Comming Soon... BCE Religious Education Website and Portal
A new Religious Education website is currently being developed by the Religious Education Team. The new website will provide a convenient and accessible portal for religious educators. The RE Team have commissioned an ICT engineer and web designer to prepare the site for release during Term 3. Data from the Blackboard Community and the Religious Life of the School Website will be updated and uploaded to the new site. The new site has the potential to provide easy access to quality religious education resources, facilitate professional exchange, and contribute to the development of the religious dimension of school life.

Catholic Education Week 26 July - 1 August 2009
Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and spread the good news about the distinctive mission of Catholic schools in Queensland. The details of the week’s activities can be accessed from the Catholic Education Week website.

Archbishop’s Pastoral Message to Young People
On Pentecost Sunday 2009, Archbishop John Bathersby launched the “Come, Walk in the Light” initiative, designed to support and grow the faith of young people throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese. The Archbishop’s invites Catholic young people to CONNECT with the message of Jesus through the Church; GROW in the knowledge and love of Jesus; CHOOSE to respond to the call of Jesus to become part of his mission in the world; and GO out on mission every day. To download the Archbishop’s message visit the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane website.

Service Learning Improving Academic Achievement
Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. It enriches student learning, encourages social responsibility and strengthens communities through community-education partnerships.

Service Learning is an exciting, hands-on approach to education and a growing body of research indicates that students who have been part of values based education programs, like Service Learning, do exhibit superior academic improvement. For further reading visit: www.servicelearning.org.

Service Learning Professional Development 25 August, O’Shea Centre
Brisbane Catholic Education is hosting Rev Dr David Pascoe, Associate Professor St Paul’s Theological College and Margaret Richmond to facilitate a Service Learning Professional Learning Day. Margaret is currently working with NSW Department of Education and Training to develop Service Learning curriculum units of work. Margaret is also assisting Queensland Government and Religious Institute schools to introduce Service Learning. Both presenters will engage participants to discern and critique existing policies, structures and practices in their school community with a particular focus on service learning and building a culture of reflection. Enrol via the BCE Professional Development Calendar.