From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents

We extend a warm welcome to new students and parents, especially our new Prep cohort and members of Year Seven. There are a number of information evenings in the near future that you may need to attend in order to gain a thorough understanding of College procedures. Additionally, please remember that we are always available to meet with parents and class and PC teachers are always the ‘first port of call’ for any issues.

Thank you for your support and have a great week - May God Bless.

Opening Mass 2017
This Friday, our Opening Mass will take place in Perugia at 9:30am. Bishop Joseph will preside at our celebration of the Eucharist and we look forward to welcoming him back to the College. Year 12 students will be presented with their senior badges and Student Leaders will be inducted at the end of Mass. We look forward to seeing you at this important community celebration.

Photo Day
Official 2017 College photos will be taken on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 February. Students are reminded that they must be in full dress uniform – no sports uniform. Please take some time to read the Student Organiser or contact the College if you need clarification regarding student uniform expectations.

Additionally, please take some time to read the relevant information on MSP Photography order envelopes. For MSP enquiries:
E: admin.gcnr@msp.com.au
P: 0756689110

Early Years and Junior Year Information Night
It has been a great start to the year for our Early and Junior Years with most of our students settled into their classes. It is so good to see students with a very positive attitude to the new year. A special welcome to our new Preps students as they begin their journey at Assisi Catholic College.

A friendly reminder that the Year One - Year Six Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 8 February.
This is a great opportunity for class teachers to share learning expectations, routines and key events that will occur this year for your student/s.

The timetable for the night is:

6.00 – 6.35pm EARLY Years class time in Greccio (Yr 1) or Gubbio (Yrs. 2-3) Classrooms
6.35 – 6.45pm Move to Perugia
6.45 – 7.15pm All parents 1-6 INFORMATION SESSION in Perugia
7.15pm Year 1-3 Parents conclusion
7.15 – 7.25pm Junior Years Parents (Yrs. 4-6) move to Bonaventure classrooms
7.25 – 8.00pm Junior Years class time
8.00pm Conclusion of evening for Junior Years Parents

We are certainly looking forward to meeting with you on Wednesday evening.

**Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival**
Next Thursday 9th February, our Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival will take place at CAC Swimming Pool. Please join us at the pool to cheer our students on. They always love the opportunity to showcase team war cries to a captive audience!

**Parents and Friends (P&F)**
Our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2017 will be held in the Office staffroom at 7:00pm. All parents are warmly invited to attend these important meetings.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing current and future directions.

**Middle Years Information Evening**
We would like to thank the parents that attended our Middle Years Information Evening held in Perugia on Tuesday January 31. Our wonderful Pastoral Leaders clearly explained College expectations around uniform, attendance and engagement. If you were unable to attend this important information evening, please contact the relevant Year Level Leader if you require clarification about any of the College’s procedures or expectations.

**Year 7 Camp – A Fantastic Camp Experience**
Year 7 Camp will take place from Wednesday, 15 February until Friday, 17 February. This camp provides opportunities for students to get to know other students, understand our Franciscan values and habits and become familiar with College procedures. This is a compulsory camp and all students are expected to attend. Forms were sent home with your child this week and will be available on the Parent Portal next week. Please contact the College if you require additional information. Thank you.

**Student Attendance – A Joint Effort: School, Parents and Students**
Our College goal is that all students be in attendance for 95 – 100% of the academic year. The evidence clearly shows a strong connection with school and regular school attendance is directly linked to positive academic, social and personal development for children and young people and as a successful pathway to future employment and learning opportunities. For example, students with attendance rates of 85 per cent or less [due to unexplained reasons] are 3.5 times more likely to fall behind in their studies and not obtain an Overall Position (OP) 1-15 - in the senior years. Additionally, this trend between attendance rate and achievement level was found to be consistent at every year level and subject (DETE, 2015).

Experience shows that providing support and interventions to students and their families is the most effective way to address absences from school. In acknowledging this, we certainly value the important role that parents play in their child’s attendance and appreciate your support in achieving the best possible outcomes for your child. Therefore, we ask you to support us in this important matter by communicating with your child about the value of education, and their respective attitude towards attendance and participating effectively and completing all academic and extra-curricular activities to the best of their ability throughout the academic year.
At Assisi Catholic College we recognise students develop best when there is open collaboration between school, students and parents and that some absences are unavoidable. However, if there are issues affecting your child’s attendance that we need to be informed of, then we ask you to relay that information at the earliest possible opportunity, so we can make appropriate provision to assist your child in achieving their potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Year Level Teacher, Pastoral Care Teacher or Pastoral Leader if you require further clarification.

