Dear Parents and Caregivers

Ash Wednesday saw the beginning of the Church’s Lenten season. This is a preparation time for us, where we think about our growth in faith and love and our relationship with Jesus, family, friends and neighbours. Lent is a period of following in His footsteps, sacrificing something special to ourselves, as God sacrificed His son for our wrongs.

We emerge from Lent as new people – our wrongs forgiven. It begins preparation for the resurrection of our Lord. The Lord’s resurrection is not just a past event but a present reality, as Jesus is alive in His Spirit – that is, in friendship, love and responsible freedom. This is a time in which we try to grow in the life of the Spirit – asking Him to free us from the selfishness that at times inhibits our lives.

Let’s try to find some practical way that we can allow God’s love to come through us to touch the lives of those around us. With prayer we can ask, God for his support through our daily challenges.

**WELCOME BBQ**

Friday night was a busy evening as we welcomed all our families back to the school year with our ‘Welcome BBQ’. A very friendly atmosphere was felt as new families met ‘old’ families and all enjoyed a casual evening on the oval. Thank you to our very active P&F for their organisation of the event and supplying the food for the hungry crowd.

**PICK UP TIME**

I understand that pick up time can be a very busy time in Cecil Road. As safety for our children is of utmost importance please remember the following:

- If you park near the tennis courts please use the stairs and walk across the church front, up the next set of stairs to get to classroom blocks. Walking down the path and across where the cars are leaving the roundabout is extremely dangerous for you and your children. Please remember to reverse park into the tennis car park spaces.

- When exiting the roundabout at the Church turn LEFT only. Right turns are NOT permitted.

Thank you for assisting with keeping our children and families safe as they enter and exit the school grounds.

**PREP ENROLMENTS 2014**

Prep enrolments are due by 29th March. If you are wishing to enrol your child or know of someone who is, please inform them that Prep Enrolments are due next month. The interview process will be during the month of May.
PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS
Parents will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and to gain an understanding of the expectations and procedures for the year. This evening is an important part of developing a strong partnership to achieve the best for our students and I hope that all parents can find the time to attend. The evening will occur on Thursday 21st February and the schedule is as follows:

- 6:30pm – Parents to gather in the church
- 6:45pm – Session 1
- 7:30pm – Session 2 (repeat of Session 1 for families with more than one child)

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Due to building works still occurring in the hall as they fix up the damages for the last couple of storms (last November) our Friday assembly will not begin back in the hall until Friday 22 February. Until then we will hold a small assembly in the undercroft at 1:50-2:15pm on Friday afternoon. Unfortunately we cannot all fit in this area with our bags hence the earlier time.

FAMILY NAMES FOR CAR VISORS
A family name has been printed for all families in the school. We would appreciate it if families using the Roundabout would display this name on their car visor. This makes the job for the teachers on duty much easier as they can have children ready for the cars as they arrive.

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS
If you are a continuing volunteer we ask that you refresh your knowledge and understanding of the school’s student protection requirements which are outlined in our Volunteer Student Protection Handbook and the Volunteer Code of Conduct etc. which you would have received and signed off on when you first became a school volunteer.

It is the responsibility of everybody, including our volunteers, to ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities in keeping our students safe. To refresh your knowledge of your responsibilities the appropriate documents can be located on the school website.

If you are a new volunteer your volunteer packs will be available for you to pick up at our parent teacher information session next week. These need to be completed prior to you assisting in the school.

If you have any queries re this please don’t hesitate to me through the school office on 33693020.

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAM BETTS
Our newly appointed Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education has a message for parents as we begin our 2013 school year. Please click on this link for further information…

http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/Letter-to-Parents.aspx

EXECUTIVE TEAM CONFERENCE
This coming Monday 18th February and Tuesday 19th February our Executive Team:- Michael Robertson, Louise Busby, Sarah Hore and myself will be attending the Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) North School Cluster conference at the Sunshine Coast. During these days our team, in consultation with BCE leaders in strategic planning and curriculum, will be working on strategies to take St Joseph’s into the future.

If you have any concerns over these couple of days please see Michelle Kermond who will be looking after the school.

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Hayes
Principal

Did you know this about our Australian Catholic organisations?

713,000 school children are in the Catholic sector
1,710 schools:
- 1,239 primary schools
- 350 secondary schools
- 95 Primary/Secondary Schools combined
- 17 special schools
82,000 staff
- 55,287 lay teachers and specialist staff
- 70% of all teachers and 45% of all Principals are women
- 26,348 general staff
- 365 Religious
Important Dates
Thursday 7 March
Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3–7) @ Newmarket Pool

Term Dates 2013
Term 1 - Wednesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March
Term 2 - Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
Term 3 - Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September
Term 4 - Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December (Pupil free day Monday 21 October)

From the APRE

First Reconciliation 2013
The celebration of this sacrament will be on Monday March 18. Everyone who enrolled last Monday night should start to receive the worksheets via email shortly. Any problems, feel free to contact me but all enquiries should go through the Parish Office on 33695351.

