13 September 2012

Dear Parents and Friends,

It’s a common enough experience in life to have some event or conversation or piece of writing, trigger off a past event in our personal life: “Oh, that reminds me of the time...” or “Well now, I haven’t thought about that for ages.” So, perhaps when we are part of a First Communion celebration, whether it be our own child or simply children of the parish, the celebration might send our memory back to the time of our own first personal meeting with Jesus.

When children receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time, they know, through their preparation, that Jesus becomes food for their soul under the appearance of bread and wine. They are encouraged to receive Communion afterwards, as often as they can, in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus. This is because, when we receive Communion, we receive Jesus and all that he stands for: his compassion toward the sick and disadvantaged, his forgiveness of those burdened by guilt, his call on people to share their wealth, his teaching of the true meaning of love.

The reality for many, who made their First Communion at an early age, is that they did not continue to nurture that friendship with Jesus. However, the friendship is still there but, for any number of reasons, it is no longer a two-way friendship; Jesus is the only one keeping it going. Maybe, as we matured as people, work ambitions or perhaps problems and worries consumed our attention and energy and our Spiritual development got left behind. Maybe anger, hurt or disappointment soured us in some way. Maybe we forgot about prayer, Mass and the Sacraments and thought that we were completely self-sufficient.

In the last chapter of Luke’s Gospel is a story of two disciples who were on their way from Jerusalem to a town called Emmaus. As they journeyed, they were joined by another traveller and the conversation turned to the events of the previous Friday when: “Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, was betrayed by our chief priest and leaders and handed over to be condemned and crucified.” Luke 24:19,20.

When, eventually, they arrived at Emmaus, the two disciples invited the other traveller to stay with them. “When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then, their eyes were opened and they recognised him.” Luke 24:29-31. Jesus had been travelling with them but they were so involved in the recent events of their own lives that they did not recognise him. Jesus became real to them through the blessing and breaking of bread, in other words through the Eucharist.

Jesus first gave his body and blood to the disciples during the Last Supper in anticipation of the Resurrection. Pope Benedict makes this contribution: “Because Jesus’ gift is rooted in the Resurrection, the celebration of the Sacrament had necessity to be connected with the memorial of the Resurrection. The first encounter with the risen Lord took place on the morning of the first day of the week, the third day after Jesus’ death. The morning of the first day naturally became the time for Christian Worship; Sunday became the ‘Lord’s Day.’” Jesus of Nazareth.

When our children receive their First Communion, we might imagine them as the disciples who walked the road to Emmaus. Imagine them as leading us to recognise Jesus, who has never left the friendship we had with him. In the Mass Jesus, through the priest, will break bread with us in the Eucharist, and offer us the opportunity to renew or further develop our friendship with him.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Reflection
You must find the place inside yourself where nothing is impossible.

Deepak Chopra

Sue

 Prayer

Why pray?

The answer to this question “What does God desire for me?” is also the answer to the question “Why pray?”

God desires to be in relationship with each of us. For each of us we can choose to respond to this invitation, to be in right relationship with ourselves, our God, each other and all of creation or we can choose to reject this profound invitation. The choice is ours. If our response is “yes” than we need to ask what makes a relationship strong, healthy and real?

Usually a good relationship is based on people who are willing to “work at it”. People need to give time to develop connections, to listen to each other, to share with each other, to be at ease with each other, to sit in comfortable silence with each other, to allow themselves to be vulnerable with each other, to be honest with each other, to be in dialogue with each other. A relationship is based on trust and mutuality.

In our relationship with God then, prayer is the key that unlocks the door to our relationship with God and each other.

There are many ways to pray. The challenge for each of us is to find the style of prayer that enables us to grow in an ever increasing awareness that God desires our response in love. When we come to know that we are loved by God then we can never be the same again. If our relationship with God is strong our focus is directed outwards to the world. If we allow ourselves to be open to the transformative power of prayer then we will always be focused on God’s mission in the world.

Why do we pray? We pray to keep our balance, to keep our focus firmly on God, to know that what ever happens God journeys with us. Without prayer we can lose our focus, our direction, our sense of working with God.

