Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

At Wednesday’s staff meeting, I was able to share with the teachers that I will continue to lead this wonderful community until the end of the year. While I am sincerely humbled to be continuing my journey with you and the St Joseph’s community, I am also very mindful of the reasons behind this. As a Catholic community, the prayers from those around us bring great comfort in times of need. Please keep Carolyn and those she cares for in your thoughts and prayers during the coming months. Please also be assured of my deep commitment in continuing and progressing the many initiatives our various community and teaching teams have planned for the remainder of the year.

If you walked along the path at the front of the school near the Prep playground on Tuesday morning, you may have missed our Year 7 leaders praying quietly in the clearing. The theme for the reflection was ‘Equity for All’ and with the current events in the world news, may the prayers of these students bring hope to people in desperate need of peace, equity and understanding. The space the children were praying in is under consideration for some minor development to create a more sacred prayer space. If you have any ideas, especially some symbolism ideas for our school Charisms of Humility, Care and Respect, we would be most interested to hear your thoughts.

With only a few days to go ‘til the Winter Family Day BBQ (Sunday 31st 12:00 – 4:00), spare some more prayers for fine weather. Thank you for the many conversations and hands that have gone into organising an event that brings us all together. I look forward to spending time with you on Sunday, and especially enjoying the performances of the Junior and Senior Band commencing at 11.20am.

As we say goodbye to winter, The Queensland Department of Health has requested the dissemination of influenza information to families from schools. They have advised that Influenza notifications are currently increasing, and a third of all notifications this year have occurred in the last two weeks. Please consider appropriate measures to minimise the spread of infections during school time by keeping children home if they are unwell. More Information regarding the flu is available at: www.health.qld.gov.au/flu

1:1 Laptop program – Year 4 2015
Next Monday night 1st September at 6.30pm there is a parent information evening in the Year 4 classrooms for all parents of current Year 3 students.

The night will go through the current program, educational benefits and curriculum links, logistics and management of devices. The current Year 4 teachers will be attending to showcase their work and to assist with any queries. We also welcome Mr Paul Easton, Education Officer from Brisbane Catholic Education, who partnered with us in developing the program.

Our Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE), Mr Michael Robertson, is currently undergoing an Appraisal Process as a Senior Leader within Brisbane Catholic Education *(mandated every five years)*. This involves an extensive consultative and feedback process including an online survey and discussion with focus groups. I invite members of the community to make contact with me if you would like to participate in this appraisal process by filling in a simple survey. The surveys are currently open and close on 5th September.

Congratulations to Ms Sarah Hore who has been selected to participate in the QCT Beginning Teachers’ project. Sarah has been identified as a highly effective teacher by the Queensland College of Teachers and is very deserving of this recognition. Congratulations also to our Year 4 students preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion next week. Every blessing for you during this special time.

With Humility, Care and Respect

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal
From the APRE

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they near their Sacraments weekend. Next Thursday all 200 children from across the parish will gather for a retreat day at the Lavalla Centre, Rosalie for a day of preparation. All Year 4 students from St Joseph’s will attend as it also compliments work being done in Religious Education in the class. Any concerns or queries please contact Jenny Donnelly on 0402252009.

Date Claimers:
Thursday 4 September - Retreat Day Lavalla Centre
September 5/6/7 – Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Mass Dates Term 3
Week 8: Year 1
Week 10: Year 4

Year 5 Camp
Last week, 31 Year 5 girls and 3 teachers attended a bush camp in the beautiful surrounds of Mapleton.

On the bus trip to camp there was a lot of singing, sleeping and card games which made the bus extremely exciting!! There were lots of fun activities on camp such as the giant swing and the flying fox. They were both very high and involved having lots of faith! We did archery and orienteering also an activity called EUREKA which required a lot of thinking. Overall the activities were definitely a highlight! On the last night we went down to the bonfire and heard some dreamtime stories from Uncle Henry.

There were three cabins at Mapleton. One cabin had 15 girls and the other two cabins had 8. We were so tired on the second day from a night of no sleep. But the second night everyone fell asleep as soon as we hit the pillow! Overall year 5 had the best camp that no one will ever forget!!!

