Last weekend our Parish celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. I thank both Frs. Vince Casey and Peter De Souza for their role in a reverent and meaningful celebration. The apostle John speaks of the Holy Spirit as the “Paraclete”, which means “to call to one’s side” along with, an advocate, a helper or a spokesperson, or someone who will plead on someone else’s behalf. Jesus promised to send a Paraclete, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete, to be with you forever” (John 14:15-16). The Sacrament of Confirmation cements the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who have asked to receive the Spirit. Let us, parents and teachers of the recently confirmed, take seriously our responsibility to model the Holy Spirit active in our words and deeds every day.

This week St Brendan’s is celebrating **Literacy and Numeracy Week**. The highlights of the week include Monday evening’s workshop - The Resilient Child, the Wakakirri performance and Friday’s liturgy and classroom visits (see outline of the day at the end of the Newsletter). Again, I take the opportunity to thank all who have been involved in the organisation and preparation of these events. The staff team at St Brendan’s are very generous and dedicated and I congratulate them on all they do to enhance the experiences of the students. I particularly acknowledge Ms Cassie Vane-Tempest who is achieving so much in her first fulltime contract both in the classroom and in adding another dimension to performing arts. I also thank Mr Richard Hannan, an experienced teacher, who is showing a passion for sharing his love of performance with the children.

On **17 November 2014 staff will participate in a Staff Development Day, pupil free**, focused on nurturing their spirituality. This day will take place off-site so there will be no supervision available.

The **Broken Bay Athletics Carnival** will be held at Narrabeen this Wednesday. I congratulate all those representing St Brendan’s and wish them all the best in their endeavours on the day.

In our efforts to work towards exemplary communication between home and school, Mrs Brigette Glynn (mother of Mitchell in Kinder) has offered to keep the School’s Facebook page up to date with news and reminders. Whilst there is no option to post or write a comment on the page, you will find it a valuable resource for keeping abreast of daily happenings. I am grateful to Brigette, and many others just like her, for making a wonderful contribution to our community.

**Several new families have joined our community** this Term; I trust they are feeling welcomed and enjoying being part of St Brendan’s community.

Again, I repeat that **parking on the grassed area** immediately out the front of Lake Munmorah High School is illegal. Unfortunately, several cars were booked last Friday. Please contact the office if you were amongst this group.

Our **Father’s Day celebrations will take place on 5 September** along with the Walk-a-thon; details of the day’s events can be found in this newsletter. If you are the dad of a Year 5 student and will be staying for lunch you are most welcome to order your lunch from the canteen. Please place your lunch order by Wednesday 3rd September to ensure availability of lunch choices.
The Canteen will be closed on the last day of Term, Friday 19 September!

The end of Term showcase assembly will be held at 8:20am on Monday 15 September; Years 5 and 6 will share some highlights of their learning from the Term with the community.

Wishing you a joyful week,
Luanna

Message from the Assistant Principal

It has been terrific to see so many people helping us celebrate the wonderful things that are happening at St Brendan’s! As is natural, when we have a community event, we like to take photographs of our children. I recently attended an information session on the new Privacy Laws. One of the areas we covered was the taking of photographs at School functions. For the safety and respect of all, we ask that for any events run by the school that you limit photographs to your children. If you inadvertently take pictures/videos that have captured the faces of other children, we ask that it is not sent/posted by phones or internet or on any social media sites. This may sound very harsh, but we need to respect the privacy of others – once information is placed on the web, it cannot be retrieved!

DON’T FORGET - the Project Night is on next Wednesday! Still plenty of time to make, bake, video, photograph!

Craig McNee
Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday 27th August Year 4 Class Mass 9.00am
- Friday 5th September Father’s Day Liturgy 8.20am
- Wednesday 10th September Year 3 Class Mass 9.00am

PARISH FAMILY MASS

We celebrated another wonderful Parish Family Mass on Saturday 16th August. The Church was filled to overflowing! It was wonderful to see such an enthusiastic roll up! (Maybe we should do it in pyjamas every time!!) Congratulations to all the children who played important roles in the Mass and to everyone who came and celebrated with us.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Church was full again on Saturday when 60 children received the Gift of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a truly beautiful ceremony, with thanks to Father Vincent Casey who made the celebration a very relaxed, personal experience for all involved. A big thank you to Father Vince and Father Peter who presided over the ceremony. It was amazing to see the sun come shining through the rain clouds during the celebration. Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament and a big thank you to all the children, teachers and parents who assisted on the day and the parents and parishioners who helped with the program.

