Faith ... is about ... having reasons for the things you say and do.

Our focus this week is on the school pillar – FAITH. Faith is about having reasons for the things you say and do. We are a Catholic school. We are part of a 2000+ year old tradition. Our tradition has had many awful, despicable moments like the present Royal Commission Inquiry or the Inquisitions of the 1100, 1200, 1400 and 1500’s. At its best our 2000+ year old tradition has much to say about having reasons for the things we say and do.

A central belief is that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Your child (and you), and the visually impaired child and the bouncy happy kid and the autistic child and the ‘different kid’ and the blue-eyed-one and the naughty one and the litterer and the footballer and the rat bag and the interrupter and the good kid and the average reader and the average speller and the traumatised and the abused child and the cranky one and the physically disabled child and the little devil one and the friendly one and the intellectually impaired kid and the rep netballer and the one –who-doesn’t-look-at-me and the hugger and the cheeky one and the kind one and the ... I’m sure you get the picture.

Whatever we do in our school we must be true to this belief – that your child is made in the image and likeness of God. The bigger challenge is for parents – what does this belief mean for those kids your son or daughter seems to have problems with. I do have an answer for you. Email me and I’ll send it to you. It will make your kids smarter.

JP

John Parkinson | Principal | Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School | Petrie | Qld

community ... faith ... learning ... diversity

We don’t come to school to be better than others.
We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others

SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

Term 1 School Fees were mailed out on Friday, 15 February and are now due for payment. Please pay as a matter of urgency. The School will accept electronic payment by BPAY, Direct Debit from savings account, or Eftpos from savings account, Mastercard or Visa.

We would like to encourage each family to use BPAY or Direct Debit from savings account to pay your school fees. These facilities are a great way to pay your school fees and are an efficient way for the office to process your payments. You can find your BPAY number on the top right hand corner of your fee statement or if you elect to pay by Direct Debit, you can download a Direct Debit form from the school’s website www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au. Simply click on Parent Info then School Fees and then Direct Debit Request pdf or obtain one from the school office. Please make sure you write down the “Start payment date” on the form.

A new direct debit form is required to be filled out each year.

Please contact Helen Low on 3285 2977 option 3 for any questions about fees. The 2013 School fee information can be accessed from the school’s website (see above).

Thanks to parents and carers who have responded to school fee accounts.

School Fees = a safe school (We have power, rates, water, sewerage, insurance etc.)
School Fees = an attractive school (We have quality buildings and refurbishments.)
School Fees = a smart school (We have great resources for kids to learn with.)
Dear Parents,

On Sunday we listened to Jesus tell the apostles the parable of the fig tree from Luke 13. Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ “Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”

Part of the We wish to see Jesus Lenten reflection provides some insight into the meaning of this text for us. “...the human being, like the fig-tree, is given time by a God who is patient but not endlessly indulgent. This Lent is a time when we are given time – time to repent and believe the Good News of mercy. It is a time to leave behind the delusional and fractured world of the ‘sinful’ and the ‘sinless’ and to enter the life-giving world where I am free to say ‘I have sinned’ because I believe that mercy is offered in abundance.’

The face of Jesus that we contemplate in this passage is the face of one who will take no nonsense. Presented with conventional misperceptions, Jesus speaks the truth unflinchingly. His face may seem stern, but it is the face of a love which speaks the truth, since that truth alone will set us free. His is the face of one who does not threaten but who jolts us into reality, so that we may bear abundant fruit for eternal life, especially the fruits of the Holy Spirit named by St Paul in his letter to the Galatians. Love may be stern at times, but it remains love nonetheless.”

Next week on Friday 15th March we will have a free dress day with a gold coin donation to raise money for Caritas – Project Compassion. On this day there will also be a cake stall to raise funds for the Leukaemia foundation in support of Ainsleigh Brown a past student of OLW who is in Year 7 in Dalby. Ainsleigh’s mum Dani is shaving for a cure and we would like to support her in this cause. Please continue to remember Ainsleigh in your prayers, her journey is not an easy one.

On a sad note we pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Barbara Hamilton’s father who passed from this life to eternal life on Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. AMEN.

Blessings.
Jo Scott-Pegum

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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**Italian News**

Ciao a tutti (Hi everyone)

Thank you to all the students who have already brought their ear-phones to use in Italian lessons. The students have been creative in applying their problem-solving skills in implementing effective strategies to improve their results as they work through the listening and reading activities on the iPad Apps, matching the correct translation with the given Italian words, phrases and sentences. Year 7s commenced their learning journey with the 1 Passaporti cartoon style booklet in the series of Let’s Read about the Danieli Family from Italy visiting their relatives in Sydney. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have started their learning with reading and then role-playing a dialogue of when a customer purchases fruit at the fruit shop: Dal Fruttivendolo. Year 1 students are learning to say the appropriate responses to the question Come stai? How are you? Year 2 students are recognising, writing and reading these responses to Come stai?

Ciao, Grace Bone.