By Chloe, Gen and Lily St.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

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.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is still going strong with 20-30 children each day. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Some important points to note:

- Could you please drop your application off at the school office at least 24 hours before you wish your child(ren) to join the Walking School Bus.
- If you have enrolled your children in the Walking School Bus, and need to notify the coordinator of any changes, please text/call or email Christine Brown as per the contact details below.

The Walking School Bus will not be cancelled due to rain, so please pack an umbrella or raincoat for your child.

If the Walking School Bus is cancelled due to an adverse weather event, you will be notified by text to pick your child(ren) up from the roundabout.

If you are interested in being involved please come to one of our meetings, or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

NEWS FLASH! – “Kids On The Move”
Kids On The Move fitness sessions for primary school aged children have started at Bowman Park near the Walking School Bus drop-off location from 3:30-4:00pm Tuesdays. An option to have your child signed off the Walking School Bus and into the fitness session is available.

A Wednesday session is also being considered, so to express your interest or request more information, please contact Christine Brown on 0406 425561 or email christine@whatalifebrisbane.com.au.
**LANGUAGES – ITALIAN**

Dear Parents

There has been a lot of talk about “Languages” in the news this week.

**PREP CHILDREN TO LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE**

EVERY state primary school would offer languages from Prep by 2025 under an ambitious Queensland Government proposal to prepare kids for a global society.

Queensland Education Director-General Jim Watterston says if children are going to learn a second language it’s “best to do that at the earliest possible stage in life”.

He said Queensland was behind other states in its approach to languages, despite research showing those who studied a second language performed better in their first.

“It’s widely acknowledged that learning a language has a positive impact on a student’s intellectual development, enhancing their learning in other areas,” Mr Langbroek said. “This is part of preparing our young people to thrive in a global society.”

**THE COURIER**

Italian language teacher Alfredo Ferranti teaches Prep students at Rainworth State School. Every state primary school would offer languages from Prep by 2025 under a bold new plan.

Adam Mathewson, Principal of Rainworth State School where Italian is taught from Prep, said their younger students studied a lot of Italian song and rhyme, which fostered a love of the culture. “By doing it from such an early year children aren’t trying to pick it up later in life and then the challenge of learning a language becomes more difficult,” he said.

All state schools are proposed to implement the Australian Curriculum in Languages from 2016.

Mr Langbroek said it would be up to schools what language they taught in consultation with their community, including indigenous languages.

**ILC CALLIGRAM COMPETITION**

Children are presently working on ILC co Calligram. (Information attached with the newsletter). They are beginning this at school and then have the option (Years 3 to 7 only – Prep and Year 1 will complete theirs in class) to complete it at home if they wish to enter the competition. The entry due date to me is Wednesday 17 September so I can choose the best 5 from each class to send into the ILC. Attached is the information about the Calligram.

Grazie

Jeanette Vanderzee

**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
CREATE A CALLIGRAM

What is a calligram?

A calligram is a poem, phrase, or word with the handwriting arranged in a way that creates a visual image.

Create a calligram

Ferragosto, an ancient Italian festival that dates back to Roman times, is one of the most beloved celebrations in Italy. The festival commemorates the Ascension of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (PARADISO).

Today, Ferragosto is still celebrated as a day of rest and family time. In many families, Ferragosto is a time to gather with friends and enjoy a barbecue (GRILLATA) or visit local sights (PIAGGIA). Families typically stay at home or travel to places that offer a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.

Competition 2014

The competition is open to all schools and aims to encourage students to express their creativity through art. The competition consists of two categories: Pre-Yr1 and Yr2-Yr5. The winners will receive a certificate, a trophy, and various gift cards.

Competition Conditions

- Free entry for all participants
- A maximum of 3 entries per student
- Entries must be submitted by 26th September 2019

Prizes

- Certificate
- Trophy
- Gift cards

Entries close Friday 26th September 2019
Languages in Queensland state schools

From January 2015, state schools are required to teach a language in Years 5 to 8.

Currently languages are mandated in state schools in Years 6 – 8.

The new Languages in Queensland State Schools policy outlines this change and encourages state schools to offer language learning in Prep to Year 12.

