Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

A warm welcome to Week 6: As I write this our Year 5 students are spending their first night of camp in Mapleton - hopefully they are warm and getting some rest. There were certainly many excited faces on the bus this morning.

One of my most enjoyable experiences of the week has been conducting enrolment interviews with families starting in either Term 4 or in 2015 (one family reminded me it is only 18 weeks until Christmas). Thank you to Georgia and Aurora, our Year 7 leaders who did a wonderful job showing the families around the grounds. The family commented on how proud they both seemed to be St Joseph’s children.

Congratulations again to the teaching staff and the community for the Athletics Carnival, the weather was fine and the children participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It was fabulous to see all the students supporting their colour house teams and their fellow classmates throughout the day. I include below some mentions from Mrs Lewis:

- A big thank you to the P&F and all the parents who assisted on the day, particularly John Hellawell and Rob Buick for starting the races – I hope your ears were OK that night!
- Thanks also to Andrew Keogh and his team of parents who provided beautiful food all day through the canteen.
- Thanks to the sports committee and all staff for your support and effort to help make the day run so smoothly.
- Great effort from the Year 6/7 leaders for supporting and leading their colour house teams so well throughout the day

The Age Champion trophies (Ages 8-13 years) and the Colour House Champion will be presented at assembly this week from 2.30pm and full results will be in next week’s newsletter. We hope you can make it to assembly this week.

In August each year across our Catholic schools, teachers are given an opportunity to enter into discussions with Principals regarding a change of school. This process is encouraged and seen as an opportunity for professional growth within our Catholic communities. Mrs Murphy and Miss Hore requested they be considered in this process and they have both been successful in securing a change of school commencing 2015. We congratulate them both and wish them well next year.

Next Monday 25th students in Year’s 3, 5 and 7 will bring home their NAPLAN results. The initial information I have seen indicates that the children have done very well and should be congratulated for their efforts. This year ACARA have provided a Letter for Parents and I would encourage you to read this information. Within the Learning and Teaching cycle, we use NAPLAN results in conjunction with additional forms of data to inform our teaching, assessment and reporting. I would encourage you to make contact with your teacher if you would like to discuss any information presented in the NAPLAN report. Again, St Joseph’s results are very strong and we should celebrate the efforts and successes of our learners.

Our Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE), Mr Michael Robertson, is currently undergoing an Appraisal Process as a Senior Leader within Brisbane Catholic Education. This involves an extensive consultative and feedback process including an online survey being distributed soon. As part of this process, Michael writes a self-review that is submitted to a peer panel. As Senior Leaders, the process of discerning achievements and leadership areas for future development and direction every five years is a valuable one. I invite members of the community to make contact with me if you would like to participate in this appraisal process. We wish Michael well during this reflective time.
This week we welcomed Ms Madelaine Lawlor (Guidance Counsellor) to our community for the remainder of the school year. Ms Lawlor is working on Tuesday’s to provide additional support for targeted student programs and assessments - welcome to our community Ms Lawlor.

All the best for our Tournament of the Minds Teams competing this Saturday 23rd. Enjoy the challenges in Language Literature and the Social Sciences. Thank you to our parents and teachers supporting the teams on the day.

Safe travels for our campers on Friday and every blessing for the days ahead.

With Humility, Care and Respect

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal

Date Claimer: Prep Information Evening – 3rd November

40 Hour Famine: Please support Amy and Rose and Lucy as they give up furniture and technology for the 40 hour famine - http://www.40hourfamine.com.au/ - we are proud of your efforts!

From the APRE
Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The program is now closed for enrolment and has over 200 candidates participating from many schools across our Parish. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. Any concerns or queries please contact Jenny Donnelly on 0402252009.

Date Claimers:
Tuesday 29 July – Parent Information (enrolment) Night: 7.00pm Sacred Heart Rosalie
Thursday 4 September- Retreat Day Lavalla Centre
September 5/6/7 – Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Our Star Student of the Week is Takara (1W)

Mass Dates Term 3
Week 7: Year 3
Week 8: Year 4
Week 9: Year 1

Active School Travel – Bling your Bike Day
Thanks to my colleagues on the Active School Team for helping run the day and provide the healthy start breakfast. Thanks also to Felicity Moore from the Brisbane City Council for assistance with judging on the morning. There were some great bikes and scooters entered and a few winners and runners up. Well done to all the students (and parents) who decorated them.

HUMILTY CARE and RESPECT
Thanks to Mrs Ginetta Rochester (Art teacher) for her work with the students in creating these mosaic pillars promoting our school motto. Thanks also to Mr Steven Rochester and Mr Ron Hunt for fixing them in place. Can’t wait to see it once the plants have gone in.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child's literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child's achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter's NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child's academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child's school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html)

Your son or daughter's results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child's results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.
This means you can compare your child’s performance to children in the same year level. As with all tests, small differences between students’ NAPLAN scores do not reflect real achievement differences.

Using this information, you can then take the time to celebrate the success that you see and/or identify areas for improvement. You should talk to your child’s teacher about what you should do next if you see areas that need improvement.