Reference List

Reminder Message – Permission to Leave
At Assisi Catholic College we recognise, and value, the important role that parents have in their child’s progress. Below is information about our expectations on students needing to leave College early. We ask that you support us in our desire to ensure all students access a Quality Catholic Education in a peaceful and just Catholic community and talk with your child about the importance of adhering to school procedures. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Permission to Leave
- Permission to leave a class must be obtained from the class teacher. If permission is granted, the planner must be signed by teacher and carried by student out of class.
- Permission to leave the College grounds during the school day must be obtained from a member of the Leadership Team or relevant Pastoral Leader (MY/SY) before 9:00am each day.
- Parents are asked to contact the College before 9:00am and advise Student Reception of the early departure. Parents MUST sign students out of the College from the Student Reception.

Thank you for your support and have a great week.

Pax et Bonum,

Martin Moloney, on behalf of the Leadership Team
‘Helping Hands’ is a vital service within the school, providing short term support to families by way of meals to help in difficult times. We are once again looking for members of our school community willing to make meals from time to time, that can be frozen and kept in our freezer here at the school, to hand out to families as the need arises. We are happy to provided the foil containers for the meals and to reimburse you for the cost of ingredients. However, if you would like to donate the meals that would be very welcome also. The types of meals we find freeze best are casseroles or pasta bakes. If this is something you would like to be involved in, I would love to hear from you.

My contact details:
Ph: 56567100 Ext:293
email: cmanning@assisi.qld.edu.au

Bumper Stickers

Bumper Stickers for New Families
Assisi has bumper stickers that are issued to all families. We ask all students and parents to proudly display this sticker on their family car. Each week our “Sticker Spotter” will pick four (4) cars with stickers and announce these car’s registration numbers in our weekly newsletter. There will be a prize for these families when they notify Rachael Crotty in our office. Each student in the family will receive a tuckshop voucher for $5.00 from La Verna when they notify Rachael.

Please pick up your sticker from Rachael from the beginning of Week 4 (Monday 13 February). Car registration details will start appearing in our newsletter from Week 4.

Good luck!

Assisi Pilgrimage

Date Claimer
A pilgrimage meeting for Assisi and Rome pilgrims and those interested in participating in the Pilgrimage. Next Thursday, Feb 9 at 6:00pm in the Pope Francis Centre. Please contact Danny McCormick if you would like to participate in the Pilgrimage, but can’t make the meeting (dmccormick@bne.catholic.edu.au )

Danny McCormick
APRE
• 2017 School photos will be taken on February 6 & 7 (refer to attached timetable for particulars)

• Envelopes for payment will be distributed to students early next week

• If you would like a family photograph taken you must make a booking for this via the photographers website - envelopes will provide the information you need

• Year 12 students are required to wear a blazer and tie for photographs

• Refer to the attached PDF provided by MSP for further details
School Transport Changes
Is your child prepared for their journey back to school on public transport? Some school services, including train timetables, are changing from Monday 23 January. Be sure to plan your child’s journey before they travel. Follow these useful tips from TransLink to make sure they’re ready. [https://translink.com.au/service-updates/112906](https://translink.com.au/service-updates/112906)

QCEC has announced the funding arrangements for the 2017 Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme.

There are two components to the scheme:
- the Bus/Ferry Assistance Program
- the Students with Disabilities Transport Assistance Program

We encourage parents to check their eligibility for financial assistance with the cost of transport to school. Further information about the scheme is found at [https://www.schooltransport.com.au](https://www.schooltransport.com.au)

After School Activities
Just reminding all parents that there are a number of service providers that offer a range of activities that students can undertake. For simplicity we list these providers on our website for your easy access.

Please note these are not run by the school so you’ll need to contact each person individually if you wish to enrol or find out more information about their services.

Please check back regularly as the list grows over time and can often change between terms.

The list can be accessed via the Assisi college website by selecting the ‘Parent’ and ‘Extra Curricular’ tabs. The link to this page is provided below:

[http://www.assisi.qld.edu.au/Parents/Pages/Extra-Curricular-Providers.aspx](http://www.assisi.qld.edu.au/Parents/Pages/Extra-Curricular-Providers.aspx)

Tim Pietschmann
Business Manager
District Sport Trials
There are a number of Middle and Senior Years students participating in a range of district sport trials after school this semester. Best of luck to all students involved.