Ash Wednesday
Today marks the beginning of Lent. We came together this morning as a school and parish community to celebrate in Eucharist and to ask God help to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Thanks to Years 6 and 7 for assisting in the organization of the Mass.

Project Compassion 2013
Every year we ask for your financial support as we raise money for the Catholic Aid Agency – Caritas. This is done through the collection of monies in a class project compassion box. This year we will be offering a very special prize to the whole school if we can raise a targeted amount. Caritas Australia raised over 43 million dollars last year. This and Catholic Mission Week in Term 4 are our two major pushes in all Catholic schools.

St Joseph’s Behaviour Support Plan
Our school is committed to the development of the whole person and the development of Catholic schools which;
· Provide loving, caring and secure environments
· Recognise the individuality and dignity of each student
· Foster life-giving relationships within the school community.

With the support and direction of Education Officers from Brisbane Catholic Education, our Behavioural Support Committee has rewritten our Support Plan to reflect the needs of our students in our school. After a year of drafting and staff consultation, the plan is now ready for implementation. Over the next few newsletters, I will give an insight into the workings of the plan and how it is being supported by our staff.

Under the headings of Respect, Responsibility, Safety/Concern and Equity we have identified the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders in areas such as classroom, playground and church. From this we listed minor and major behaviour concerns and came up with a classroom management system that is being implemented school wide.

Star Awards
Strive for equity
Take responsibility
Always be safe
Respect self and others

Every teacher has been given a star stamp and when a child has been observed doing something that holds true our motto of humility, care and respect they are given a stamp and a ticket to place into the class awards box. On assembly all children who received a stamp will be recognized and a Star of the Week will be randomly selected. This will begin next week and may change form as we move along putting it into place.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
Year 7B
Alyssa for excellent listening and cooperation.

Year 6B
Olivia for being enthusiastic and show respect, humility and care both in and outside of the classroom.

Year 5B
No student of the week. Relief Teacher in.

Year 4/5G
Alice for being wonderfully kind and caring.

Year 4B
Sam for always listening well to his teachers and peers.

Year 4W
Ella for always working to a high standard

Year 3B
George for settling into his new school.
Patrick for working hard on his hand writing.

3G
Sophia for helping fellow students.

3W
Marco and Imogen for a wonderful start to Year 3.

2B
Ryan for consistently trying your best with your work and using good listening skills at all times.

2G
Madeleine for showing respect to everyone all the time.

2W
Ambre for settling in quickly and making a great start to life at St Joseph’s.

1B
Connor for showing persistence and setting an example for others.

1G
Lila for being brave and making new friends at a new school.

1W
Henry for great bravery and confidence.

Prep B
Harry for demonstrating excellent listening skills and settling beautifully into Prep.

Prep G
Olivia for joining in all activities and having an infectious smile.

Prep W
Emily for a confident and positive start to Prep.
Languages - Italian
Welcome back to an exciting year of Italian. It is wonderful to see how much Italian the children have remembered over the long break. Many Prep children already know quite a bit of Italian from their older brothers and sisters. I am sure most Prep children will know the building on the right.

The new National Languages Curriculum for Italian and Chinese has been released this year. Look for more information in Week 5.

A presto.

Jeanette Vanderzee
Italian Teacher

Important St Joseph’s Sport Dates for 2013

Term 1
Friday 15th Feb – District Swimming (Samford Pool)
Thur 7th March – St Joseph’s Years 3-7 Swimming Carnival (Newmarket Pool)
Wednesday 20th March – Zone Swimming (Chandler Pool)

TERM 2
Wed 24th April – St Joseph’s Cross Country (Bowman Park) Whole School
Tuesday 7th May – District Cross Country TBC
Monday 20th May – QC Cup Netball (Downey Park)
Wednesday 12th June – Zone Cross Country (Mitchelton)

TERM 3
Wed 31st July & Thurs 1st Aug – District Athletics (Ferny Hills)
Monday 12th Aug – St Joseph’s Athletics Field Events Day (St Joseph’s) TBC
Tuesday 13th Aug – St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival (Marist) Whole School TBC
Tues 10th & Wed 11th Sept – Zone Athletics (Ferny Hills)

District events students eligible 10 years and above
Zone Events students eligible 8 years and above

North West District Sports Trials are held throughout the year for the sports below. If your child plays one of the sports at a representative level outside of school, is turning 11 or 12 this year and would like more information please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

SPORTS – AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Touch Football.

NAME - .................................................. CLASS - ......................................
SPORT - .................................................. DOB - ......................................
EXPERIENCE - ..................................................
Years 3 - 7 Swimming Carnival Nomination Form 2013

Please complete the form below with your child to nominate events for the St Joseph's Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 7th March at Newmarket Pool. Please discuss with your child their swimming capabilities and help them choose the correct events at the Carnival so they can have an enjoyable day. Once you have completed the nomination boxes please sign the form below.

