



Dear Parents, friends, past pupils and students

Currently the Church year is still celebrating the Easter season. Easter is the most significant event on the Christian calendar – the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The question that needs to be asked is, "What does this really mean to people in 2008?"

I was taught that Easter gives us new life and hope despite the sometimes tragic and terrible things that happen to individuals, families or communities. The resurrection has given us hope, a renewed courage and strength to help cope with the journey of life. We can break down barriers and renew our spirituality in our life's causes.

These are all fine words but what of the reality of now?

As a student

It can give a new meaning to life, away from the worries of future employment, money, studies, uncertainty of the future and the pressures of today's youth culture. It gives time to think, cope, and plan. It can give direction and a sense of being worthwhile and it doesn't matter what you look like or what brand of clothes you wear.

As a parent/caregiver

It gives hope when financial matters affect our life, when relationships become strained and need working on, when caring for children becomes overbearing and stressful. When our employment (\$\$) becomes the main focus in our life rather than our family and those we care about.

As a teacher/boarding supervisor

It helps us to cope with the pressures of having students perform, dealing with issues that are not educational, to see hope in their eyes appealing for help. It can give a sense of purpose to what we are doing. It is a vocation, a calling and not just a job

When the Easter story is put in today's terms it becomes very relevant for all people in various ways and not just for those who are more "religious" than others. Sometimes it is very important to take time out from our busy lives to reflect on life, which is a start to developing our spirituality as a individual and as a family.

This week I leave you with a short reflection

Everything in life is a potential blessing.

It only depends on how we view it

And

What we do with it!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Enclosed with this newsletter are forms that need to be completed by parents guardians who have not done so already. These forms relate to the enrolment of your child at CBAS. If forms are not enclosed this means the relevant forms have already been completed.

Please complete these forms as soon as possible and return to CBAS using the enclosed envelope.



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Reminders for Term 2

One of today's current topics is teenage obesity; you will be able to help by not providing your child/children with sweets/lollies/chocolate and other confectionary items (includes chewing gum, which is not permitted at school). Students have access to tuck-shop twice a week. All confectionary items will be confiscated and given back at the end of the term or sent back home (return to sender). Food in the boarding houses can attract vermin and also give too much sugar to an individual at the wrong time! With the onset of diabetes becoming an increasingly younger person's disease, action needs to happen now. All tuck-shop drinks are now of a diet variety. I have also invited a dietitian to come to the school to re assess our menu to ensure the students are given the right size portions for their age and that it promotes a healthy life style choice.

Please ensure all students have the appropriate uniform (boots, appropriate school winter tops and their formal uniform).

In boarding it is important that students follow the simple rules with regard to personal hygiene including a brush or comb (lessons will be provided for those who forget how to use one!).

Mobile Phones are becoming a serious issue. Many students have been letting other students borrow their phones and other electronic devices, then either forgetting who borrowed them or causing a dispute over ownership. It is in the best interest of everybody if items are clearly labeled and the practice of using others phones ceases.

Mobile phones are not permitted in the school between 8:30am and 5pm.

I will meet with the boarding staff to discuss these issues in a boarding context. I have checked with other boarding houses regarding policies; some such as Rotary House in Perth, have a blanket ban on all mobile

phones. While I am not following that particular model, I do believe students often use their phones in an inappropriate way (for example by taking inappropriate photos of themselves or others, or having unacceptable images downloaded on their phones). There is also a temptation to text others late at night or play games which interfere with their sleep and the next day causing them to be lethargic affecting their learning capabilities.

Generally mobile phones are used as a form of communication (hopefully between the student and parent/caregiver). We will be determining a policy that may require the students to hand in phones at bedtime and returned in the morning, (this will also include other electronic devices).

Students who go home for the week-ends will need to ensure no items that contravene the school's regulations are brought back with them. If students are suspected of bringing contraband they may need to empty the contents of the bags they bring back.

