Dear Parents and Caregivers

Assisting our children in the preparation of the Sacraments is an important step as they travel their journey of faith. It is not always easy, however, we only need to remember that it is the Lord’s work and he is calling us to share His mission of building the Kingdom.

A number of our school families have recently enrolled in the Sacramental program for Confirmation and Eucharist and will spend the next five weeks preparing for the reception of these Sacraments. We pray that the receiving of these Sacraments will be the beginning of a lifetime of approaching the Table of the Lord to be nourished, sustained and strengthened in the journey of life.

ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We were indeed fortunate with a beautiful sunny day for our athletics carnival on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to cheer on their child and to all those parents who assisted as officials throughout the day. Thank you also goes to all of the teachers and school officers who worked tirelessly throughout the day supervising the children in the many events in which they participated. Finally, a big thank you to Christie Lewis, our physical education specialist who organised the carnival and ensured a very active day was enjoyed by everyone and to the sport’s committee who assisted in preparations. Congratulations to our Year Seven House leaders who helped the teachers organise the teams on the day. We look forward to hearing the final results of the day.

Thank you also to the Principal and the staff of Marist College, for the use of the facilities at the school.

FLEXIBLE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Throughout the course of a school year, situations arise which require students to enter into different and flexible arrangements for their continued education. Such situations may include extended family vacations, periods of prolonged sickness, recovery from serious injury and so on.

In such situations the school has procedures which must be followed to ensure the appropriate continued education of the students involved, and requires certain conditions to be met.

Accordingly, if you anticipate your child will be absent from school for a period longer than two weeks, you are required to contact the office and obtain the appropriate form to be completed and returned to the office prior to departure.

SAFETY AT THE CHURCH ROUNDABOUT

Last week we had a call from a parent who had seen another parent on the mobile phone while driving through the Church Roundabout at pick up time.

For the safety of our children please refrain from this illegal and very dangerous practice.

Yours sincerely, Carolyn
St Joseph’s 75 Anniversary Memorabilia

It’s not too late to purchase some of the 75th Anniversary memorabilia!

Tea Towels $10
Cook Books $22
Both items available at the school office.

From the APRE

Year 4 Sacramental Program – First Communion and Confirmation
Thursday 12th September – Retreat Day at Lavalla Centre, Rosalie for all making their Sacraments.
Friday 13th September (2 sessions) Confirmation Night – St Bridgid’s Red Hill
Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th – Sacrament of First Communion

Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s visit to St Joseph’s
His Grace (formal greeting when addressing him) will be beginning his Jubilee Schools visit on Friday 13th September here at St Joseph’s with a ‘Meet and Greet’ teacher breakfast. He will then be shown the school by members of our Year 7 class, before joining us for a liturgy at 8:50am in the hall. Upon the conclusion of the liturgy he will depart for a similar experience at St Ambrose’s, Newmarket. It would be great to see as many members of our school community joining us for that liturgy on Friday 13th morning.

UNSW Science Awards
Congratulations to Patrick (Year 5B) who recently achieved a High Distinction in the Science test. These tests are international with many countries taking part. What makes Patrick’s award so special is that he achieved the highest mark in Queensland. Congratulations Patrick.

ALL ABOARD!!!!!
Mr Robbo’s walking school bus is here again for the month of August! Meet me by 8:10am near the main entrance to Bowman Park. We will gather near the swings at the undercover area and depart at 8:15am. Any parents that want to be conductors, you are more than welcome – no training needed.

Star Student of the Week—Rosezetta (Prep G)
Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Australian Girls Choir
The Australian Girls Choir will be holding an assessment workshop at our school on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 9:15am. Your daughter in Yr 2 - 6 will receive a flier.

Parents are asked to return the permission slip to the school if they are interested in having their daughter involved. Interested girls will be assessed as a group by one of our tutors at the specified time and each girls will be sent an individual assessment report.
**Important Dates**

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**Glass Jars**

We are still in need of glass jars. If you can help out, please leave them at the office. Many thanks.

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE**

**Active Wednesday Surveys**

Congratulations to the following classes who last week had the highest number of students who actively travelled to school both on Wednesday morning and afternoon:

- 4B (69%)
- 7B (59%)
- 3W (55%)

The winners for the week before were:

- Prep B (54%)
- 4/5G (50%)
- 3W and 7B (46%)

The **July Star Class Certificate** was awarded to **1G** for Biggest Percentage Increase in Active School Travellers this Year – 25%

Don’t forget Mr Robbo’s Park N Strike on Wednesday morning leaving from Bowman Park at 8.10 am. The AST breakfast will take place on the last day of the Park N Stride on Wednesday 28 August.

**FATHERS DAY STALL – FRIDAY 30 AUGUST**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist with the stall, we now have enough helpers.

