



# Newsletter

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**Principal Mr RUSSELL MORT**

**Assistant to the Principal Mr NEAL COLLINS**

I missed writing to you in last week's newsletter as I was called to the hospital to sit with my aunt who was rushed to St Andrews. We will find out more about her condition this week following the outcomes of her tests.

From Tuesday night until this afternoon, Cathy Leyden and I will be at a Spirituality in-service called "Guiding Lights" where we will join with representatives from nine other schools. Part of this in-service will involve us working with the homeless on the streets in Brisbane. Our school has been asked to participate in this program as the second intake of pilot schools. Last year ten other Catholic schools were involved in the initial intake. Already this year Neal Collins and Kathryn Willis have attended two days and soon Victoria Smith and Jo Petersen will attend another form of this in-service. All days are different and will complement each other as we bring things back to the rest of the staff and the school community.

We are looking for families who are interested in **hosting DNUE overseas students** from South Korea in their home as home stays on a short term basis (just after the June/July holidays). This is a very rewarding experience. My son and I did this when I lived on the Gold Coast and some of these students, now adults, are our international friends.

Please give this some consideration and watch for dates and a form in next weeks newsletter.

**HEAD LICE** is always an issue at all schools with our climate, and children playing together, both here and at outside school activities. It is not a lifestyle issue if your child has head lice, and some children just seem more prone to picking them up. It is important that all families check and treat their children (and other family members) regularly. A seemingly clear head of hair at night might present differently the next morning. Any child found with head lice must be treated before they come back to school. This will also mean a follow up treatment a number of days later. ALL hair needs to be tied back (this is where little children catch it from others). We also need to be conscious that we do not allow the children to tease others who may have head lice, which lowers their self esteem. A good site to look at for more information on head lice is: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/headlice/> **Russell**

I look forward to seeing as many children as possible for the ANZAC Day parade tomorrow. Please assemble at 9 am around the bottom gate of The Gap State High School in full day uniform. Don't forget your school hat and a water-bottle, and any medals that may have been passed down through the family.

Next Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April is the feast of St Peter Chanel. We will start with a short liturgy in the church at 10:15 am. From there, every child will be provided with a **free BBQ lunch**, thanks to the generosity of Gordon Cole who has a special bond with the O'Brien family. Parent helpers would be appreciated to help with serving, slicing, chopping, etc. (Just come to the tuckshop around 10 am.) Following lunch, the Year 7 ministries will take each class for some enjoyable activities. It promises to be a great day.

The children have started training in their year levels in preparation for our Cross Country Day on the morning of Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. All children are expected to participate to increase their fitness levels so they do not injure themselves on the day. Please send a note to your classroom teacher if your child is unable to participate.

Next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, is 'Loud Shirt Day'. We are asking for a gold coin donation to support the Hear and Say Centre, and especially Sarah in PM. See the note in this newsletter for full details.

**Neal**

## STAFF PROFILE

### *Gavin Braden*

I have been employed full time as Groundsman at SPC since the beginning of 2006.

Since commencing I have discovered that the position of Groundsman at SPC involves more than the name would suggest, also entailing that of Janitor, repairman, retriever of lost balls and quite a range of other tasks too numerous to mention.

Prior to starting at SPC my background was in computers, being employed by software firm Amadeus as Account Manager/Help Desk for Queensland Tourism their largest client. After deciding to retire at the end of 2004 I undertook a 12-month, Certificate 3 course in Horticulture at Grovely TAFE, this being a subject I have always been interested in. After completion of this however I quickly discovered that retirement was not for me and thanks to my wife was lucky enough to start at SPC.

While some teachers can say they have children attending SPC not many can say they have a wife attending the same school. I am sure that there are not too many people who are unaware but Lyn the current "lollipop lady" and part time OSHC staff member and I have been married for 28 years (I hope that's right). After 2 years here I think "lucky enough to start at SPC" is the correct phrase as I could not have picked a more helpful staff to work with and had no idea working among children could be so rewarding.



## **LOUD SHIRT DAY – Friday, 2nd May**

Our annual fundraiser for the **Hear and Say Centre** will take place next **Friday, 2nd May**.

The theme is, “**Wear a loud shirt to get deaf children talking**”, and it is just one of the ways we can support Sarah (PM). One child in every 300 is born deaf, and these funds help them to develop clear, natural spoken language.

We ask all children to bring a **gold coin** donation and to wear the loudest, brightest clothes they can find – shirts, socks, ties, hair ribbons, whatever you can think of.

### **Children and keyboarding skills**

Children in Years 1 and 2 have been participating in computer access lessons. Central to an ability to use computers is a knowledge of key location on the keyboard. Unless children can quickly locate the letter keys they are unable to enter a password, a web address, etc. **Children of all ages will benefit from keyboard practise. Please encourage your children to type the alphabet, their name, sight words, spelling words, a note to someone, etc.** Even children in Prep can practise typing the alphabet if you type it in capitals above for them to copy (they will be accessing the computers later in the year and this would be a great preparation for them!)

