Dear Parents & Carers,

What if all of our children aspired to be:

- conscientious, reliable, honest, intelligent and talented;
- persistent, and when they set their minds to something or make a promise, they can usually be trusted to follow through and highly original in providing a perspective to problem solving;
- very accepting of the quirks and idiosyncrasies of others and able to easily forgive others;
- selective; choosing honest, genuine, dependable people who share their interests;
- a provider of fresh perspectives, offering pure assessments based on the information provided and
- a recaller of fine details that others miss and able to bring up a variety of interesting facts?

This list of traits is taken from a website that outlines some 50 positive and common characteristics displayed by those who are diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome. Today is International Aspergers Day, highlighting the significance of Asperger Syndrome for both society and individuals. It is a day to both celebrate the difference and to educate ourselves about an often misunderstood syndrome. I invite you to consider these websites to explore further information. http://www.myaspergerschild.com; www.asperger.asn.au (this is an excerpt taken from Anne McKenny – Principal, St Rita’s, Victoria Point.)

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John Parkinson | Principal

Dear Parents,

On Sunday we listened to a reading from Matthew’s gospel, ‘Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.’ Jesus did make great and radical demands of his followers. ‘Jesus is calling his disciples to make real in their own lives the complete integrity by which he himself lives. Everything they do or say should arise from and harmonise with their inmost thoughts and feelings. The gospel as a whole will make clear that this humanly impossible task can be realised only with the help of the Holy Spirit. (Break Open the Word, 2014).

Next Friday 28th February we will celebrate Mass at 9am to commemorate 50 years of the laying of the Foundation Stone of our school. We invite all families to attend. Our school began 50 years ago with an initial enrolment of 55 students in 1964.

The following letter was received recently to thank our community for the support of Caritas.
"We are very grateful. We really thank from the bottom of our hearts. No words can express how thankful we are."
- Celestino Martinez Jr, Mayor of Bogo City

Dear Supporter,
Thank you for helping thousands of families rebuild their lives and livelihoods. I have just returned from the Philippines where it is a little over three months since Super Typhoon Haiyan struck, causing widespread devastation.

Amidst the tragedy, the visit left me inspired by our Filipino partners and those affected by the storm. Not only did they express great appreciation for the generosity of donors like you, but their faith, hope and resilience in the face of such challenging circumstances was something to behold.

It is thanks to your support that Caritas has been able to help people like Honeyrea, a ten year old girl who lost her home in the storm. In this video, she gives her account of the Typhoon and how she is now looking forward to returning to school.

Without your support, Caritas Australia would not be able to carry out this essential work. Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity.

Paul O’Callaghan
CEO, Caritas Australia

Blessings on you and your family for the year ahead.
Kind Regards,
Jo Scott-Pegum

What are we learning about?

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<td>Diving Ducks, D,D,D. Nice caring and showing respect and Responsibility. Also painting ducks and praying to God.</td>
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<td>Prep L</td>
<td>PL made homemade ducks and wrote stories and practised writing. They had a walk around the gardens, smelling the herbs and discovered bees. Learned about friends and how not to use hands to hurt.</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>This week Prep C are learning how to count to 100 with bugs. They learnt some more on the letter D and made ducks. The made books on the Ugly Duckling.</td>
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<td>1F</td>
<td>The students in 1F this week have been learning about the importance of using capital letters and full stops in sentences and the sound “Th”. They have also been using Mathletics in Maths and are writing their own story map.</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>On Friday 1L was learning about T-charts, story board and they are advancing in place value. The sound of the week is “ch”.</td>
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<td>2F</td>
<td>2F are learning how to draw lines in Art and how to do division in Maths. They have been listening and trying to be good during class to get commendations.</td>
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<td>2L</td>
<td>Year 2L have been doing animal descriptions, counting in 100, 10, 1, painting and learning different lines.</td>
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<td>2C have been learning how to count 1 to 100. They have been writing stories about their holidays using punctuation.</td>
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<td>3F</td>
<td>In 3F, students have been learning about the Tribal people, odd and even numbers and how to follow the green poster and to be brave and participate. To be successful the students must try their hardest, take their time with hard questions and include others.</td>
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<td>3L</td>
<td>This week 3L have been doing and learning lots about Maths and Literacy. They also have to be sensible and give 100%.</td>
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<td>4/5F has been exploring the meaning of the ten commandments. They have been practising their spelling. Success Criteria – being safe and sensible.</td>
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<td>45L</td>
<td>In this 4/5 class, they have been learning about frantic, fantastic rhymes and in this the letter “I” is involved. In Maths, the students are multiplying by 10 and 100. How big do they go?</td>
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<td>In 6/7C they have been learning about Integers. The Success Criteria for that was to understand positive and negative and two symbols that are the same and equal the others symbol. They have also been learning about courage. In Science they are learning how the sun, earth and moon work together. Health - learning how to set goals.</td>
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<td>6/7L has been learning about the sun, moon and earth. English – writing descriptions, Maths – learning about Integers and how to understand them on a number line. Health – setting goals and what setbacks may occur and how to get over them.</td>
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<td>In 6/7F they have been learning about negative and positive numbers also known as Integers. They have also been doing their leadership speeches. Another thing they have been learning is how the sun, moon and earth co-exist.</td>
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**TUCKSHOP – CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (Volunteers urgently needed)**