If your child is concerned with their results, remind them that NAPLAN isn’t a pass or fail test and there are no rewards or penalties for the result your child achieves. Rather, the NAPLAN student report is a point in time snapshot of your child’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. This snapshot gives an indication of how your child compares with students across Australia.

ACARA is committed to improving learning for all young Australians through world-class curriculum, assessment and reporting. This year, we are aiming for NAPLAN results to be returned to you more quickly than in previous years.

As teachers and parents continue on with the rest of 2014, I urge you to keep NAPLAN student reports in context. Don’t stop any activities your child enjoys; don’t focus your child only on literacy and numeracy. Evidence shows that a well-rounded education, including the pursuit of other activities such as sport and art, contributes to the development of literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills. All activities are crucial to the school program and contribute to developing informed, happy children who are confident in their own abilities.

Robert Randall
Chief Executive Officer, ACARA
Garden near the Church
There are a number of new plants on the embankment between the Church and the School. Please encourage children to stay off this area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Instrumental Music News
The Junior Band and the Senior Band will both be performing at the upcoming "Bye Bye Winter BBQ" on Sunday August 31st. All band members are required to perform on that day and will need to present themselves at the music room at 10.30am, dressed in their formal (striped) school uniform. The band performances will commence at 11.20am and band students will have plenty of time to change into casual clothes before the other festivities commence at midday. If any band members are unable to attend, please contact Linda Pendrith, by e-mail: linda@pendrith.net

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST - “BLING YOUR BIKE & SCOOTER” DAY

It was another fabulous AST breakfast in the undercroft on Friday 8th August, with lots of excited children bringing beautifully decorated wheels to take part in the bike/scooter parade.

All the children who decorated their bikes and scooters did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their efforts. The major prizes of a bike pack, with lots of bike-related goodies, for the best “dressed” bike or scooter were handed out on the day to the “Lady Buggy” and “Elvis” entries, and four lucky runners up got the last of our precious Active School Travel handballs. Well done!!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEYS -

Don’t forget, this month’s Star Class award will go to the class with the most number of cyclists and scooter riders.
Prep B  Annabelle for a fantastic effort with her Show and Share on a mystery item. Great work Annabelle.
Billy for great participation in our school Mass with wonderful listening and singing.

Prep G  Julia for displaying great behaviour this week in class and doing an outstanding Show and Share presentation.
Ruby for being a great member of our class, for participating well and always being happy and cheerful. You will be missed.

Prep W  Sam for involving himself in discussions about living things in such an enthusiastic manner.
Matthew for bouncing into school every morning with a huge smile on his face!

1B  Poppy for consistently showing humility, care and respect.
Meg for being a great role model for her group.

1G  Zach for using wonderful manners this week in class and so willingly helping others.
Olivia for showing care and respect towards her classmates and always being willing to help others.

1W  Alexander for showing great kindness helping your friends without being asked. Your behaviour encompasses our school values.
Amelie for cheering on your classmates at the Sports Carnival despite being unable to participate and for your kindness and happy smile that makes your teacher’s and classmates’ day!

2B  Stella for great concentration and effort when learning and using your addition strategies in Maths.
Sam for a great effort and concentration when working on writing paragraphs for information reports.

2G  Lila for always working well in class.
Ruby for her beautiful smile and for always giving her best in class.

2W  Eleanor for working cooperatively in group activities and always showing care and respect to all.
Max for his confidence in asking and answering questions in Religion. Well done Max.

3B  Harry for showing such gratitude and lovely manners to his peers in 3B. Thank you Harry.

3G  Clancy for showing improvement in his effort and attitude towards his work.
Lucia for being a creative thinker who shares wonderful observations with the class.

3W  Amelia for fantastic summaries in her reading blog and for adding extra details to her writing.
Charlie for her great attitude towards her learning.

4B  Eli for always showing humility and patience in Year 4.
Jackson for always showing consideration and humility.
Joshua for always having a positive attitude in class.
Gus for always showing responsibility.

4W  Dylan for enthusiasm and hard work researching and writing your Salt Water Crocodile report.
Gabby for greeting me with a smile each day and for being a willing and able helper.

5B  Eloise for participation in all school activities to the best of her ability.
Lily for working diligently, always cooperating and respecting her peers.

6B  Lola for making huge progress in Mathematics and getting 100% in her decimal and whole number division test.
Maya for her extra effort in Maths and not giving up when finding the percentage of a number.

7B  Ruth for being a caring and enthusiastic class member and for always showing interest in everything she does.
Jessica, Charlene and Georgia for a wonderfully presented and prepared class liturgy.

### Important Dates

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Hi Parents & Carers,

A reminder that our mid-year get together (not a fete - a fete has craft and second-hand books and coconut ice and raffles and weeks of work) is happening next Sunday August 31. It’s shaping up to be a relaxed family day in the sunshine.

Of course any whole-school event needs some volunteers, so if you can help a little, before or on the day, that would be great. Lots of helpers mean short shifts!