The Queensland Government strongly values the contribution that language education makes both to individuals and to society as a whole. This is part of preparing our young people to thrive in a global society.

More and more our business, industry and personal encounters are global; with more companies recognising the benefits of a workforce with strong language and intercultural skills.

The educational benefits of learning a language are widely acknowledged.

Research shows that learning a language enhances literacy skills in a student’s first language. When learning another language, students better understand how language works as they make comparisons, recognise patterns and view their first language from a different perspective.

Young people’s communication skills and their understanding of other cultures are improved.

Learning a language also has a positive impact on a student’s cognitive development and enhances their learning in other areas.

The teaching of languages is well established and widespread.

Currently, around 101,000 Year 6 – 8 students have access to learning a language.

In 2015, up to 143,000 state school students in Years 5 to 8 will have the opportunity to learn a language.

Queensland is a dynamic, diverse society with more than 220 languages spoken. Learning a language can open young minds to new ideas and foster greater social cohesion and cultural understanding.

The most frequently studied languages in Queensland state schools are Japanese, German, Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish and Indonesian.

Learning a language is part of equipping young people to succeed in a globalised world.

To view the policy visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/framework/p-12/index.html

Languages in Queensland state schools

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7 most common languages learnt

in Queensland state schools are Japanese, German, Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish and Indonesian.

Great state. Great opportunity.
Prep B  Catherine for demonstrating an excellent knowledge of her Tricky Words. Well done Catherine!

Prep G  Piper for being a great friend to everyone in Prep G. Keep up the great work!
Chester for doing a very imaginative show and share performance of his favourite ride. Great job!

Prep W  Bess for asking some interesting questions about Prep W’s Ekka ride inventions.

1B  Talita for being a wonderful buddy for our newest member of our class.
Aisling for settling in so well to your new class. We are very lucky to have you in our class.

1G  Abigail for being Pete Persistence with her writing.

1W  Annabelle for coming to school each day with a big happy smile and being ready to learn.
Ellie for always displaying positive classroom behaviour.

2B  Thomas for great persistence and concentration when working on your “Show Time” investigation.

2G  William for always showing enthusiasm in his school work and an excellent standard of homework.

2W  Thomas for being a cooperative group member.

3B  Yasmin for always linking her learning together and asking fabulous questions.

3G  Abby for having good ideas about minibeasts and sharing these with your classmates.

3W  Joshua and Margaux for showing amazing persistence during problem solving.

4W  Pierce for great effort in learning your division facts.
James for great effort in learning your division facts and all your hard work.

5B  The whole class for camp!

6B  Chloe for being organised and always working hard.

7B  Gabby for excellent questioning and thinking skills in literacy.

### Important Dates

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Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to all who have contributed to the planning of the Bye Bye Winter BBQ, this Sunday from 12 - 4. It's shaping up to be a lovely day, and we're looking forward to seeing you all there.

A couple of reminders:

**Purchase Rides Armbands:** You have two options - log onto the tuckshop website - [https://tuckshop.schoolshoponline.net.au/stjosephsbar don/index.aspx](https://tuckshop.schoolshoponline.net.au/stjosephsbar don/index.aspx) - and follow the instructions on the welcome page (by 11am on the morning of the BBQ) OR send payment into school (by this Thursday 28th August). See attached flyer for full details.

**Collect Armbands:** You have two options - collect your armbands at assembly on Friday 29th August (Michelle and Erin will be there between 2.30-3.30pm) OR collect your armbands on the day, at the Rides ticket booth, near the Coffee Shop (from 12 noon). See attached flyer for full details.

Want to **volunteer** for an hour? Please contact Kelly Beasley on scottandkelly4@gmail.com if you're able to help with pack down (should be done by 5pm) or Justin Sheahan on Justin.Sheahan@urbanutilities.com.au if you're able to give an hour on the bar (please note - email previously given for Justin was incorrect).

