - Assistant Principal

Parish Family Mass
Our next Parish Family Mass will be held at the 9am mass on Sunday 28th August. The parish family mass is a wonderful opportunity for the children at St Agatha’s to participate in the mass by doing a Reading, Prayer of the Faithful or assisting with the Offertory Procession. If you would like your child to participate in one of the roles above please reply to the email with your child’s name and class, or [click here](http://www.partners4learning.edu.au//connecting-learning/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=32) to complete a return slip.
From the REC

The sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community. This sacrament is one of empowerment. This Saturday many of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will give them strength to follow Jesus and the courage to become involved in the mission of the Church. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue in their faith journey.

Father’s Day will be celebrated in two weeks on Friday, 2nd September. An invitation will be sent home shortly. We are putting together a slide show of our dads so would love you to email us a photo of dad with his family. Please send the photo to fathersdayphotograph@gmail.com by Wednesday 24th August. This will give us time to put the PowerPoint presentation together.

Finally, please bring your food to the Library for our Grandparent’s morning tea on Friday.

God Bless

Vicki Ford - REC

From the Sports Desk

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Soccer gala day last Thursday, all students displayed great sportsmanship and fair play.

Well done to the Senior Boys and Senior Girls 1 team who came 1st in their divisions on the day. Thank you to our parent helpers who gave up their time to manage teams. Mrs Goh, Mr Straumann and Mr Hanna.

Cluster Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the St Agatha’s Athletics squad who all competed extremely well in both track and field. Well done to the following students who have qualified to represent the North Shore cluster at the Broken Bay Diocesan Carnival on the 29th August.

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Junior Boys Relay 1st place
Evan W 1st in long jump and shot put
Joshua E 1st in high jump and discus
Ella P 1st in high jump

From the Library

The Library is a hive of activity this term! Next week, the 20th - 26th August, is the official date for Book Week 2016. The theme this year is Australia! Story, Country. The library is covered in work done by the children as a response to the Australiana theme. There are book reports, blurbs, predictions, sizzling sentences and I see, I think, I hear, I wonder responses. You will see cockatoos, boomerangs, Australian maps, vegemite jars and the Opera House adorning our ceiling. You are most welcome to come and have a look and read the children’s work. Please note this year there will be no Book Character Parade but there are a number of other activities organised.

In Library lessons, the children are listening to, discussing and responding to some of the short listed books. Examples of the responses involve the students creating movie trailers, animations, relating the books to their own life, retelling stories, writing poetry and researching Olympic athletes. The iPad apps they are using include iMovie, Haiku, POW Strip Design, Keynote, Chatter Kids, Yakit Kids, Storybook and Puppet Pals.

We have also arranged for two authors to visit St Agatha’s. On Friday 26th of August at 2pm, Mick Conway will entertain the K-3 children and on Monday 5th September at 9:30, there will be a presentation by Boori (Monty) Pryor for Year 4-6.
On Friday 19th August, we are also inviting grandparents to buy a book on behalf of their grandchildren to donate to the Library. There are lots of fiction and non-fiction books to choose from.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:- Samuel L, Danielle E, Ananya K, Aerin O, James R, Abhijit K.

Julie Mason & Vicki Ford

From the P&F

A big thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who helped out to make the movie night a great family evening. It was a lovely chance to meet new families and connect up with everyone. Rumour has it that the kids weren’t the only ones who enjoyed the film.

We have just hosted our 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching workshops for parents. A big thanks to Jo Spek from the CSO for providing us with new ideas and ways to support our parenting. We had over 30 parents attend the sessions and we look forward to seeing the "magic" happen over the next few weeks.

Alex Meeve

Working Bee

All families are invited to attend the next working bee!

Date: Saturday, 27 August
Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

If you are able to help please email Luke Palmer to RSVP: luke.a.palmer@gmail.com

We hope you can spare a couple of hours to help the Aggies community.

Bring your gloves, cleaning, and gardening equipment.

Luke Palmer

Silver Awards


Community News

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