To nurture our relationship with God we simply must be people who pray.
Sacramental Program 2012

Sacramental Retreat Day

The 2012 Sacramental Retreat Day for Confirmation and 1st Eucharist was on Friday 7th of September at the Lavalla Centre Paddington (Old Marist Rosalie).

The students had a wonderful day. They met Bishop Joseph (Most Rev John Gerry Auxiliary Bishop for Brisbane) who will be Confirming them on Friday night.

The day allowed students consolidate their understanding of the Sacraments and the important part they play in our Catholic life.

Initiation into the Roman Catholic Church is through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We thank Jenny Donnelly and Fr Peter for all their efforts in the preparation of the Jubilee Sacramental Program in 2012

Confirmation: St Brigid’s (Red Hill) 5pm or 7pm. Friday 14th
1st Communion: Local Church, normal Mass times. Sun.16th

For further information please contact the sacramental coordinator –

Jennifer Donnelly
Sacramental Co-ordinator
Jubilee Catholic Parish
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Habits of the Heart.

What is Generosity?

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. It is one of the best ways to show friendship.

What does it look like?

How can we be Hero’s of the Heart?

When you are thinking about the needs of others. Giving help when someone needs it.

When we give freely without expectation of reward.

Generosity is about being a giver not a taker. So many times we have the opportunity to help other people. This can be in small ways by giving someone a smile or speaking to people, not the heroics of a big gift. Takers always moan and want more and more, they can never be satisfied.

We have heard Mrs Branson say “Teamwork makes the dream work.” We can achieve more when we work together and work for each other.

We can add to the St Ambrose’s Community by being generous. Generosity connects us with each other. ‘Community’ asks us for generosity.

We can find God in the everyday through being generous. People will see God in our actions. We can make Jesus real for others in our school and at home.

Jesus told his disciples a story, why they need to be generous.

PARABLE OF THE TEN TALENTS

Jesus reminded his disciples that we need to be generous not just think it. We need to help those who we meet.

When we are generous we think about what people need and do things that will give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas and your things. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

Generosity Pledge.

I am Generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share. There is plenty of time for thoughtfulness. I give freely, fully and joyfully.

SCHOOL NEWS

What a term this has been. Just re-capping we have had:

- Launch of Schoolzine and all the teething problems along with it.
- Varied Sports programs after school organised by P&F through Tracy Lamb
- Sports Carnival
- Junior and Senior Zones
- Science Interactive Workshops during Catholic Education Week
- Ekka Holiday
- 2 parent Education Evenings on Cyber-bullying by Brett Lee and 1:1 Laptop program for Year 4 2013 at St Ambrose’s
- 2 Parent Information Sessions at P&F Meeting on the Development of a Technology Rich School and Contemporary Learning and Parent Evening and Afternoon for Celebration of Book Week
- Optiminds Competition
- Writers Festival
- Year 7 trip to Canberra
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Excursions to Australia Zoo for Prep and An Historical Walk around Brisbane for 6/7’s.
- Incursions for Prep in Being Healthy from Brisbane Markets and a Dentist.
- First Communion and Confirmation celebrations
- Working Bee

Staff have been involved in:

- Lynnee Cavanough, Marianne Bland and Jenny Surawski have focussed on Differentiation of the Curriculum Strand 1 and 3; have developed units of work and are presenting their units at a Showcase for all AGQTP Projects in Term 4.
- Marianne Bland and Jenny Surawski have focussed on Building a Culture of Inquiry; have developed units of work and are presenting their units at a Showcase for all AGQTP Projects in Term 4.
- All Teachers have attended 2 twilights this term for Professional Development (a total of 6 hours) on Contemporary Learning in a Technology Rich School facilitated by Sue Branson, Ben Campbell, Marianne Bland and Moira Meehan.
- Marianne Bland, Jillian Frawley, Deborah Searle and Moira Meehan attended a Technology Bus Tour looking at schools who were pilot schools for the 1:1 Laptop programs this year.
• Jillian Frawley and Deborah Searle attended a Teacher In-service on Cyber Bullying run by Brett Lee from iNESS.
• Lisa O’Keeffe, Jillian Frawley and Ben Campbell have Semester 2 in 2011 and Semester 1 2012 with the Commonwealth Targeting Project ‘Building Teacher Capacity in Visual Literacy in the contexts of Multimodal texts and Digital technologies’.
• All of these projects will have significance for your children in Teaching and Learning. I thank all the teachers for their willingness to be involved as we move forward with how learning is developing for the future.
• The significant organisation for Sports and Zone carnivals
• Preparing and Implementing for the National Curriculum through Staff meetings
• Presenting at Contemporary Learning in a Technology Rich School - 1:1 Computers Evening for parents
• Supervising children at Optiminds during and after school and on day of event
• Supervising children on Year 7 Canberra trip
• Attending Catching Fire Inservice – Spirituality
• Staff have completed all Strategic Renewal components in

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Next weekend will be a great one for family celebrations. We have a number of children who on Friday 14 September will be confirmed at St Brigid’s and then on Sunday received Communion for the first time at their individual parishes. Thank you to all who were involved in making this a memorable event. A special thank you to Mr Ben Campbell, Mrs Debbie Searle and Mrs Jillian Frawley. We wish all the young people all the very best for this most important time in their life.

OPTIMINDS

Preparations for fundraising the $1800 needed for our team of girls to participate in the State Competition is going well, thanks to your support. We have the Disco today and I know children are looking forward to this. A $2 coin is needed for entry.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

What a magnificent morning this was again. 400 sausages were cooked along with 200 cups of Coffee. The Year 7’s did an amazing job of serving throughout the morning. Thank you to Cathy Nash, Michelle Apps, Lee-Mary Hosking, Margaret Atchinson and all volunteers for all that they did to make this a great day. I am sure all Fathers were very spoilt on Father’s Day.

WORKING BEE

What a sensational turn out! Thank you so much to all families who could be part of this and help Michael Scheer. A BIG thank you to Lee-Mary Hoskings who organised all the catering and to the Prep families who supplied the food.

SLINGS FROM SCHOOL

Over this year a number of slings used on children to support arms and wrists have not been returned to school after use. This morning we needed one but have now run out after purchasing a significant number at the beginning of the year. Could you please check first aid areas at home and if you did use a school sling bandage can you please return it. Thank you.

PARKING IN PARISH CARPARK

Parents, please do not park in the Parish Car Park in the morning as these spaces are for staff to park in. We would appreciate your support in this.

SADNESS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of Tony Rogers, husband of Julie who is our After School Hours Care Co-ordinator and father of Elysse who also works at OHSC, John and Owen.

Thank you to the many families who have shown support through meals. Thank you to Roberta Lusa who has been co-coordinating this along with our Ambrose Angels. On behalf of the School and Parent Community, we sent Julie and her family a lovely Fruit Hamper for the weekend.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2013

It is difficult to believe we are at this time of the year again!

The placement of children in class groupings is a complex process given careful and thoughtful consideration by staff – this is one of the most difficult times in the year placing children in their respective Learning Groups.

Parents, teachers take days and days to place students in order to make for balanced classes, at each year level. We take into consideration: distribution of students across the whole learning spectrum, friendships to be encouraged and those that do not complement learning and placement of students with very particular needs.

We do our very best but the perfect world cannot be created – it is not possible, nor is it always desirable. As each and every adult knows from their own school experience, some years the student/ teacher ‘fit’ is better than other years and that’s just the way it is, in much the same way that the parent/child fit isn’t the same in every family.

There will be the opportunity for you to have input but only on a sound educational basis. (This does not mean requests for best friends or specific teachers). All parent input must be directed to the principal in writing on the Proforma that will be available at the end of this week from the School Office. All forms need to be returned to Principal by Friday 21 September.

YEAR 7 TRIP TO CANBERRA –

This is what they are looking forward to...

