Principal’s News

The idea of ‘The Butterfly Effect’ comes from the science of chaos theory. It suggests that everything is connected, to the extent that the beating of a butterfly’s wings in one part of the world can affect what happens in another part of the world. We recognise that when it comes to the impact we, as individuals have on our community, small gestures can make a huge difference. ‘The Butterfly Effect’ is about celebrating, challenging and changing ourselves and in turn, the world around us.

This was the introduction to the St John’s Social Justice Program, now more aptly named Christian Community Service which could also be known as ‘The Butterfly Effect’. Mrs Angela Brennan was the original person behind the idea to give our students a meaningful, ‘real world’ connection with their local community. In 2016, as we launch into Positive Psychology in Education, we hope, by providing a simple gesture of kindness in our community, that this may inspire others to explore ways to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

The Butterfly Effect – Christian Community Service - is a chance for our students to link into their local community, providing a valuable experience for all those involved. These days make significant ‘real world’ connections that can be measured by the grateful smiles, phone calls, comments, emails and letters sent after the visits to Pinaroo, Endeavour, Vincentian Village etc. ... the Butterfly Effect in action. Whether it was the visits to the elderly or sick, our students connect with the community. It was wonderful for our students to experience the smiles of people who are in these places and appreciate the presence of our students and staff and all their hard work, the eagerness and engagement of volunteering.

Tomorrow night is our Presentation Night; it is an excellent time to honour our students for the year’s hard work. I look forward to seeing you there.

Events in this month

- **Wednesday, November 4**
  Presentation Night

- **Friday, November 13**
  Senior Art Exhibition

- **Monday, November 9 - Thursday 12**
  Year 12 Exam Block

- **Sunday, November 15 - Wednesday 18**
  Year 12 Retreat

- **Monday, November 23 - Thursday 26**
  Year 11 Exam Block

Reflection

The guarantee of one’s prayer is not in saying a lot of words. The guarantee of one’s petition is very easy to know: How do I treat the poor and needy? Because that is where God is.

Oscar Romero

**Regards**

Nicholas Lynch
**Current NEWS!**

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**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy is held in Roma during the 8.30am Sunday Masses on the third and fourth Sundays of the month during term times at All Saints Catholic Church, on the corner of Feather & McDowall Streets. All children are very welcome; no equipment is required. Morning Tea will often follow Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the month. This term's dates for Children's Liturgy during Mass are, 15th November and 22nd November.

*Anne Moloney*

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**SAFETY AT SCHOOL**

A reminder to parents - Please do not pick up or drop off students in the teachers’ car park. There are designated drop off and pick up zones in McDowall Street, Bowen Street and Duke Street.

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**Did You Know..?**

Did you know our mobile app will let you add Events instantly to your calendar? Just click on the event and look for the + sign in the top right hand corner. Press the + and the Event is automatically added to your phone’s calendar. You can then set reminders for yourself. Some phone models may not allow this feature.

*Rebecca Lynch*

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**Swimming Lessons**

There will be no swimming tomorrow Thursday November 5, as all swimming lessons have been cancelled.

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**Year One**

In Year One, we have been reading lots of narratives this term. We have learnt about character descriptions, settings, the problems characters come across, and how the characters try to solve the problems - all before the story comes to an end! We are starting to use Digital Technology to create some of our own narratives. We have enjoyed exploring many different settings and are becoming quite creative in using adjectives to describe our settings and our characters.

*Narelle Freeman*

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**Year Five**

**Recycling and Sustainability**

In Year Five this term, we are learning about recycling and sustainability. We are counting on you to help us do as much recycling during National Recycling Week which is from 9-15th of November. There will be a number of events happening in National Recycling Week such as recycled art, recycled inventions, recycled paper origami and a Collecting Cans Program. The Collecting Cans Program (CCP) will run in Recycling Week and the following weeks. The CCP is a program where you bring in cans for the Year Five's Recycling Program. You can bring old corn cans, baked beans cans, soft drink cans or any sort of can (just make sure they're empty). There will be boxes in classrooms to put the cans in. There will also be a prize for the class that has the most cans at the end of the program.

