FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Most of us know the story of "The Prodigal Son." The younger son asks for his father’s inheritance, travels to a faraway land, and spends all his money on immoral living, ending up feeding pigs – an abomination to those who are Jewish. He eventually sees the light, has a conversion change of heart, and heads back home seeking his father’s forgiveness.

Meanwhile the older son has been diligently working the land, trying to please his father, yet becomes resentful of his younger brother, especially after he returns home and there is a great welcoming celebration of his return.

If we are honest we are all a little of the younger son or daughter and a little of the older son or daughter; none of us better than the other, none of us worse than the other. The parable reflects, to some degree, everyone’s story.

I wonder were there or are there times when we have felt like the younger prodigal son or daughter before God. Perhaps there have been some things we have been so deeply ashamed of, that we feel that we can never be forgiven? That turning around and climbing out of the pit isn’t easy. It is being humble and acknowledging our brokenness and failure; not dwelling on the past but learning from our mistakes.

God is merciful and loving. When we reach out in true repentance, showing a change of heart, we experience the joy of forgiveness.

Or perhaps we may have felt like the older son or daughter, slighted by the attention toward our younger sibling, even though we have been diligent and working hard?

We have all been hurt, or have hurt someone else – either intentional or unintentional. It’s who we are as human beings. We may have had the experience of not being able to forgive another person – or ourselves. We may have forgiven someone and they have not forgiven us.

Forgiveness is a process that involves naming our hurt, working through old wounds and processing feelings of anger, guilt, shame, sadness and so on. One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation – mercy and healing of relationships.

Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear.

As a result we can be forgiven and restored through what Jesus has done for us on the cross; Jesus, who patiently waits for us to return to him; the One who embraces us upon our return with his extravagant, excessive and costly love.

As we journey through Lent, walking towards Jesus’ final days on Good Friday, when he is betrayed and killed, we need to remember that Jesus, the Son of God, offers forgiveness to his persecutors, to his friends and to each one of us.

May we offer the same generosity of spirit to those around us, who have wounded us, and seek reconciliation and forgiveness through Jesus who loves each one of us uniquely and individually.

Rev Lyn Dunn
Gold Coast North Anglican Church
Dear Parents,

These days, much attention is devoted to bullying and appropriately so when we consider the severe and detrimental long-term effects on victims (and bullies). Bullying occurs in all areas of society. Many parents will have witnessed or experienced bullying in a number of contexts … work, school, community and, for some, even in the family situation.

Schools can provide fertile opportunities for bullying …

There are lots of kids from varying social and cognitive backgrounds, creating differences in power and status arrangements;

Teaching staff, while obviously present in their supervision capacity, are not privy to every physical or verbal interaction;

Children are reluctant to ‘dob’; and

Even when allegations are made, they are often difficult to substantiate, due to conflicting versions.

We also need to be careful about what constitutes bullying. As a principal, I receive complaints ascribed as bullying that, often are actually one-off acts of aggression or retaliatory responses … still most inappropriate and worthy of investigation, but not bullying! So, a workable and easily understood definition is critical.

Bullying is now generally defined as the repeated physical, verbal or psychological intimidation of a less powerful person by a more powerful person or group. It may include some or all of the following behaviours:

- Name calling
- Teasing and taunting
- Racist or sexist remarks
- Social ostracism
- Malicious gossip
- Threats
- Physical force

… but, essentially relies on an imbalance of power in the relationship between the bully and the victim.

Therefore, not all acts of aggression are bullying. Normally, aggression that involves any 2-way process of attack and counter-attack is not bullying. Particularly, if the attacks occur between parties of equal power/strength/status and are part of a 2-way attack and retaliation process. Rather, bullying usually refers to a one-way attack situation in which the perpetrator has more power and the victim cannot really retaliate. In fact, the victim usually feels helpless and powerless.

Fights that have occurred between two girls, both vying for superiority in a friendship clique, come to mind as examples. One day, Jenny may have the ‘upper hand’, the next day, Francine may be able to ostracise Jenny from the group. So, while the behaviours are labelled as bullying by the girls (and. often, by their parents) when each appears to be on the receiving end, in reality, the situation is best described as a kind of feud with varying win-lose outcomes.