On Sunday 16 September, Year 7 children, along with Miss Bland, Mrs Meehan, Mrs Spanavello and Mrs Branson leave for Canberra. Fr Peter will be joining us for Monday and Tuesday of this trip. On arrival in Sydney we leave for Mittagong and then travel to Canberra. Once we have checked into RED CEDARS MOTEL, we will walk down ANZAC parade and then drive to Mt Ainslie Lookout to view Parliament.

Children will be attending St Christopher’s Cathedral for Mass on Sunday evening.

On Monday 17 September they visit the Electoral Education Centre and National capital Exhibition and venture into the Discovery Zone in Australian War Memorial and Museum of Democracy- Old Parliament House ; Embassy Drive Tour.

On Tuesday 18 September the children depart for a day in the snow and arrive at Smiggins/ Perisher Snowfields all wearing special clothing for the snow.

On Wednesday 19 September first stop is the Australian Institute of Sport, followed by Cockington Green, then onto Questacon and Parliament House.

On Thursday 20 September is pack up time to depart from Canberra and travel to Sydney. First stop is Taronga Park Zoo. Then the children catch a Ferry to Circular Quay and walk to the Opera House. After a final goodbye to Sydney the Year 7’s depart Sydney airport for Brisbane arriving home at 8 pm.

We wish them all a wonderful experience and safe journey to our Capital City.
Cyber-safety

Brett’s Key Messages: We were fortunate to have Brett Lee attend our Cyber-safety Parent evening and Staff meeting last week. Brett works for INESS, and presents at schools throughout Australia.

- Cyber bullying isn’t about the technology.....it is about the people.....relationships.
- The Internet is something new......we are learning how to use it....... We have the skills to decide what is right and wrong already - it is about applying them correctly.
- It is about a shared community response...home and school -parents teachers and students.
- The rules of reality apply to the cyber world.
- Good use of the Internet is rewarded by avoiding the bad stuff.
- Simple messages, consistent messages, and repeated.
- Trust your instincts as a parent.
- Talk about the issues with your children.
- The internet isn’t their own private world.

Technology will change...our beliefs and values won’t.

INESS programs for school students was delivered through a high quality powerpoint . Developed by a former undercover internet detective who has seen the internet through the eyes of a child. It was a truly dynamic and captivating presentation.

His message is powerful, we simplify what’s needed for kids to protect themselves online as it surrounds the very complex issues of Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying. All INESS programs target awareness, empowerment and self esteem imparting basic messages of safety and responsibilities.

Brett’s unique presentation is delivered from the perspective of a child where credibility is the key to our success. This credibility has been generated as a result of thousands of hours using the websites and communication programs that are used by young people on the internet and mobile phones.

When it comes to primary or secondary aged students we assist you in moulding these good internet habits. We acknowledge that students can operate the internet and the programs very well but often lack the life skills to ensure their safety, this is what the INESS program targets and excels at.

What programs can cover:

1. Basic operation and capabilities of these programs
2. Who you may be sharing your information with
3. Dangers that may be associated with improper use
4. How to treat online contacts—As strangers or friends
5. Dangers faced in cyberspace can be as real as those in everyday life
6. Protecting information and photographs
7. What to do if something is of concern to you on the internet
8. How to keep you, your family and the information on your computer safe
9. The internet is a great tool if used properly and responsibly
10. We use real life crime cases to highlight the dangers and reinforce our message

Today Tonight Cyber-safety segment featuring Brett Lee

Farm Day

On Thursday the 23rd of August we celebrated Farm Day. We got to come dressed as farmers for the day. We had a special visit from Yvette from the Brisbane Produce Markets who taught us all about the importance of farms, famers and the farm to table process. We also got to try some interesting fruits and vegetables (e.g. purple carrots and fennel). We also got a show bag from the Brisbane Produce Markets. On the day we also did a number of farm crafts and we had our faces painted. Here are some photos of us on the day.