*Patrick Herrod*
So, as you all know, last term Marian fundraised for Catholic Missions. We would like to commend you all for your outstanding efforts and support toward all of our events. Without all of you participating, we wouldn't be able to support the various charities we do here at St John's. Including the showcase which Marian also used as a fundraising opportunity, last term we raised a total of $3810.54. Thank you everyone; it has been a tremendous effort to achieve such a great figure of which we can all be very proud!!

This term, we are fundraising for All Saints Parish. This will be done as a total group effort between all houses. We will have an Ice Cream Day and even an outdoor Movie Night!!!!! All these events are fundraising for a great cause and it would be awesome to see you all there to support this term as well!!

The Swimming Carnival next year will be on 28th February. It is pretty early in the school year. We need to put in the same amount of effort and participation that made us win this year. It's okay if you aren't a good swimmer as you can still come along to the carnival to support your friends, cheer on the mighty House of Marian and be a part of the winning team. Participation is what is going to win the Carnival so we need everyone to be going in as many events as you can to win vital points for our House, as well as cheering loudly and proudly to win us House Spirit points.

This year, we have done pretty well in the House Cup and with our House spirit. Lately, when we leaders have been going around to get Points Cards we have only been collecting a few. This is something we, as a house, could really improve on next year. Most people in this house engage in several extra curricular activities and we just need to make sure we are getting our Points Cards signed! The more cards that we complete, the more House points we earn. All of those House points go towards us winning the House Cup.

Keep on doing an awesome job and stay on top of all your work! Don't forget Presentation Night is on this Wednesday and the Movie Night is in Week Six, so hopefully we will see you all there supporting!

Stay Mighty and Glorious Marian!!

ABC + Miss Topic
**Year Ten**

**Visual Arts**

After a successful term of drawing, our St John’s Year Ten Visual Art students are now focusing on a completely different unit called ‘Lino Printing’. Lino Printing is a form of relief printing which involves a design being carved into a lino plate before inking and printing it onto paper or another surface. Students have been exposed to both traditional Australian printers such as Margaret Preston as well as more contemporary artists including Rachel Newling. They have gathered inspirational images and have used these images to assist them create their own original design based on nature. Students are now in the process of carving their plates and look forward to printing them next week.

*Sue Tiley*

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**Year Three**

**English**

This term, Year Three students have become little poets! We have examined a variety of poems and used these poems to identify specific language features such as rhyme, alliteration and onomatopoeia. We were also given the opportunity to create our own poem using onomatopoeia. This was heaps of fun and our teachers were extremely impressed with our creations. Editing our own written work has become a routine part of the writing process. We are improving our ability to identify misspelt words, grammar mistakes and punctuation errors. Identifying these mistakes is useful not only to present a better standard of work, but also because when we make a mistake and fix it, our brain grows! Each day, we also spend time improving our reading stamina. This is something we can practise at home at night. Reading stamina is important because it allows students to absorb the text without distractions. It is important to understand that to increase reading stamina, students need to select texts that they can read independently. When selecting new texts, students know they are to use the ‘5 word’ rule. If they open any page in the text and there are 5 or more words on the page that they cannot read, then the book is too challenging. During class, we spent plenty of time working on the decoding and comprehension of texts, so our reading stamina time is purely for enjoyment and we love it!

*Annie Wright*
3/11/2015

Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen media reports regarding ongoing industrial action taking place at some Catholic schools. The protected industrial action will take place on Thursday 5th November 2015 between 8.30am and 10.30am on that day.

This industrial action is linked to current Enterprise Bargaining negotiations taking place between Queensland Catholic schools and the Independent Education Union.

Our focus is to minimise disruption to the school routine, however, the industrial action will impact on our capacity to provide our regular program of teaching and learning during that time. St John’s School will continue to operate throughout the day and during the work stoppages we will provide supervised activities for students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in relation to this matter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St John’s School and Catholic Education.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Lynch
Principal
We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
IDENTITY

St John’s School Senior Art Exhibition

Official Exhibition Opening
Friday, 13 November @ 6.00pm

Showing until Friday, 4 December

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday, 9am-12noon
Walk of Art is located at Roma Community Arts Centre, 38-44 Hawthorne St, Roma