JUBILEE YEARBOOK 2013

This year, we have organised it so that all JPS families will receive the 2013 Jubilee Yearbook.

We will be using Master School Portraits to help us construct this year’s Yearbook. This is a significant change to what we have done previously and I would like to thank Mrs. Fran Bosworth who has helped us publish our Yearbook every year up until now.

So, in 2013, each family will be sent home a copy with the eldest sibling during Week 8, Term 4. The cost (approx.$13.00 per book) will be added to the Term 4 school fees.

If you required more than one copy an order form will appear in the newsletter during Term 4. We are pleased to be offering a new colour format of the 2013 School Year’s memories.

JUBILEE P&F MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight will see both the 2013 Jubilee P&F Association AGM and the March P&F Meeting held in the Jubilee School Resource Centre from 7:15pm. If you can avail yourself of the time, we would love to see you there!

LONG TERM ABSENCES

Parents who wish to exclude their children from school for more than 10 days must complete an application for an Exemption from Compulsory Schooling (Non-state schools) form. The Education General Provisions Act 2006 mandates that all absences of longer than 10 days, other than for medical reasons, must be approved by the Principal of the school and be of sound educational grounds.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Last Friday was International Women’s Day. I would like to take this opportunity in extending my sincere thanks to all the women in our community who contribute to the life of our wonderful school. It is also my hope that women feel that they are valued and appreciated not only on this annual celebration, but everyday!

THOUGHT for Your WEEK

“Goals provide the energy source that powers our lives. One of the best ways we can get the most from the energy we have is to focus it. That is what goals can do for us; concentrate our energy.”

Thank you for reading!

With every blessing for the week ahead,

David Sewell
PRINCIPAL
G’day everyone. Welcome to Week 7

**Gold Coast Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival**

Last Friday 8 March, our Jubilee Swimming Team took part in the Gold Coast Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival at Pizzey Park, Miami Swimming Pool Complex. While we may not have won any trophies, our 2013 team produced our best team results so far, including a new GC Catholic Carnival record to Antonia Hurd 6L ! We congratulate all of those students who were selected and who represented Jubilee so proudly and so well.

**Somerset Literature Festival**

This week, students and teachers from Years 3-7 are heading off to Somerset College for the annual *Celebration of Literature Festival* during the week of March 13-15. Our Yr 3 classes attend tomorrow (Wed 13 Mar) and our Yrs 4-7 classes attend on Friday (15 Mar.) This is a wonderful opportunity through which students meet, listen to and interact with current popular Australian children’s authors and we have booked for all students in Yrs 3–7 to participate. On a financial note, the costs for Somerset are paid up-front by the school and then included in the next school fees statements to parents. Somerset has advised us that there will be no refunds for absences.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences (Week 9)**

As discussed last week, we will be holding this year’s Parent-Teacher Conferences at the end of Term 1 *(Wk 9 : Mon 25 – Thu 28 March).* The purpose is to open the communication channels early and to address any issues that may have been identified sooner rather than later. Once again, the conferences will be scheduled as 15 minute interviews, with the possibility of follow-up meetings being arranged for another time if necessary. To manage the interview scheduling process, we will be using a new online system, called **Parent-Teacher Online**, for the first time this year. Our teachers are currently setting up their own specific availability dates and times for the interviews within the window of 7:30am Mon 25 March to 7:00pm Thu 28 March.

Our office staff are currently organising a bulk posting of the following to parents:

- An information letter about PTO and how to access the system and select interview times.
- A parent PIN number for PTO access. This is used in conjunction with your family name.
- A link to PTO has been placed on the home page of the Jubilee website, but this link is not yet “live”.

Sufficient time has been allowed for all families to receive their letter via post. The **PTO link will “go live” from 7:00pm this Friday 15 March.** Parents who do not have home access to the internet and are unable to access the internet over the weekend, can access a computer here at school on Monday. This timeline will give the opportunity to fine-tune any possible issues next week, ahead of interview week. For now we suggest that you look ahead to your likely availability during Week 9. If you are unable to find a suitable time within the range offered, please contact your class teacher directly to discuss possibilities.