Prep Oz Animal Olympics

On Thursday the 30th of August we celebrated our Prep Oz Animal Olympics which linked to an investigation in our Imaths program. For the day the Prep children were divided into 4 animal teams (Kangaroo, Cockatoo, Possum and Frog). The day started with our opening ceremony and then the games began! We had a torch relay, egg and spoon, sack races, tug of war and T-ball games. We learnt all about the importance of team work. At the end of the day at our closing ceremony we added up the results to find the Cockatoo team and Frog team had won the day. Everyone was awarded special medals. Thank you to all the wonderful Mums, Dads and Grandparents who came to celebrate the day with us. We LOVED it!

Dad’s in Prep A Morning

On Monday the 3rd of September we celebrated our Dad’s in Prep A. Following Father’s Day we invited our Dad’s to join us in the classroom for some fun activities, firstly we conducted an interview with our Dad to find out all about their favourite things. We then used our creative skills to make our Dad’s ties to wear. They looked wonderful! Thank you for joining us Dad’s and Grandpa’s, we were so happy!

Mrs Enter’s Garden

On a Monday Mrs Enter joins us at school. One Monday afternoon we were lucky enough to visit Mrs Enter’s Garden. During this visit we got to harvest some baby potatoes. We were AMAZED! We then picked some parsley from the garden as Mrs Enter had a treat for us. She cooked up our potatoes and we got to eat them with some parsley and butter. They were delicious! We love going to visit Mrs Enter in the garden.

PREP A

Prep A Gallery of Learning

Wow! We have had such a busy term 3 in Prep A. We can’t believe that we only have one more term in Prep together. We would like to take the time to tell you about some exciting things that have happened this term.
Mass
This week we will share our first mass as a class group. We will be celebrating the gift of creation. We are all very excited to have special jobs during the mass. We hope to see lots of our family members. A BIG thanks to 1B for coming to support us.

Learning in the Classroom
This year we have been working very hard on our letters, sounds, reading and writing. I am so proud of all the children and how far they have developed their skills over the past 3 terms. Congratulations children! On Friday the 31st of August Miss Mackay and myself attended a workshop on Literacy in Prep based on the Australian National Curriculum. After attending this workshop we will be making some additions to our already exciting literacy program in Prep. Parents keep your eyes out for a new volunteer activity roster! Have a look at some of our wonderful diary writing samples.

Visual Literacy
Over the past year I have been involved in a Visual Literacy Program with Brisbane Catholic Education. Through this I have attended a number of Professional Development Days. As a class group we have been developing these skills and have created a digital story based on Eric Carle’s “Do you want to be my friend?” We focused on audio semiotics and the importance of sound. I will be presenting our learning at a conference next week. Our digital story will be available for viewing on our Festival of Learning open classroom time. The children have enjoyed being part of this project.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break.

By Miss O’Keeffe & Prep A

CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP A & PREP B:
In Prep we have been busy preparing and practicing our class Masses on Creation. Prep B did a fantastic job last week and Prep A did a fantastic job this week. Thank you to Year one classes and teachers for coming along.

Prep B really enjoyed having special reading parts and jobs during our Mass.

This week we are having fun creating our own fairy tale characters and developing our own stories.

YEAR 1A & YEAR 1B:
Over the past couple of weeks we have been exploring life in Italy. Italians love to eat pizza, pasta and olives ... so do we! We made a class graph of our favourite pizza toppings. In Year 1A our most favourite topping is pineapple. Did you know that marmots live in Italy? We had never heard of marmots before so did a little research about them and discovered that they are a large ground squirrel. We also learnt that the Pope lives in Italy. We saw some photos of where he lives. We love finding Italy on a world map. It looks like a boot kicking a football into the sea! Ciao for now.
YEARM 2A & YEAR 2B:
The end of Term 3 is in sight but there is still much learning happening in Year 2. Our teachers are very impressed with how much we have improved in our spelling of essential/most used words.

Recently, we searched for times when we use pushes and pulls and have discovered the list is endless! Toys are a great example and we were also able to identify where pushes and pulls were used in individual Olympic Sports.

We are also exploring our what it means to be healthy.

We hope all our Dads and special men in our lives had a wonderful Father’s Day and enjoyed being spoilt. In Year 2, we spent a long time making our special keepsakes personal.