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have already contacted the office to help in the tuckshop. We still need more volunteers to assist every Friday before the tuckshop will be able to re-open. Please let the office know if you can help in any way.
Commendations are decided by the class community. They are awarded to community members who demonstrate high levels of contribution to the physical and emotional safety of the class and school community.

Commendations were awarded to:

PrepC  Simone
PrepF  Lewis
PrepL  Ariel, Samuel
1F     Jai
1L     Ella, Kaitlyn
2C     Andrew, Emily, Lachlan, Mikeely, Mitch, Rose, Sajjie, Ty
2F     Elyssa, Emily, Leo, Makaela
3F     Crispin
3L     Jadah, Joshua, Josie
4/5C   Jessica
4/5F   Daniel
4/5L   Luke
6/7C   Harry
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Coming Events

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<td>Monday 24 March</td>
<td>Parent Teacher Reporting Meetings begin</td>
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<td>Friday April 4</td>
<td>Community Day – Free Dress day, proceeds go to St Bruno’s our sister school.  Term 1 ends 3pm</td>
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<td>Tuesday 22 April</td>
<td>Term 2 commences</td>
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P&F – Every 3rd Tuesday of the month – Staff Room

AGM will be held on Tuesday, 18th March

FROM THE OFFICE:
It is important that your contact details are kept up to date, especially phone numbers. If any of this information has changed please contact the office.

SCHOOL FEES  – Term 1 school fees have been mailed home and are due Tuesday 25/02/14. It is not too late to set up a Direct Debit. Please contact Helen Low in the finance office if you have any questions regarding school fees.
GIVEAWAY: Brother Fax 2820 machine. If you are interested please contact the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP:
Monday mornings 8am to 9.30am
Thursday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.30pm

SCHOOL BANKING:
This year OLW will once again be participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program, which is designed to encourage students to develop good saving habits. School Banking will be held each Tuesday. Students who are interested in joining the program this year are welcome to collect an information pack from the Office.

Lillian Arici, School Banking Coordinator

LEUKAEMIA WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Come and join the fun at this year’s Shave:
- Thursday 13 March
- 3pm – 6pm
- Albany Creek Square (Coles, Charter Hall)

If you wish to participate in the Shave (Shave/Colour), please
- Register online – http://www.Worldsgreatestshave.com/ or
- Contact Hayley 0409 830 497
- Proceeds go to Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland

SPORTS NEWS
On the weekend we went to regionals. I won the 100m, 200m and 70m sprints, and the long jump and shot put. In long jump, I broke the regional record of 4.04m. I did four personal bests and it was very fun. We stayed at our Pop and Ilain’s timeshare penthouse, it was paradise! The second day we watched my sister and some friends. Elee, my sister did very well, she came second in the 100m sprint by a ‘cats-whisker’ but she could easily have won! She did shot put and came either 3rd or 4th. Overall they were two excellent days, even though on the second day it rained a lot. I could never have asked for more!

Paige Hoffman
CROSS COUNTRY
Queensland Running has programs for cross country competition for smaller children to older students. Their first meet will start from 1 March at Teralba Park, Mitchelton at 2pm. Please see information for prices, dates and venues on their website: www.queenslandrunning.com.au

TRIPLE P STEPPING STONES
Our school is making available to parents and friends, the Triple P Parenting Stepping Stones Program. Triple P is a scientifically researched family support strategy designed to help parents improve their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children. Stepping Stones Triple P is a version of this program developed for families with a child who has a disability. The program involves committing to 5 two-hourly group sessions, 3 thirty minute phone sessions and a follow up reflective group session over 9 weeks. It is not practical for children to attend these sessions. Our first program is set to run on Fridays after drop off and starting in week 8 of the school term. If you are interested, please contact Damian Pobar, Paula Robinson or Rachel Gaudry-Cassar of the Learning Support team. If you are interested in the program but you cannot attend a Friday morning session, please pass on to us a time that would be suitable for future programs. We are also networking with other local Triple P stepping stones providers and can advise you of other sessions in the area as they arise.