Upcoming trials this semester include:

Tuesday 7 February: U/16 Girls AFL and U/15 Boys & Girls Volleyball
Monday 13 February: U/18 Boys & Girls Basketball
Tuesday 14 February: U/19 Boys & Girls Volleyball and U/15 & U/18 Boys Rugby League
Monday 20 February: 10 – 19 Years Boys & Girls Swimming
Tuesday 21 February: U/15 & U/19 Girls Netball and U/15 Boys AFL
Tuesday 28 February: U/19 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer) and U/19 Boys & Girls Hockey
Tuesday 7 March: U/12 Girls Netball
Monday 13 March: U/12 Boys Cricket
Tuesday 14 March: U/12 Boys Rugby League
Monday 20 March: U/15 Boys Rugby Union, U/12 Boys AFL and U/12 Boys & Girls Hockey
Tuesday 21 March: U/15 Boys & Girls Touch Football, U/18 Boys & Girls Touch Football, U/12 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer) and U/12 Boys & Girls Basketball
Tuesday 18 April: U/12 Softball
Monday 8 May: U/12 Boys & Girls Tennis and U/12 Boys & Girls Touch Football
Tuesday 9 May: U/15 Boys & Girls Basketball and U/15 Boys & Girls Football (Soccer)
Wednesday 17 May: 10 – 19 Years Boys & Girls Cross Country
Tuesday 30 May: U/12 Rugby Union
Monday 20 June: U/12 Girls Rugby League
Tuesday 25 July: U/12 Girls AFL

Students that are interested in attending any of these trials can see Mr McDonald for further details at least one week before the trial date.

Middle & Senior Years Swimming Carnival
The 2017 Middle & Senior Years Family Team Swimming carnival will be held on Monday 13 February at The Southport School. All parents and friends are welcome to attend and support our students.

Please note that this is a compulsory day for all Middle & Senior Year students. Students are reminded to wear their coloured Family Team shirts on the day along with their sports cap, black leather lace-up joggers and sunscreen.

AGCC Sport Trials
On Thursday afternoons, students in Years 7 – 12 are trialling for their selected inter-school sport. The AGCC Competition begins on Thursday 9 March and will involve Assisi students competing against Aquinas, St Andrew’s, St Michaels, Gold Coast Christian, LORDS, Hillcrest and Marymount Colleges.

Brett McDonald
Head of Sport – Middle & Senior Years
La Verna / Tuckshop

Roster : 6th Feb – 10th Feb

Mon: Help needed
Tues: Deidra Alfred
Wed: Help Needed
Thurs: Kim Noring
Fri: Margie Dee & Helen Falcone

Dear parents and carers, I would like to ask as many of you as possible to consider volunteering at the La Verna Bistro. You can see by the roster above that we desperately need help. If it is just for a couple of hours in the morning once a week or once a term you will be more than welcome and appreciated. It is not difficult and if your child is in the junior school you can help distribute the lunches out of the junior tuckshop. The students love seeing their parent or carer behind the counter.

Thanks and we hope to see some new faces soon.

The La Verna Team
Kevin, Jo and Lisa.
College Information

College Family Teams

Agnes (Blue)  
Clare (Yellow)  
Francis (Green)  
Rufino (Red)

College Motto
Peace Through Justice

College Foundation Day
Sunday 10 July 2005

Websites
Assisi Catholic College  
www.assisi.qld.edu.au
Brisbane Catholic Education  
www.brisbanecatholicschols.com.au
Queensland Catholic Education Commission  
www.qcec.qld.catholic.edu.au
National Catholic Education Commission  
www.ncec.catholic.edu.au
Cath News  
www.cathnews.com
PHOTOS THIS YEAR WILL BE IN PERUGIA IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Please ensure that you are at the door five minutes prior to your allocated time to ensure the day runs as smooth as possible.

**EY and JY will have a class photo as well as the individual photo.**
MY and SY will only have the individual photo.

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STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 1, 2017

Bus – Ferry Fare Assistance
• Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
• Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (* $25/week if you hold a concession card)?
• Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?
• Does your child live more than 3.2km for Primary or 4.8km for Secondary from their school?

Students With Disability
• Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
• Does your child have a travel capability rating of 'semi-independent', 'travel assisted', 'dependent', or 'more dependent'?

What you need to do now:
1. Check eligibility for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport at www.schooltransport.com.au
2. If eligible:
   a) keep your public transport receipts to lodge a claim
   b) note in your calendar to lodge a rebate claim in May and October
222 SQUADRON RECRUITING NOW

222SQN is a newly established squadron that is located at Assisi Catholic College in Upper Coomera.

Activities The Cadets Can Undertake:
- Powered Flying
- Gilding
- Fieldcraft – Bush/Camping
- Drill & Ceremonial
- Firearms Safety Training
- Band/Music
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Leadership Training

- International Air Cadet Exchange
- Interstate Visits
- National Competitions
- Promotional Courses
- Radio Communication
- Lifesaving – Bronze Medallion
- First Aid Training

Visit our website to see more
www.aafc.org.au

Leadership
confidence & mateship

Register your interest with the Squadron Administration Officer
admino.222sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

Please provide contact details with your expression of interest email.
WE NEED YOU

We are seeking girls born 2006 and 2005 and 2004 to play in our teams

This is a great opportunity to:

- Be part of a team
- Learn new skills
- Enjoy the game of netball
- Have fun whilst making new friends

Please email if you are interested

assisinetballrego@hotmail.com