Happy holidays to all! They will be here very soon!

YEARM 3A & YEAR 3B:
We have commenced writing our action stories after learning all about characters, setting and plot as well as discovering what a clause is! We look forward to drafting and editing these stories over the next couple of weeks.

In science we are continuing with our Melting Moments Topic and learnt that a big piece of chocolate takes longer to melt than a piece that has been broken into smaller pieces because of the surface area the sun is able to heat!

YEARM 4/5A & YEAR 4/5B:
We have been learning about all the sports that are in the Olympic Games. We didn’t realise there were so many! We congratulate all the children who competed in Zone on Tuesday. Remember start you day with a fill cup

YEARM 6/7A & YEAR 6/7B:
This week we shared the Habit of Generosity with the school at assembly. We acted out the play about a Prince who looks for someone to marry and asks people to step forward if they think they are suitable to marry the prince. The person who was selected as the princess was the person who gave the prince an empty box. The lady said that on her way to the palace she had found people more in need of her gifts, than the prince, so she gave away all the items to the needy. The prince decided this was indeed a very generous thing to do and so selected that generous person to be his Princess.

We also presented our Japanese play on The Cranky Bear and sang a song for the school last Wednesday. It was fun to show everyone how good we are getting at our Japanese.

The Year 7’s are also very busy testing out their land yachts to see what modifications need to be made before they race them next week.

JAPANESE NEWS

Congratulations to Year 7 and Year 6 Japanese Classes. Last week, in front of the whole school, Year 7 performed a play in Japanese of the story “The Very Cranky Bear”, by Nick Bland. This story was familiar to all classes as they read it on National Simultaneous Storytime Day in Term 2, and had made masks and participated in other activities on the story that day. It is not easy to perform in public, especially when speaking in a second language, so congratulations for a job well done in learning lines and delivering them extremely proficiently. Year 6 then sang the Japanese version of “If You’re Happy and You Know it Clap Your Hands”, which turned out to be a fast-paced, extremely rousing end to the gathering. By all accounts, everyone enjoyed the show.

This week, points gathered throughout this term’s Olympics Unit of work in Japanese will be tallied and winning groups will be presented with a gold, silver or bronze. Well done to groups that have earned large numbers of stamps by learning their words and working hard.

Mary Davis
Japanese Teacher

BIRTHDAYS

Noah Coco Joe Stephens Lauren Harding
Charlotte McKeering Rebecca Swaine Hily Briggs
Xavier Evans Lochie Johnston Abigail Schumann
Zahrah Senese Esther Mann Ellie Kendall
Jasper Larkin Ashley Morgan Hannah Pye
CHESS
Chess will resume in the first week after the holidays, October 9th.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I would like to let the St Ambrose’s community know what a great Father’s Day warm-up Friday the 31 August was. A meal and the company of some new and old friends certainly set me up for an excellent end to the work week. Thanks to the Dads that made it and we’ll definitely do it again.

The Working Bee was an absolute cracker on Sunday too. Fifty odd souls braved the work assignments of Mr Scheer without complaint. I was truly impressed how quickly an oval could be top dressed and how quickly a chain of wheelbarrows could move what felt like an Everest of mulch. Most of the kids kicked in as well which was great. We just need the rain now to get the oval ready for Term 4.

Not forgetting the Prep parents, led brilliantly by Lee-Mary, thank you. The effort made broke up the shovelling and carting with an excellent smoko and some cold beverages. Thanks to all who helped out with the plates and drinks. It made the difference on a hot spring day.

P&F President
Rob Morgan

ANNUAL GALA COCKTAIL PARTY – TIME TO BUY TICKETS IS NOW!

Tickets are on sale now but are selling slowly. Given this is an offsite event we need to know numbers in advance for catering so don’t wait – rsvp via the link attached and pay for your tickets today! Details on Gala Pdf in forms and documents.

WANTED ! TUCKSHOP CONVENOR FOR 2013

St Ambrose’s Needs you!

P&F needs you, our parents need you and our kids need you!