**Donna Blaker, Teacher Librarian**

### **NEWSLETTER**

This is the last week that the school newsletter will go home with your child. A bundle of newsletters will be available for your child to pick up from the school foyer (please discuss this with them if this is the method you are going to use) and the newsletter can be accessed via the school web site. Alternatively if you have not supplied us with your email address and you would like to you can email it to me: [lmjohnston@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lmjohnston@bne.catholic.edu.au) or ring the school office.

If you have supplied the school with your email address and are not receiving the newsletter please phone me to discuss this. If you change your email address at any point it is also important to let me know as soon as possible so that I can change it on the distribution list.

Thanks for your patience while we nut out little hiccups.  
Leanne

### **MUSIC**

SPC musical students (with at least 1 year experience) will have the opportunity to perform at Regis Nursing home for a Mother’s Day celebration on the 8th of May at 10.00 am. Music teachers will assist these students with their pieces to perform. Students taught elsewhere are also able to participate. Please submit your piece to the school office. A portable keyboard will be provided for piano players. For further details please contact Julie Mulherin on 3300 0180 or 0422 534 977

### **VIOLIN**

Our violin teacher Frances has commenced with lessons on Thursdays. If your child is interested in learning, please pick up a form from the office and complete it so that we can add to the 12 children already enrolled.

## **Parenting Course at SPC – Monday evenings:**

I will be running a parenting program specifically aimed for parent/caregivers of primary school aged children over three Monday evenings this term.

The program is designed to assist parents and caregivers:

- Increase their knowledge about what works in managing difficult behaviour and what doesn’t.
- Lessen their feelings of frustration.
- Get better results with less effort and stress when they are dealing with their children’s troublesome behaviour.

Please find the attached flyer on the **last page** of the newsletter with more information and registration details.

**Renata Davidovic, Guidance Counsellor**

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The school jackets are now in!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being so patient while waiting for the orders.

We are currently looking at changing suppliers with our normal day uniform and again this could mean some delays with stock that we are currently out of. Please be patient with us while we go through the motions of re-sourcing. Thankyou

### **MONEY MATTERS**

It would be greatly appreciated if when you come into the office to purchase items or pay for school fees that you have the correct money or close to it as the school does not keep money on the premises. Perhaps even think about using the eftpos machine or writing a cheque. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated



## **Peter’s Pantry**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – NO TUCKSHOP**

(St Peter Chanel Day)

Rostered helpers please come to help serve for the Sausage Sizzle which is being put on by Mr Cole.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – MEAL DEAL \$4.50**

- 1 Sausage Roll
- 1 Juice (apple, orange, tropical)
- 1 slice homemade Chocolate Cake

### **REMEMBER -**

**WEDNESDAY IS PRE-ORDER DAY FOR SUSHI**

### **Tuckshop Roster**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April** Andrea Pollock, Helen Conolly  
**Homebake** Donna Blaker

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April** Tracey O’Brien  
**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May** Louise Jackson, Melissa Daly  
Clara Gregorich  
**Homebake** Renea O’Shea

**Thank you**  
**Fiona Taylor**

## Parent & Friends News

Bush Dance May 10 - please support one of the most fantastic and affordable family events of the year. Mr Fogarty's Bush Band will be playing again - so dig out your denim and come and join in the fun. Blankets and chairs under the stars, cash bar, BBQ & Glow sticks. RSVP the office for catering purposes.

Mother's Day Raffle By now you will all have received your raffle tickets. Please make an effort to support the craft group who have again come up with an array of great prizes. Money to be returned to the office with tickets ASAP.

### Disco Dinner Dance August 16 - Appeal for Prizes / Sponsorships!!!

We are still in need of many prizes for the Dinner Dance. We are hoping to finalise the Raffle soon - so if you have a holiday unit you would be willing to offer for an accommodation / holiday prize, we would love to hear from you.

Do you have any unopened / unwanted gifts sitting in the cupboard at home?? If so, we will happily use them as part of our prize pool for the dinner dance! Just send them along to the office for collection.

Would you like to sponsor a table? \$40 will get your name in the commemorative program as a table sponsor and in the weekly newsletter. Other sponsorships for Champagne, DJ, invitations & Dinner Dance tickets are still available - please call me to discuss.

Don't forget to complete the survey to tell us how you can help. (See last week's newsletter - or print another from the website)

Enjoy the Anzac Day long weekend and remember those we owe our freedom to!

Kind Regards,

Karen Scott  
President  
33001546 / 0409 246 950 [kamcat@bigpond.com.au](mailto:kamcat@bigpond.com.au)

Volunteers for raffle roster organisers  
We are looking for 2 volunteers to organise the roster for selling raffle tickets (major fundraiser) this year at shopping centres etc.

Please phone the school office to volunteer your names.

Many, many thanks

## BUSH DANCE BASH 08

### NOTICE TO PARENTS - HELP WANTED

Our very own Bush Dance will be held on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** from **5:30pm. Cost is \$10 per family.**

**Bring** - your own chair/picnic blanket. Food and drinks on sale.

To make all such events a success, we will require a small amount of your time. A number of people will work together in each half-hour time slot.