FATHERS DAY LITURGY

A reminder of our Father’s Day Liturgy being celebrated on Friday 5 September. We ask you to send in any “dad” photos (father, grandfather, uncle, brother, neighbour) that can be used as part of the Liturgy. Just email them to the school email address no later than Monday 1st September. We will also be looking for some Year 5 dads to take part in the Liturgy.

Kell York
Religious Education Coordinator
FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week may be over but our literacy celebrations just keep on coming. This week is Numeracy and Literacy Week and we will be having activities to highlight this on Friday. We had a great time at the Book Parade and would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents for the effort that went into the wonderful costumes. There are some very creative people around! K-2 children were treated to The Travelling Showcase performed by Jo from our local library at Lakehaven. For more information about the library visit the link below


Our Book Fair is over for another year and we hope that everyone is enjoying the books they purchased. We have some re-orders coming back on Thursday, so if you are waiting on a book and have not paid yet please send the money in with your child on Thursday. We are grateful to Mrs Lisa McDermott who had her book “Sof-Ted A Special Bear” for sale at the fair. The books are only $10 and Lisa kindly donated 50% of the sales back to the school. Don’t worry if you missed out on buying one as they are still for sale during the next couple of weeks. Please send your order and the money in an envelope to the office.

A fabulous night was had by all at the Pizza and Pyjama Night. Many families were here for Mass and then celebrated the beginning of Book Week with some pizza and a story.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has officially ended for 2014. All of the children in K-3 have been entered and a few from Year 4. If your child wants to be included they must see Mrs Devlin on Thursday so she can log their books on the computer.

Thank you for your support for all of our Book Week activities.

Happy Reading - The Library Team.
DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014 – We would like to wish the 7 children representing our school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival this Wednesday at the Academy of Sport, Narrabeen, the best of luck. The following children we are sure will do themselves, their families and school proud - Cooper M, Cianan M, Amelia C, James H, Monique V and Sienna H.

Wakakiri & the Rural Fire Service - What an amazing performance we witnessed last Monday from our talented performers at St Brendan’s. The hard work and effort certainly paid off with the audience witnessing a spectacular dance routine. We were privileged to have Joel, the Captain from Lake Munmorah Rural Fire Brigade and Jesse, one of his crew, join us for a truly wonderful celebration of the great work the RFS do in our community. The tireless hours of practice that Mr Hannon, Mrs Van –Tempest and many helpers have put in definitely paid off in a remarkable performance!! We invite the many volunteers who helped put this wonderful performance together to join us for morning tea in the Hall on Monday 1st September at 10am.

Coffee & Conversation - Tracie Richards from Catholic Care has been joining us every Thursday morning at 8.30 for an hour in the hall. Tracie talks on a range of topics to help support parents and carers with children from pre-school to high school. Topics include: *Circle of security *Attachment *Emotional intelligence *Resilience *Interactive play. Please come along for coffee and conversation on how in partnership we can support your child. Everyone welcome!

Spirituality day September 4th from 8.30-11.30am. This is the third in a series of Spirituality days we have run at St Brendan’s. For those of you who have been before, please book in the date. If you haven’t experienced this pampering morning, please come along for conversation, relaxation and morning tea. This term the theme is ‘Courage!’ Child minding available, please register at the office.

Knitting donations - Thank you to everyone who has been helping with knitting and to the many donations that have been made. A special thank you to one of the parishioners, Lorraine Dunn, who sourced needles and wool for the children.

Craft Group meets every second Wednesday at St Brendan’s OOSH centre after knitting. Please come along and share your crafty talents from 10.30am. Next meeting Wednesday 3rd September.

Healthy cheap snacks for School
Seasonal fresh fruit can be less than 50c per piece.
Instead of buying multi-packs, pack your own snack foods from bigger packets, to save money and the environment:

- Try crackers/crispbread or rice cakes with slices of cheese, or spread with vegemite/peanut paste, or sliced tomato, carrot sticks etc in a separate bag/container
- Wrap up a serve of pikelets, slices of fruit loaf, sultanas or dried apricots, plain popcorn
- In a small container a serve of low fat dip/salsa to be eaten with vegetable sticks or crackers
- Try a serve of tinned fruit in a small screw top container with a spoon.
- Try a serve of low fat custard or yoghurt in a container with a spoon, and keep cold with an icebrick
School Jargon Busters

DPC  Diocesan Parent Council. Parent body with representatives from schools in each of the 3 clusters in the Broken Bay Diocese.

CCSP  Council of Catholic School Parents. Parent association with representatives from each of the 11 diocese in NSW and The ACT.

CSPA  Catholic School Parents Australia. National parent body with representatives from Catholic school parent bodies from each State and Territory in Australia. Advocates at the national level for issues such as funding, curriculum and parental engagement.