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**ART WORKSHOPS – MT MARIA COLLEGE...**

At Mt Maria College a very talented and passionate teacher is Mr Taukovic. Mr Taukovic has volunteered his time to work with students from OLW. This generosity is indicative of the quality teaching of Mt Maria College. Mr Taukovic has 16 students from Year 4 who are attending ART workshops on Mondays at the College. Mr Taukovic says: “The kids have been a pleasure to teach.....they are so excited and keen to learn new things. We are all having such great fun and there are some very talented students. So far we have looked at colour theory, drawing/shading techniques, how to stretch canvas and next will be paint applications. The theme the grade 4’s are working on is “insects” and focusing on size manipulation. They have been set some homework tasks to complete in their sketchbooks to support ongoing class activities.”

Each term students from other classes will be invited to attend the workshops. The workshops run for a couple of hours a week.
Fr Peter's
Farewell Mass
Morning Tea and Lunch
You are invited to attend the farewell celebrations for Fr Peter and also celebrate his 20 years at Our Lady of the Way.

Sunday 17th March
The day begins with — 9am Mass followed by Morning Tea - Please bring a plate to share
Lunch will be held at Poppy Fields Room, North Leagues and Services Club, Anzac Ave Kallangur.
Time 12.00pm
Two course meal with tea and coffee. Cost $30 per person
Lunch is an Adults only event 18 years and older.
Please note there will be NO 8am, 10am or 5.30pm mass that day.
Flyers were sent home last week. Please complete the slip at the bottom and return to church reception or the parish office by 4th March 2013. Money is required by that date and there will be no refunds.

Enrichment Centre News
Student Support Meetings for verified students are being held in Week 6 and 7 of this term (starting this week). These meetings are about planning as a team to support your child’s learning this year at school. You should have received information about the date and time of your child’s meeting already, so please contact the Learning Enrichment Centre if you are not aware of this. Please bring along copies of any recent specialist reports you have (eg. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy).

Learning Support Contacts
Prep-2 – Paula Robinson  probinson@bne.catholic.edu.au;  Yr. 3-4 – Rachel Gaudry-Cassar  rcassar@bne.catholic.edu.au
Yr. 5-7 – Damian Pobar  dpobar@bne.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week!
Damian, Paula and Rachel

Mark the Date!!!

iPad and Tablet Support Group
Last year, parents and guardians of students who were considering buying an iPad for their children joined us in the Enrichment Centre for an information session on iPads; what they can do, how to use them and taking security measures. We have had a number of requests already this year for another chance to come together, perhaps with a focus on useful and educational apps for children. If you want to chat and swap ideas please join us on Tuesday 12 March at 2:00pm in the Enrichment Centre. For more information contact Rachel Gaudry-Cassar rcassar@bne.catholic.edu.au.

P & F NEWS
Last Tuesday night the AGM was held and the P&F team was formed for 2013. Let me introduce you to the team:
President - David Farley
Vice-President - Jodie Culver
Treasurer - Vacant
Secretary - Debra Dalton

We are in need of a new treasurer to complete our team. You do not need to have any experience to fulfil this role. If you are interested in finding out more about this position or you would like to nominate yourself for this role, please email our secretary at olwpandf@exemail.com.au Thank you to everyone that came along to the first meeting—it was great to see so many people.

We are also looking for people to join the fundraising committee. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please send an email to olwpandf@exemail.com.au

P&F Fundraising
By now you should have received a note about the photo day that is being held on the 24th March 2013. The cost is $15 which entitles you to a free photo. If you come along on the day and have photos taken the cost for the complete package is only $125!! What a bargain!! The photos will be back in time for mothers day, so why not book in today!
**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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**OPEN** Wednesdays & Fridays
Conveners - Jacqui Cooper (Ph: 0488 020 292) and Trish Proctor (Ph: 0430 471 580)

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

This week your child should have brought home a winter uniform order form—please check your child’s bag. This is the only chance to order a tracksuit for the year. Orders take 8-10 weeks to process. **Orders are due back before Friday 8 March 2013.** This week the Uniform shop is only open on **Wednesday 2.30pm—4.00pm.** **PLEASE NOTE:** Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 8 March 2013.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Peyton in year 1, is one of the regular visitors to the library. Peyton always comes in with a smile on her face.

“I like the library because I can always find the books I want. I like reading because it helps me learn a lot of words” Peyton said

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**AWARDS WEEK 6**

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**KOALA:** Jayden Spearritt  **OWLS:** Chelsy Hughes, Mackenzie Reynolds, Gwen Zocco, Katalyna Cosimi-Newton, Maya Phythian, Sophie Crag, Leila Boughey, Bradley Carbone

**ITALIAN:** Lana Cochrane, Lachlan Hess

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

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**LEUKAEMIA WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

Albany Creek Leukaemia Group is holding two Shaves this year:
- Thursday 14 March, 3pm-6pm, Charter Hall (Coles);
- Sunday 17 March, 2pm-5pm, Eatons Hill Hotel

If you wish to participate in the Shave (Shave/Colour), please
Register online - [http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/)
Contact Kate 3318 4457, Kaye 3264 3050 for further details

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**Tae Kwon Do classes** will be held at Our Lady of the Way School on Mondays from 4pm to 4.55pm. All ages are welcome. Please phone Daisy or Damian on 3886 0967 or 0438 860 967. Sign up for 2 months and receive a free uniform. All classes are supervised by an instructor with a Blue Card.