We are still seeking donations of any suitable prizes to be raffled on the stall. If you are able to donate (bottle of wine, a ‘Dad’ activity or present), please contact Catherine (catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au) or Kerry (klda@optusnet.com.au).
Prep B  James for always presenting his weekly “Show and Share” with great confidence.
Prep G  Tom for displaying ‘Petey Persistence’ in all areas of learning.  Great work!
Prep W  Poppy for approaching all classroom tasks with great enthusiasm.
1B  Evie for working very hard in Maths and English rotations this week.  Great job Evie!
1G  Finn for looking out for others without being asked and always trying hard with his work.
1W  Henry for always bringing a wonderful smile to the classroom and a positive attitude to his learning.
2B  Eliza - Wow! What a great week of work.  You have tried so hard with everything.  Fantastic work!
2G  Amelia for always working well in class.
2W  Joshua for always showing respect to his teachers and classmates by being a thoughtful and caring class member.
3B  Xavier for having a wonderful first week at St Joseph’s.
3G  Pierce for his thoughtfulness, consideration and friendship offered to his peers.
3W  Amy and Gabrielle for a fantastic effort with the presentation of homework.
4B  Lachlan for improved concentration and good efforts in all areas of his school work.  Keep it up Lachlan!
4W  Emmitt for his continuing effort in Science and showing friendship to his classmates.
4/5G  Lily for an excellent start in 4/5Gold.
5B  Gabe for a more focused approach to his learning efforts during group work.
6B  Charlie for sharing her artistic flare and creativity in art this week.
7B  Nieve for excellent organisational and study skills.

**P&F News**

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If you would like to contact the P&F, please feel welcome to email Barney McAuliffe (P&F President) mcauliffe@bcmtrading.com
ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL NEWS

BREAKING NEWS:
Two of our competitive teams have made the finals! We wish our Under 11 teams all the best for their games in the semi-finals this weekend. Go Joeys!!

The netball season is drawing to a close with more of our teams having their last game this Saturday, 17 August. Two important diary date claimers to note:
- Club break-up celebration on Tuesday 3 September
- AGM on Monday 14 October.

TEAM NEWS

ST JOSEPHS 1 - UNDER 12S DIV 3 vs THE GAP 25
The girls had a strong finish to the season with a win on their last game. They only missed getting into the finals by 1 point! They have had a great season and have only lost 1-2 games, even with having been moved up a division! So well done to the team for a successful season of netball!

ST JOSEPHS 2 “JAYBIRDS” -UNDER 12S DIV 4 vs VALLEYS
Competing under the hot midday sun, the girls displayed great resilience and endurance, giving their all against Valleys until the final hooter. Although victory was not ours, the girls ended the season on a high note, showing true St Joeys team spirit, determination and grace. Congratulations to all the girls for making it a really enjoyable netball season! Player of the week went to Bella for showing great interception skills. Runner up player of the week was Milly, well done!

ST JOSEPHS 3 - UNDER 11S DIV 2 vs ASPLEY
Well, not the win we would have loved for the last game of the season before finals, but a fine effort put in by all 9 girls in this very committed Joeys team!!! Wonderful defence was a stand out with Amelia our player of the match flying high with some wonderful intercepts and great turn overs. Score at the hooter: Joeys 10- Aspley 12. Congratulations to Joeys 3 for their consistency and hard work all season. We have ended the season on the top of the ladder and go into the semi-final this week against All Hallows. Good luck in the finals, but whatever the outcome, remember you are already champions in our eyes! Go Joeys !!!

ST JOSEPHS 4 - UNDER 11S DIV 5 vs VALLEYS
Well done girls on excellent play and teamwork this week. The girls have secured their position in the final rounds with another convincing win. Player of the match was Ruby for her consistent effort throughout the game in defence and attack after returning from injury. Great work Ruby and the whole team 1 Joeys 7 and Valleys 3 .

ST JOSEPHS 5 - UNDER 10S BLUE vs VALLEYS 26
A disappointing final game for Under 10 Blues on Saturday with a defeat to Valleys 26, a team we had previously beaten. With three of our players away it was always going to be a challenge and the girls just couldn’t seem to find their rhythm - although they did reclaim some ground during the second half. A big thank you to Emme for filling in for us and scoring one of our goals. And a HUGE thank you to our wonderful Coach Suzie Meehan and all our wonderful players, parents, umpires and supporters.

ST JOSEPHS 6 - UNDER 10S YELLOW vs ST MARGARET’S
What a great way to finish the season. Each girl got to play in her favourite position and exhibit all of her skills. Congratulations to the girls on a fabulous season, where they displayed great sportsmanship, comradeship and were great representatives of St Joseph’s. Thanks to our fabulous coach Chantelle and our umpire Jo for their commitment to the team this season and to all of the wonderful parents for their support. Hopefully all of the girls will play again next year.