**Rides:** A couple of people still needed on the day to supervise and sell tickets. Please contact Michelle Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@superpartners.com.au

**Coffee Shop:** We need eight volunteers to serve, and if you like baking, a cake or a batch of muffins, some biscuits, or maybe a slice would be great. Something gluten-free would be welcome too! Contact Kerry Alleandra klda@optunet.com.au

**Bar:** Volunteers still needed to serve drinks and check ID. Email Justin.sheehan@urbanutilities.com.au

**Lob A Choc:** Easy and fun. We need LOTS of donations of small and large family blocks. Lots of variety - just avoid anything with nuts. Keep an eye out for specials and drop them into the box at the office. Each family can donate one chocolate thing we’ll be set. If you can help on the day, Tony and Velia would love to hear from you tonvandvelia@optunet.com.au

**Logistics:** If you’re a practical person, we could use your help coordinating water, power, bins, and fencing - that sort of thing. Please contact Kelly scottandkelly4@gmail.com

**Sponsorship:** If your family or business would like to contribute to the cost of hiring a ride or first aid, we’d love to hear from you. Contact Kelly at scottandkelly4@gmail.com

**Set Up and Pack Up:** Helpers will be needed from 9am on Sunday morning and also to stay on until everything is cleaned up and packed away. Lots of people-power means this won’t take long. Please email Kelly at scottandkelly4@gmail.com so we know how many hands we can count on.

But most of all we need you to come along and have a great afternoon!

The P&F committee.
FATHER’S DAY STALL

The P&F is holding a Father’s Day Stall on

Friday 5th of September
(Prep’s on Thursday 4th of September)

Choose some lovely gifts for Dad.

Gifts include:
• BBQ apron & drink cooler
• Travel Bags
• Brain teaser puzzles
• Coffee mugs
• Sports socks
• Photo frames
• Measuring tapes
• Drink bottles
• and lots more........

.........and a selection of gifts for Grandpa / Granddad too!

Prices range from $1 - $6

* you can get several presents to make up a nice package for Dad for $10-15!
As you may know, one or both of our two (2) tennis courts here at St Joseph's are available for hire at the rate of:

- $10 per hour during the day; or
- $12 per hour when lights used

**BOOKINGS**

Online booking can be made at [www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au) – see the link for TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS (under ‘Quick Links’)

OR

Please contact Catherine Myers on 0422 000 321 or catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au for bookings or any other queries regarding court hire.

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**Community News**

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes) for more information.

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**The Gap Health and Racquet Club Player of the Week: Sienna**

“Sienna has put in 100% effort every lesson this term. In our last lesson she showed great control in her shots. Well done Sienna and keep up the good work!”

Lachie Miller (Coach)

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**Sunday Liturgy Helpers**

We are looking for some new mums/dads to take liturgy classes on the 2^nd^ and 5^th^ Sunday of the month. No experience required, just need a Blue Card (or equivalent – Parish can help to attain) and be able to prepare a short 15 minute session based on the weekly gospel. Depending on the age group it can be a chat, or puzzle/colouring activity. Resources are available. If you are interested, please contact Glenda Hawley on cghawley@gmail.com
St Ignatius Parish presents their 4th Annual, ecumenical
Women's Night of Spirituality

Robyn Emerson
St Ignatius parishioner Robyn Emerson is a science journalist and speech writer who works in communications at Brisbane City Council. A mother of two young adults, she is currently studying a research degree in Creative Writing and is working on a children’s book.

Tonight she introduces:

Clare Sultmann:
Clare Sultmann’s life changed on a crisp Sydney winter morning in 2000. The then 23 year old business and law graduate was hit by a truck as she was on her morning run through Bondi. Her injuries were horrific and she spent the next decade trying to regain her independence, including the painful process of learning to walk again. The former All Hallows’ schoolgirl also was on a quest to find meaning in what happened. Clare’s autobiographical account of those years “Standing On My Own Two Feet” gives an insight into that journey. A barrister, wife and mother of two boys, Clare lives in Noosa and continues ongoing rehabilitation.

Dr Maryanne Loughry rsm:
Maryanne Loughry is a psychologist who specialises in the medical effects of trauma on refugees. She spends part of the year teaching at Oxford and Boston and recently returned from working with refugees in Syria. An Australian Sister of Mercy and the assistant director of the Jesuit Refugee Service, Maryanne Loughry is a member of the Government’s advisory council on asylum seekers. She was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2010 for service to refugees.

Yasmin Khan:
Yasmin Khan is a cane farmers’ daughter, born and bred in Far North Queensland. A mixture of Indo-Pakistani and British heritage, her family has lived in Australia for 150 years. Yasmin has been a long term Muslim community activist and spokesperson. She is the founder and president of Queensland Eidfest, a festival held to celebrate the end of Ramadhan. Yasmin has regular appearances on the ABC and 4BC, speaking on a variety of topics, from spirituality to sport, including her lifelong love of cricket.

Tuesday 26th August 2014 ~ 7.30pm – 9.15pm
Stuartholme School Chapel
Birdwood Terrace, Toowong.

No Booking Required. Donation at the door. Supper provided.

Parking Available - Please check Stuartholme School’s website www.stuartholme.com for details on the day.
Enquiries only email: womensnightofspirituality@live.com.au