**Sponsorship:** Thanks to some generous families who have pitched in to cover some of our costs, and to businesses that have kindly contributed - **Merlo** (Wilkinson Family), **QffS** (Peberdy Family), **Property Searchers** (McGeever Family), **String of Beads** (Raward family) **Broncos, Zippy.com.au** (Doyle Family) and **The Gap Health & Racquet**. If you're interested in sponsoring a ride, or contributing to our costs, please contact Kelly Beasley on scottandkelly4@gmail.com.

Last call for **chocolates** for Lob-a-choc - please drop into the box in the office.

**BYO blanket/camping chair**

Lastly, a reminder that children remain the responsibility of their parents throughout the day.

See you there!
The P&F Committee
**Tennis Court Bookings**

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
- $12 per hour when lights used

**Bookings**

Online booking can be made at [www.stjosephibardon.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephibardon.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.

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**Request for Helpers for Fathers Day Stall!**

We are looking for some extra helpers for the Fathers Day Stall on Friday 5th of September.

- 8-10
- 10-12
- 12-2:30 (followed by assembly)

We are looking for another 5-6 helpers for each of these time slots to make everything run smoothly on the day!

Please let Danielle know if you're available to help us out.

email: danielle@stringofbeads.com.au or SMS 0430 216 085

Thanks!

Danielle & Bianca

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**Raffle Prizes for the Fathers Day Raffle**

GREAT prizes have been donated for our Fathers Day Raffle so make sure you get your tickets returned to school!!!!

- **1st prize** - $600 teeth whitening voucher + a book
- **2nd prize** - $100 voucher for Gap Tavern + a book + some other lovely Fathers Day gifts
- **3rd Prize** - Round of golf for 4 at Ashgrove Golf Club + a book
- **4th prize** - $50 iTunes voucher & Johnny Walker Black Label
- **5th prize** - 2 bottles of wine
- **6th prize** - goody pack
- **7th prize** - goody pack

Thanks to all of the lovely businesses & families who have so generously supported us!!!!

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**Community News**

**Girls Only T20 Blast - Valleys District Cricket Club 2014**

*First 64 Girls to Register Receive the Program FREE! Program costs $99.00 for 8 weeks (suitable for girls up to 15 years of age)*

**When:** Friday Nights 6:00-7:30pm from Friday 24 October onwards

**What:** First night is a ‘Come and Try Night’

**Where:** Bowman Park, Simpsons Road, Bardon 4060

**Contact:** Wayne Smith 0411 516 659 or w.smith@valleycricket.org.au

Register by heading to [www.valleycricket.org.au](http://www.valleycricket.org.au). Click the menu heading ‘T20 Blast Registration Girls’ a new page will open. Click the green ‘Register’ button and then click ‘New Participant- Get Started’.  

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Community News

River City Water Polo Free Come ‘n’ Try Days

- Brisbane Grammar School Indoor Pool, Spring Hill
- 2, 9 and 16th September from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Flippa Ball for ages 8 to 12
- Competition Water Polo for ages 10 to 100
- Great Coaches, Great Equipment, Great Facilities, Great Fun

Register your interest at WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/S/K3RTJGH

Visit the website for more information or email if you have any questions
www.rivercitywaterpolo.com
president@rivercitywaterpolo.com

The Gap Health and Racquet Club Player of the Week: Charlie

“Charlie is a very keen tennis player, he’s full of energy and moves around the court really well. If he keeps up this intensive level we could see him moving up to green level next term. Well done Charlie you will be a great tennis player one day if you keep putting in the hard work”
Sanjeev Tikaram (Coach)

Sunday Liturgy Helpers

We are looking for some new mums/dads to take liturgy classes on the 2nd and 5th 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

3 Day Soccer Camp: $10 St Josephs Friend Discount

Claim your mornings back from 9-12pm these school holidays:
1. Join with your St Joey school friends and both get $10 off!
2. Win prizes and unlock stickers and badgers each day.
3. $2m Toowong venue - easy pick up and drop off

Places are filling up now so make sure you secure your holiday plans:
Google: ‘Play Beautiful Soccer Camp’

Age: 5 - 8 year olds
Week 1: Mon 22nd - 24th September
Week 2: Mon 29th - 1st October
Where: St Ignatius, Kensington Terrace, Toowong. 4066