Yours Sincerely

Nicholas Lynch
Principal

Message from the Deputy

The first term has concluded and the students have returned home for a well earned break. I have the opportunity to reflect on what has been a very productive term of student endeavour. There have been a lot of successes and most students have been able to take full advantage of the opportunities offered here at Christian Brothers' Agricultural School. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the year eights as they get their first experiences in the metalwork and woodwork shops as well as finding out which end of a horse to offer an apple to, and what the expectations are on the farm. They are a great bunch and have definitely got the right attitude about being at an agricultural boarding school.

All our year levels have been progressing well in their academic and practical endeavours, and this term has set them up for a successful year ahead. The year eights and the year tens got the opportunity to bond during camps and the student body have participated in the historical "Sorry Day" celebrations earlier this term. On that note I am always very pleased by our students and how they present themselves to members of the public when we are out on excursions. The comments (unsolicited) that members of the staff receive about our students' presentation and attitude are always positive and often demonstrate delighted and favourable comparisons with other schools. I am proud to be a part of such a motivated and enthusiastic group of people.

Until next time, happy holidays!

Grant Howarth
Deputy Principal



Outward Bound

Outward Bound was an experience that I will never forget. It definitely pushed me out of my comfort zone. There were times when I just wanted to go home, but when the camp had finished I was very proud with myself that I had the strength and the friends to push me to the end.

Aleysha Stevens

Outward Bound was a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun as well. The best part of the course was the high rope activity. The worst part was all the walking and hiking we had to do.

Frank Watson

Everyone at the camp had to work as a team and it made everyone try and work a bit faster. It also meant we had to listen to each other to get things done. The camp was hard for some people but it was good to see everyone work together. Outward Bound was fun.

Sharelle Boddington

My favourite part of Outward Bound was the high rope course. It was really challenging and fun. We were 12 meters up in the air and we had to walk along the ropes. We all took turns in our group to cook dinner and do the dishes.

Teagan Jackson.

Parents and Friends

The CBAS Parent and Friends next meeting is being held on Wednesday the 23rd April at Skeetas Restaurant commencing at 10am. We will be discussing and finalising plans for Open Day which is being held on the 22nd of June and discussing plans for Tardun Under The Stars. We are a small group and we would love to see some new faces, as many hands make light work.

Below are the future P&F dates for 2008. All of these meetings are on a Friday.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
15 th Feb	16 th May	8 th Aug	31 st Oct
14 th March	13 th June	12 th Sept	TBA

Please mark them down on your calendar!



Above: Cooking dinner.

Below: Setting up camp.



Above: The students rafting.

Below: The low rope course.





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Swimming Carnival 13th March

Team results

1st	Dominic	223
2nd	Bishop	173
3rd	Conlon	117
4th	Rice	105

Year 8 Boys results

Champion Boy

Jermaine Umbagai

R/U Jack Zeller

3rd Paulie Ramirez

Year 9 Boys results

Champion Boy

Joshua Simpson

R/U Raymond Papertalk

3rd Matthew Reibe

Year 10 Boys results

Champion Boy

Alan Egan

R/U Frank Watson

Senior Boys results

Champion Boy

Calan Zat

R/U Jeremy Stretch

Year 8 Girls results

Champion Girl

Shemara Egan

R/U JDanielle Dalgety

Year 9 Girls results

Champion Girl

Alisha Fairclough

R/U Tayla Fairclough

Year 10 Girls results

Champion Girl

Teagan Jackson

R/U Sarah Stemm

Sportsmanship Awards

Craig Dilley

Darlene Patrick

Kelvin Roberts

Trevor Franklin

Mark Turiea

Peter Johnstone

Baden Zat

Jamika Garlett



Above: Craig Dilley participating in the 25 metre breaststroke race.

Below: The start of one of the year 8 25 metre freestyle race.



Above: One of the year 9 backstroke races.

Below: Some of the Bishop team members.