#### **Prep & Year 1 - Salads and Serving:**

Salad preparation from 2-3pm

Serving : a half hour slot serving food from 5:30 to 8:30

#### **Year 2 - Tickets and glowsticks**

A half hour slot selling tickets and glowsticks from 5:30 to 8:30

#### **Year 3 - BBQ**

A half hour slot on BBQ duty from 5:00 to 8:30

#### **Year 4 - Bar**

A half hour slot on the bar from 5:30 to 10:00

#### **Year 5 - Setup and Bins**

Setup from 2-3pm Bins to be emptied every hour

#### **Year 6 & 7 - Pull down and clean up**

Pull down of BBQ, cleanup of serving areas at 8pm

General cleanup, 10pm.

Could **Prep to Year 4** please nominate a half-hour time slot.

If you are available for 1 hour, even

better! **Years 5 - 7**, please specify which duty you would prefer.

If you have a particular skill in any of these areas, feel free to volunteer for that duty.

A roster for all will be sent home the week of the Bush Dance  
Thanks for your participation in this event - we hope, as in past years it will be a fun and successful event.

**PLEASE FILL IN & RETURN TO THE OFFICE  
BY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 08**

**Family Name & Initial :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (optional) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Time (/Duty) :** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please tear off here, and return to the Office with \$10 per family, by 2nd May 2008**

**Family Name & Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



# Parenting Program Invitation



## Managing Difficult Behaviour in Children

Incorporating 1 – 2 – 3 Magic

*Can you spare 3 Monday evenings?*

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I will be running a program this term to share effective and well researched ways to better manage misbehaviour and improve your relationship you're your children aged 3-12. It will be run over 3 Monday evening sessions (6.30 – 9.00pm) on the following dates: 12/5, 26/5 and 16/6. To make the sessions more effective for participants, numbers will be limited - so please indicate your interest soon!

The program is based on the 1-2-3 Magic steps for effective parenting:

1. Managing Difficult behaviour
2. Encouraging good behaviour
3. Strengthening your relationship with your child.

If you are interested in attending please complete the section below and return it to the front office. Feel free to contact me at the school if you would like more information.

Renata Davidovic,  
Guidance Counsellor.

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Registration slip for Managing Difficult Behaviour in Children Programme – please cut off this slip and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Name of Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

## SPC FAMILY CAMP

Hi Everyone,

According to my records, there are 12 families already booked for the Hastings Point Long weekend of FUN! If you are coming and are **not** on the following list, please let me know ASAP.

Cheers, Michelle Ryan  
3289 5335 or 0413 120 101

### **Families attending:**

Strong, Steer, Killen, Ryan, McRae, Roberts, O'Brien, Gowing, Dauth, Carran, Porra, Hodgson.

### **TERRY'S ART CLASSES - "PIRATES"!!**

#### **AHOY THERE ME HEARTIES!!!!**

Places are still available for Tuesday and Wednesday art classes. Time: 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm in the MPB,.

Afternoon tea is included.

10% discount for those who sign up from next week (as one lesson has been missed). Cost is \$90.00.

Contact Terry on 3325 1271 or 0414 412621

### **BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL**

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

**Location:** Walton Bridge Reserve,  
near Glen Affric Street

Operates every Friday fortnight, 9.30 am - 12.30

#### **Next dates are:**

April 18, May 2, 16,30, June 13, 27, July 11,  
24 August 8, 22.

Children and adult material is available.

You can also pick up your "holds" made online, via the mobile service.

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Baptism of older children**

A preparation program for baptism for children of primary school age will begin very soon. For more information please contact Lisa at the Parish Office (3300 6099 – Tues-Thurs).

#### **New RCIA Group starting in May**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church?

Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic? Or do you know someone who might be interested? Perhaps you just want to learn a bit more about the Church?

We have a number of people interested so a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group is starting very soon for discussion and education about faith and the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Ray or Lisa at the Parish Office (3300 6099) for more details.

#### **Confirmation and First Communion (for children in Grade 3 and above) – enrolments now due!**

Enquiries: Lisa Forbes 3300 6099 (Tues-Thurs) or [lforbes@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lforbes@bigpond.net.au)

### **ABOUT THE SCHOOL**



# May 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Loud Shirt Day	3	4
5 Labour Day Holiday	6	7	8 Prep excursion—Lone Pine	9	10 SPC Bush Dance	11
12 Parenting Program 6:30—9 pm	13 Yr 3, 5, 7 Tests	14 Yr 3,5,7 Tests P and F—7:30 pm Confirmation and Communion info night	15 Yr 3, 5, 7 Tests Yr 4 Liturgy 9 am	16 Yr 4-7 Gala sport	17	18
19	20 District Cross Country Parenting Maths session with Mr Fogarty 1-3 pm	21 Yr 6 Camp	22 Yr 6 Camp Yr 5 Liturgy 9 am Yr 3GH Assembly 1:50 pm	23 Yr 6 Camp Yr 4-7 Gala sport	24	25
26 Parenting Program 6:30—9 pm	27	28	29 SPC Cross Country UNSW Science Comp	30 Yr 5 Excursion Yr 4-7 Gala sport	31	