**Car Park Reminders**

Most aspects of our afternoon pick-up system have been working well, but we seek parent/carer support in addressing the following issues please:

- **Drivers Stay in Vehicles at all times in the drive-through section.**
- **Family Name Signs - FAMILY NAME in THICK BLOCK LETTERS displayed on the dashboard or visor.**
- **Use the Crossings – Do not jaywalk across the driveway, especially with children in tow.**
- **Lost Property**

All student property needs to be clearly labelled. Check the tubs outside the office/staffroom.

Have a great Week 7 everyone,

Cheers, Brian Mason, APA
JERSEY DAY & PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all those who supported our Jersey Day last Friday. We raised a little over $400 and we are going close to reaching our target of $1500. A special mention must be made of Ms de Jager and her Yr.2J class for the outstanding effort they have made so far in raising funds for Project Compassion.

Project Compassion, week 5 brings you the story of Bernard.

Our partners at Red Dust Healing helped Bernard overcome his drug and alcohol addictions and grief at losing his mother. He has also reconnected with his Aboriginal roots, and is now a Court Support Officer for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service. Your donation to Project Compassion helps Bernard, and other Indigenous people in Australia, overcome physical, emotional and spiritual challenges to regain direction and purpose in their lives.

www.caritas.org.au

PRAYING WITH YOUR CHILD

Highs and Lows. Ask your children what their "highs" were from the day, and then ask them about their "lows" from the day. Share your highs and lows as well, and then pray for them together.

Prayer Journal. Share your prayer requests with the other members of your family and then record them in a prayer journal. One person can pray for all the requests you’ve listed for the day. The next time you pray together, look over the requests you listed previously and update any changes and answers. This is a good way to see how God has been active in your prayer lives.

Have a great week…

Jo Riddell
APRE

CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our 52 Jubilee participants who represented Jubilee with great pride. With a few students away, several students were asked to compete in extra events. A huge thank you to Lily Tobin, Zac Reus, Jackson Armstrong, Teghan Straight, Adam Tighe, Tristan Van Rooyen and Jack Bowen for stepping up and competing in extra events. Our boys finished 6th overall, our girls were 9th and the combined gender result for our school was a very pleasing 6th place. Antonia Hurd, Brodie and Cooper Monaghan were outstanding throughout the day. Antonia managed to break the 50 metre Butterfly record and was close in many other races to placing herself into the history books. We all look forward to our next Catholic Carnival, the Cross Country in a few months’ time.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Grade 5,6 and 7 Inter-School Sport. Sport Lists are up on the notice board outside The Hall. Our first games are on 25/03/13. Permission Notices will go home at the end of this week and students are reminded that The Rugby League Juniors list will be trimmed by 3 or 4 places. Girls Grade 5 Touch will not go ahead this term as numbers were insufficient. These students will, however, be given a spot on the Summer Touch Team in term 4. Some students have been allocated their second preference and any questions that students may have can be directed to Mr. Davies.

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

Congratulations to our four representatives (Izaac Jones U/12, Zac Reus, Dylan To’o and Harry Turner U/11) who have all made it through to the next round of the Gold Coast North District Trials. Good luck boys with the next round of trials.

DISTRICT BASKETBALL TRIALS

Monday 18th March and Monday 25th March at AB Patterson School commences at 3.45 pm. Any students who wish to attend and have not received a note from Mr Davies should do so by the end of this week.

Yours in Sport / PE

Alistair Davies
Vision Statement:

To support one another to raise Independent, Resilient Children within our school system.

- Informal open forums to engage Parents to share their Parenting Experiences.
- To hold information sessions with various Professionals that can support Diverse Learners and their Families.
- To create friendships and community and support positive social interactions among Diverse Learners and their Families.
- To offer Pastoral Care and Support where needed. (Jo Riddell/David Higgins).
- To support new families as they try to absorb information and support their children.