The Resilient Child - Thank you to those of you who were able to come along last night I’m sure you will agree it was very worthwhile. As promised, below is a list of Websites and Apps to support your child’s “Mental Fitness”. Please supervise the children’s access to some of these Apps as they may need explanation. Enjoy!!

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LOST

- Sports Jacket with name inside belonging to Toby K (4B). Please check to see if your child may have taken Toby’s jacket home by mistake.
- Mia B (KB) has lost her Hello Kitty Snap Watch last Monday. If found please return to the office.

We are seeking the help of all parents!!!

The student toilets are cleaned daily. There have been a number of occasions this Term where the toilets have been left in a mess by students. We have had a number of incidents where whole toilet rolls have been placed in the toilet. I ask that parents have a talk to their children about the importance of hygiene and caring for property.

ST. BRENDAN’S SCHOOL WALKATHON - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014

- The course is down Carters Rd, to Chain Valley Bay North and back. The children will be accompanied by their teacher and parents. Carers or grandparents are most welcome to join in the walk.
- This day will start with the traditional Father’s Day breakfast. The liturgy and awards ceremony will commence at around 8.20am. After this ceremony the walkathon will begin with Kindergarten walking first. Each grade will be sent off approximately 5 minutes apart.
- If your child is an asthmatic could he/she make sure they take their puffer with them. If your child has severe allergies and may require an EpiPen, he/she must give their EpiPen to their teacher.
- After all the children have completed their walk, the P&F will present their awards and conduct their raffle.
- We are expecting a lot of cars on the day. We ask that all visitors adhere to the parking restrictions in place outside the School. We will assist people to park with care within the school grounds so that we can accommodate as many cars as possible. It would be great to see you there.
- A green permission slip is being sent home to EVERY child today. Please check your child’s bag and return by Monday 1st September 2014.
YEAR 6 TRIVIA NIGHT - A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Year 6 Trivia Night last Friday. We hope you all had as much fun as we did. A special thanks to Dave Brockwell, Jo Spek and Brad Kininjew for running a fun filled night that got us all thinking. One last thanks to all the wonderful businesses and families who donated prizes. Without your support, the night would not have been possible. Congratulations to everyone who was lucky enough to pick up a prize on the night. Special mention to The Maids for being crowned winners, The Tigers for coming in 2nd (parents will be pleased to know, these were both teacher tables) and better luck next time to the Arrogant Frogs who took away the wooden spoon.

Millennium Health Club 1 month membership (2) Lyn Magee, Mr Magee
Photo Frame Victoria Price
Jamaica Blue Voucher & Bottle of Wine Dave Cooper
Masterfoods Hamper Susan Hannaford
Hollydene Estate Liquor Verdelha Terri
Nutrimetics Hamper Dave Cooper
Summer Thai Voucher & Wine Karen Devlin
Fruit Hampers (3) Tami Caffyn Powell, Sue Purdie, Tracey Mullens
Massage Voucher Amanda Ward
Crown Lager & Glasses Kate Brockwell
Book Hamper Amanda Ward
Desire & Develop $50 Voucher Brad Kininjew
Major Draw Pharmacy Hamper Terri
Heads & Tails Movie Pass, Wine & Popcorn Cassie Vane-Tempest
Coin Toss Jim Beam Matt Brown
Silent Auction $250 Board City Voucher Terri
Silent Auction Family Pack Dirk Spek

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN - Please note that the Canteen is closed every Tuesday and CLOSED the last day of term – Friday 19th September 2014.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug Wed 27th Year 4 Mass 9.00am; BB Athletics Narrabeen
Thu 28th Director/Principal Meeting; Wakakirri; Coffee & Conversation
Fri 29th 8.20am Assembly; Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebration – see outline below

Sep Wed 3rd Kinder 2015 Transition 8.45-10am; Craft Group; Parent & Child Project Presentation from 6.30pm
Thu 4th Spirituality Day – register at the office
Fri 5th Polding Athletics Glendale; Father’s Day Celebrations - Liturgy 8.20am; Walkathon
Sun 7th Father’s Day
Mon 8th Kinder Excursion to Reptile Park
Wed 10th Maths Olympiad; Year 3 Mass 9.00 am
Thu 11th Year 3 Excursion to Sydney
Fri 12th Assembly 8.20am
Mon 15th End of Term Assembly 8.20am Stage 3 Showcase
Fri 19th Year 6 Mini Fun Day; Last Day of Term 3; CANTEEN CLOSED

St Brendan’s Literacy and Numeracy Week Celebration
Friday 29th August 2014

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