Swimming for Yrs 3-6 starts this Thursday 5th February. Please note that if your child does not have a swimming cap or sun shirt they will not be able to participate in the lesson.

A small team of swimmers will be participating in the North District swimming trials next week. We wish them well.

Choir News
Senior Choir will commence next Wednesday at 7.50am. Junior Choir will commence next Thursday at 8am. Notes will be sent home today.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on the 16th March. Information regarding this will be in next weeks newsletter.

Gardner Chess
Gardner Chess will be conducting chess lessons in the library seminar room on Thursday afternoons, after school, commencing on the 12th of February. Forms to enrol should be available very soon.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Did you know OLA has a Second Hand Uniform Shop? The P&F is hoping to raise the profile of the shop, so we are asking for families to donate old uniforms that are still in good condition and are no longer needed (preferably on hangers so that they are quick and easy for us to hang up!). If you have any spare hangers, we'd appreciate them too.

In the meantime, if anyone can help with the sorting of uniforms we'd appreciate your time after Assembly on Friday morning the 6th February from 9.30am. We'll even shout you a coffee! Just 30 minutes of sorting would help us out, if that's all the time you can spare. Meet you at Pender Hall, at the rear of the silver seats (morning meeting area).

We all love a bargain, so to kick off the school year, we are holding a SALE on Friday 6th February from 9.30am, with all items for sale at $1 a piece. Cash only. All proceeds go to the P&F. Heaps of winter stock, spare shirts, service with a smile—we’ve got it all!

Parent Portal
Logins and Passwords were sent to new families yesterday. Please check your email for this information. If you have not received this information please email penoggera@bne.catholic.edu.au

 Prep Enrolments 2016
Parents, if you have a child due to start Prep in 2016 please submit your application of enrolment. Enrolment forms are on the school’s website. Ensure you submit a copy of your child’s birth certificate with the form.

OLA Instrumental Programs – Band and Strings—Some Positions Still Available
Thank you to all those parents who have enrolled their children into the
OLA band and strings programs. It is great to have so many enthusiastic young musicians. We still have a few positions available in the strings program (violin and viola) and some positions available in the band program. For those children who would like to try learning an instrument but would like to do so without having to purchase an instrument straight away, OLA still has a few trumpets, trombone, violins, violas and a clarinet available for hire for the first year of tuition.

**OLA Strings Program News**
The strings program runs on **Mondays** and **ensemble will commence this Monday, February 9 at 7:30am**. The strings program is run by Mrs Bronwyn Gibbs. Mrs Gibbs is a very experienced strings teacher, performer, conductor and adjudicator and is also Head of Strings at St Paul’s School, Bald Hills.

**OLA Band Program - News**
The band program runs on **Tuesdays** this year with **band commencing next Tuesday, February 10 at 7.50am**. **Mr Rowan Yates** is running the band program. He has a Bachelor of Music degree in Performance and also teaches at two independent schools on the north side of Brisbane. Mr Yates is an accomplished musician, performing with a number of bands and orchestras in Brisbane.

**North District Basketball Trials**
**Girls 12 & Under**—Tuesday 17th Feb at Albany Creek State High School.
**Boys 12 & Under**—Thursday 19th Feb at Albany Hills State School.

**P & F NEWS**

P&F FIRST MONTHLY MEETING: Monday 2nd March, 7.30PM, in the Staff Room.

Please come along to the first P&F meeting of the year to meet the new team. We are looking forward to a successful and fun year. A particularly warm welcome to new parents. We encourage you to come along to hear what is happening at school and to be part of our school community.

The meetings are informal and friendly, new ideas and discussion topics always welcome. This is your chance to have your say on school related matters, and a great way to meet new parents. Don't be afraid to come along to a meeting - it's just an hour or so of your time, and it's your choice how involved you want to be in the various activities on offer. We promise not to commandeer you!

The P&F Executive Committee for 2015:

- President: Steve Rzepka (Year 5 parent)
- Vice President: Dubhe Warner (Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 parent)
- Secretary: Kerri Hruza (Prep & Year 2 parent)
- Treasurer: Dennis Fachin (Year 3 & Year 5 parent)

- Executive Committee members: Kath York, Stuart Baildon, TBC
**Q of A Netball Sign-on Day**

The sign-on day for Queen of Apostles Netball Club is on Saturday 7 February 2015 from 9.00am to 1.00pm Queen of Apostles School, 10 Thuruna Street, Stafford. While this is the main sign-on opportunity, player registration can be made prior to this day by emailing qofanetnall@gmail.com. We are a registered club with the Qld Government "Get in the Game" program, "Get Started" vouchers will be accepted towards payment of registration fees.

The 2015 winter fixtures commence Saturday 21 March 2015.

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**ENOGGERA FUTSAL CLUB**

**Winter Training & Competition**

Saturday Mornings 9-10am Ages 3-8 Boys & Girls Welcome

New Season Starting at HENDRA- Widdop St, Aviation High or ENOGGERA- 72 Pickering St Starting February 28th 2015

At Only $240 price Includes:

- 18 Week Season
- Weekly Hour Long Session
- Training From Professional Coaches
- Full Kit – Jersey, Shorts and Socks
- 1 x Ball for Every Player

Free Trial 14th Feb 2015

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**REGISTRATION DAY**

**Saturday 7th February, 2015**

**12-4pm**

**FREE** Sausage Sizzle & give-aways!

**Everton Park Junior Rugby Union** (Enoggera) is looking for children aged 5 to 16 to play a team sport where you can get fit, and make great mates.

Rugby is an exciting fast and free flowing game combining the skills of passing, catching, running and evasion (no tackling for U6-U8).

No experience is necessary; our accredited coaches are willing to teach all aspects of the game.

Become part of our club ...... it’s never too late to join

Email: rugby@epjru.com.au or visit www.epjru.com.au

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**ART CLASSES TERM 1**

Come and explore some breathtaking images and learn more about our amazing planet this term in our after school art classes.

The classes start on Tuesday 10th February for 8 weeks and are held in Pender Hall from 3.00pm until 4.30 pm. Children learn at their own pace and are guided to explore all skill areas of the young creative mind. All levels of ability are welcome and I provide a highly encouraging and positive atmosphere for children to learn in.

Classes provide all materials as well as afternoon tea and a treat to take home!

As this term is only 8 lessons the cost will be reduced to $80 for this term only.

Please call Terry asap on 0430 414 333 to reserve a place as numbers are limited

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**ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS SWIM CLUB IS BACK FOR TERM 1 !!!**

And we look forward to seeing you all there next Friday the 6th of January at 5:30pm for warm up, and 6:00 start time.

New members are more than welcome! Come along for the night and see what we are all about. BBQ and drinks available on the night.

See you all there for another fun filled term!

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**Term 2 Group programs at All About Kids**

**Cool Kids - Anxiety Prevention Program**

10 week course developing strategies and resilience for anxiety and worry. Age group: 6-9 years Cost: $600

**All About Friendships – Social Skills Program**

6 week short course developing better social interaction and friendship skills. Age group: 4-6 and 7-10 years Cost: $360

For more information call Kellie on 3262 6009 or www.allaboutkids.com.au
One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.  

Michael Grose, Parenting Ideas  

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve  
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive  
If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home  
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time  
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes  
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others  
Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties  
Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities  
There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience  
Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school  
Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.