Rebecca Clarke, after two years of amazing service to our kids through her role as tuckshop convenor is ready to hand over the reins. Rebecca is seeking someone to take over next year but will stay on in a support/job share role.

The convenor role is the only paid role on the P&F committee.

The Role : St Ambrose's Tuckshop Convenor:

1. Overall management of tuckshop
   a. including menu
   b. volunteer roster
   c. food ordering.
2. One day on site (currently Friday).
3. Half day preparation.
4. Receive, check and arrange payment of accounts
5. Will provide initial handover and then ongoing support for as long as required.
6. The new convenor role WILL NOT include the Subway Tuesday.

The role offers a great deal of satisfaction by contributing to the school community. You get to see the day to day goings on of the school and interacting with the kids is great. Acting as convenor introduces you to a lot of new parents and tuckshop day is always a fun social time.

If you are at all interested please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca rebecca.clarke@tpg.com.au or 0407648145 to discuss the role and all details further – it could be a job share role or solo role depending on the interest. It is flexible. But essential.

Subway – each Tuesday
Have you tried the morning tea?
$2.50 for a piece of fruit, small cookie and a yoghurt - vanilla or mixed berry!
You don’t have to get a sub to get the morning tea!

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS REMINDER!

To all the volunteers that help out on Fridays.
If you can’t do your rostered shift for any reason (and I know things come up) PLEASE sort out a swap yourself.
PLEASE use your Directory to find someone else on the Tuckshop roster to do your shift. Email addresses and phone numbers are all there!
Many thanks for your help in this matter.
SECOND HAND UNIFORM MARKET & COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.

The second hand uniform pool will feature at the last Friday morning of term Coffee morning outside the Bolton Centre.

We will also be selling some school bag handy sunscreen! And ties for the girls dresses.

All donations old uniforms can be made to the office attention Lisa Lum from now until the 18th September.

All old uniform items are $2 except dresses are $5. New uniforms will be sold on behalf of parents. Contact Lisa for more information.

Any enquiries for additional stalls welcome.
Contact Lisa Lum – lisa_lum@aapt.net.au

INFORMATION NIGHT 1:1 LAPTOP FOR YEAR 4S FROM 2013.

What is a one-to-one program?

One-to-one learning provides every student and teacher access to his or her own laptop computer in a wireless environment allowing students to learn at their own pace and ability levels. One-to-one initiatives have gained momentum, worldwide, and are increasingly seen as a key to transforming education and better preparing students to succeed in a global world.

Click on link to read more on the St Ambrose Website
http://www.stambrosesschool.qld.edu.au/

"NATIONAL ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL WEEK - 13-19TH SEPTEMBER

Get your legs or wheels moving for this national week of walking. All children around Australia walk to school every day this week.

As the Grade 7s will be on camp for part of the week it is time for the grade 4, 5 and 6 to show us what they have got at the front gate to welcome all the active travellers.

Monday 17th Grade 4
Tuesday 18th Grade 5
Wednesday 19th Grade 6 "

FATHER’S DAY GIFTS BOUGHT WITH LOVE

A big thank you to all the students who visited the St Ambrose’s Father’s Day Stall and purchased gifts for their Dads and special men in their lives. Over 400 gifts were purchased on the day by some very excited students. Thanks also to the Year 2 Mums who helped make the event a success with their exceptional wrapping skills and commitment to customer relations by helping each child find the “perfect” gift.

We hope all Dads in the St Ambrose’s community had a wonderful Father’s Day.

Lisa Harrold
Year 2 CLO

DATE CLAIMERS

| 14/9/12  | Jubilee Parish Confirmation 5pm & 7pm |
| 16/9/12  | 1st Communion Mass |
| 16/9 to 20/9/12 | Year 7 Canberra Trip |
| 21/9/12  | Last day of Term 3 |
| 8/10/12  | School Resumes for Prep to Year 7 |
| 9/10/12  | P&F Meeting 7:30pm |
| 13/10/12 | Annual Gala Dinner Dance |
| 17/10/12 | Class Mass |
| 22/10/12 | Pupil Free Day |