ST JOSEPHS 7 - UNDER 10S ORANGE vs FLUGEL
The girls remain undefeated, with a solid game this week, where they never looked in doubt of a certain victory. Their defence was their best yet, with the opposing team finding it difficult to find any gaps. It was hard to pick a player of the week with all girls playing once again to the best of their ability. The sensational shooting from Isabel gave the team 2 goals in quick succession to earn the crown. This champion team have been a pleasure to watch all season, with one parent getting emotional on the sideline at the thought of the season finishing. Pass that woman a tissue! One game to go!

ST JOSEPHS 8 - NIPPERS WHITE vs RAIDERS 23
A great all round game from our girls this week. Strong defence and attack skills from all players allowed the Nippers to dominate control of the ball and gave us opportunities for many attempts at goal. The girls were well focused during this game and kept up their defensive positions against their opponents.

ST JOSEPHS 9 - NIPPERS MAROON vs VALLEYS
Sadly, this was our last game of the season, and our girls were on fire! The girls skills have developed so much in the past few months. This is due to our wonderful coach, Jo. The girls have blossomed with your guidance, patience, positive energy and humour. We thank you for your time and generosity in helping to make this such a wonderful season. A huge thanks also to our fantastic umpire, Georgina.
And, lastly, thanks to our wonderful group of parents who came along and supported their daughter each week. Looking forward to doing it all again in 2014!!

ST JOSEPHS 10 - NIPPERS ROSE vs ARANA 21:
The girls thoroughly enjoyed their last game of the season and once again displayed fine examples of all they had learned this year with great teamwork, quick passing and boundless enthusiasm. They were also a bit sad that the season had come to an end for this year, but have all committed to return in 2014 for another hard fought netball season.
Tuckshop Roster for next week

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P&F Meeting for the month of August is **THURSDAY 15TH** at 7pm.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival was a fantastic day for all the kids and we also raised some funds for your P & F thanks to the efforts of many. Special thanks must go to Andrew Keogh and Anna Wu who coordinated the whole tuckshop offering – it was a precision-like process! Thanks also to all those who helped in the preparation, worked on the tuckshop and baked cakes. We don’t have a final profit number yet but looks like being approx $2,000 which is an outstanding effort!!

Cheers
Barney McAuliffe
P&F President

The P and F has a Facebook page called **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Parents & Friends Association**, located at [https://www.facebook.com/joeysPandF?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/joeysPandF?ref=hl). If you are on Facebook we would love you to 'Like us' as this will be one more way that we will communicate P and F news to you.
**Swim & Co Ashgrove**

Term 3 begins Monday 19 August and concludes Saturday September 21 2013. This is a 5 week block. **These lessons will be held at Ashgrove State School pool.**

September holiday intensives will run both weeks of the school holidays - 23/9/13 - 4/10/13 **These will be held at Ashgrove State school pool only.** Term 4 is 10 weeks and swimming starts Tuesday 8 October and concludes Saturday 14 December 2013.

**Cost:**

**Term 3:**

Learn to swim is $14 per lesson per child 5 wks=$70-.
Squad lessons are 1 x per week@ $70-, 2 x -$100-, 3 x - $120- and for 4 or more - $140-.

**September Holiday intensive:**

$70- per week for both squad and learn to swim. There are spaces mornings and afternoons. Single days can be arranged for those unable to attend the whole week.

**Ashgrove Coaching Hours:**

**ADULT SQDS:** Mon- Fri 5.30am – 6.30am

**MORNING SQDS:** Mon-Fri 6.30am –8 am.

**AFTERNOON SQDS**

Mon 4.45pm – 5.45pm
Tues –Fri 5.15pm-6.15pm

**SATURDAY SQDS:** 7.30am – 8.30am

**LEARN TO SWIM**

Monday: 3.15pm – 5pm (club night in term 4)
Tuesday – Friday 3.15pm – 5.15pm
Saturday: 8.30am – 12 noon

#for details of swimming club contact#

ashgrove.aces@gmail.com

Michele Stephens
0417 003 977
Email: swimandco.ashgrovess@hotmail.com

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**VACANCY- SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS**

**A casual** position exists for School Crossing Supervisors at Mater Dei Primary.

Some pre-employment conditions.

Up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions.

Up to 1.5 hours per day on a rostered basis.

Pay Rate $26.90 per hour.

Applications available from School Administration.

Applications close: **As soon as possible**

The Gap Health and Racquet Club

Player of the Week is Will Charles

“Congratulations on another excellent week at tennis Will. You listened and applied yourself well, and this was reflected in how well you played. Keep up the good work”

Declan Pearce