Invitation

Jubilee’s Support Network extend a warm invitation to Parents and Caregivers to attend a “Meet and Greet” Morning tea on Wednesday March 20th at 9am in the Meeting Room of the Jubilee Centre.

David Higgins will be in attendance to introduce himself and explain his role at Jubilee School.

Any further questions can be answered by Jonelle Betzel via jonellebetzel@bigpond.com

With the right team and a solid plan for each child and their parents positive things can happen.
P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 12th March

The next meeting of the P&F will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Jubilee Centre Meeting Room on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm.

After the Annual General Meeting has been completed we will follow it with our normal monthly P&F General Meeting. At the General Meeting the following items will be on the agenda:

- Swimming Carnival BBQ Feedback
- Teachers Wish List
- Jubilee Stickers
- P&F Storage Shed
- P&F Event Coordinators

So, please come along and join us – Everyone is welcome – we would love to see you all there.

P&F ORG NEWSLETTER

Please visit the link below to view the P&F Organisations Monthly newsletter:

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FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 17th AUGUST

Do you own a business or work for a company who you think might like to be a part of our Family Fun Day?

Keep an Eye out for the Sponsorship Letter that will be sent home soon.

We are looking for:

- 1 Gold Sponsor
- 2 Silver Sponsors
- 10 Bronze Sponsors

If you’d like to know more contact the P&F via email for more details.

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Jubilee P&F Executive Team – jubileepandf@yahoo.com
President - Rhonda Verheijen 0419 728745; Vice President - Tanya Shepheard 0416 140447;
Secretary - Cheryl Abuid 0421 930528; Treasurer - Wendy Duffy 0421 161984
Calling all hairdressers please assist us with shaving on Thursday 14th at 2pm. If you are able to attend the assembly and assist in the shave please email Mrs Disa Hill on djhill@bne.catholic.edu.au

Crazy Hair Day will be held on Thursday 14th March, all children to bring in a Gold Coin donation to contribute to the Fundraising, as we are aiming for $4000 as Jubilee Primary Team.

Cup Cake stall will be on Wednesday (13th March), Thursday (14th March) and Friday (15th) each morning before school. Calling all Parent Support Parents and parents in any year level to contact Mrs Disa Hill via email if you can volunteer to donate some cupcakes to sell on these days. All cupcakes can be dropped at the cake stall on the morning of the above days.

Donations are pledged online at www.worldsgreatestshave.com look for the Jubilee Primary team pledge sponsorship, every little bit will make a BIG difference!

Hope you all can dig deep and support the Leukaemia Foundation in helping make the difference to the lives of people been affected by blood cancer and other related diseases.

Mrs Hill
Prep F
Tuckshop Roster

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have volunteered to assist in the Tuckshop during the month of March.

We are now seeking volunteers to assist in the Tuckshop for Term 2.

If you are able to assist, even if only for a few hours please email Helen who will add your name to the Term 2 roster, hsheather@bne.catholic.edu.au

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Jubilee is a great supporter of the Animal Welfare League on the Gold Coast. We have been highlighting their efforts to care for lost and unwanted animals since 2001. We believe in what they do so well and would like to have another year of supporting and fundraising for them this year. We hope you will join in again this year. Well done Jubilee for all you do!

HOW? Bring in good quality food and place it in the AWL bin near the office. Bring in unwanted sheets, towels and pet toys etc. to Year 3H room.

Enter our competition - JUBILEE’S FAVOURITE PETS! Draw your favourite pet - real or imagined! We are putting up a display in the display room in the Resource Centre! The art work will be judged by a surprise judge and the winners will win a free workshop at the AWL in the Easter holidays. There will be other prizes for Preps, Year 1s and Year 2.

All art work is to be handed in by Friday 22nd March

Go animal lovers of Jubilee       Karen Hallett Jane Hickling and Year 3F
Jubilee Advertisers & Services

Gold Coast North Anglican wants to welcome the Jubilee Primary School community to our Sunday Services.

10am Family Service with Children’s Ministry & 5:30pm Service, Coomera Anglican College, Upper Coomera

8am Traditional Service, Holyrood, Oxenford

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Service Time: Sunday at 9am

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