Name: _______________________________  Class: ___________

Date of Birth: _______________________  House: _____________

Please nominate 25m or 50m in each stroke by placing a tick in the correct section. (not both) If unable to complete 25m in a particular stroke then place a dash (-) in this section.

Please use discretion when nominating which events your child has entered. They should be able to complete the nominated distance for the stroke chosen.

Non-swimmers in Year 3 only are asked to tick the Novelty and Kickboard sections.

Only points in 50m and above events count towards the Age Champion Competition.

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Please return this form by **Thursday 22nd February** to your child’s teacher.

Parent Signature: ________________________________

Student Signature: ________________________________
ST JOSEPH’S HOUSE
COLOUR T-SHIRTS

House Colour T-shirts are available now from the School Office for $10. Yellow, Blue, Green and Red in stock, sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 available. Be ready for the Swimming Carnival, Cross Country and Athletics Carnival... Cash or Cheque made payable to: St Joseph’s Bardon P&F.

Name of person placing order: ____________________________
Mobile Number: ______________________________________

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Swimming Caps
The school office has a supply of swimming caps in the school House colours for purchase. Caps are $5 each.

Weekend Chicken Carers
We are looking for 5 – 10 families to go on a roster to care for the chickens on the weekend. This entails letting them out in the morning, giving them food and water and locking them in for the night. The bonus is there should be some fresh eggs for you to enjoy. I will draw up a roster, allocating each family a specific weekend of the month eg. first weekend. Sharing with another family works well as one can do Saturday, the other Sunday and you can always cover for each other on weekends away.

Please leave your name at the office or contact one of the Year 2 teachers. (Wendy Lamb, Dianne Rose, Anne Gole and Jane Robinson)

ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB (YEARS 2 – 7) is resuming Monday afternoon, 25th February. It is held in the Library from 3.10pm – 4.10pm. If you would like to participate, please complete the attached Gardiner Chess enrolment form and return to the Office before Wednesday, 20th February. Please note that Chess Club is limited to 30 CHILDREN and based on a FIRST IN basis.
St Joseph’s Netball

Thank you for getting your netball registration forms in at the end of last year. As many of you are aware, the start of the year is a busy time preparing for the netball season. Here are three important notices:

New uniform
St Joseph’s Netball Club is introducing a new uniform for the 2013 season. On Saturday 16 February between 8am and noon, the girls will be required drop in to the undercroft at school to try on the new uniform and place an order.

- The cost of the new uniform is $50. Uniform orders will be delivered to the school prior to games commencing after the Easter holidays.
- Matching bike pants are also available for $27.50. (The matching bike pants are not compulsory – girls can continue to wear plain black or brown bike pants.)
- Please bring correct money.
- Netball visors will be available for purchase for $5.
- If you cannot make this time, please contact me before 16 February.

All teams will be required to wear the new uniform, except for the Under 12s who will retain the current uniform.

Fees
Netball fees for the 2013 season are $195 per child. These fees are due Friday 15 February 2013. You can pay these fees any time from now on. Bank details are below:

Account name: St Josephs P and F Association
BSB: 064 000
Acc Number: 1134 6683

Please make sure you include your daughter’s surname and initial so we know who’s paid.

Cash payments can be left at the school office in an envelope addressed to Liz de Stefani.

Grading – girls born in 2001 and 2002
Please note the grading session is compulsory for these girls.
Grading will be held for all girls born in 2001 and 2002. The format for this will be a coaching session on a Friday afternoon to allow the girls to have some practice, followed by a grading session on the Saturday afternoon. Dates and times for these sessions are as follows.

Coaching session: Friday 22 February 2013 from 3.15pm to 4.45pm
Grading session: Saturday 23 February 2013 from 3pm to 5pm

Welcome BBQ
Thanks to everyone who came along to last Friday night’s Welcome BBQ and made it the great success that it was! Looks like that Friday night suited everyone’s busy lives. A special thanks to Dee Palmer, Liam Walsh and Justin Sheehan who co-ordinated the BBQ and the Bar. Also thanks to all the helpers who cooked the BBQ, served on the bar, served at the kitchen, set up the BBQ and Bar and those who helped clean up!
Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St Joseph’s School Bardon.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1.5 hours a day which comprises a morning and afternoon shift.

Supervisors will work within a rostered environment.

The current rate of pay is $25.61 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (Queensland Transport will assist with application)
- Full training provided

A completed application should be returned to:

The Principal
St Joseph’s School Bardon
P O Box 2108
Ashgrove West, 4060

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Care and Concern Update

Thank-you

I have received some registration forms from new parents wishing to contribute to the ‘Care and Concern’ roster. Many thanks to those parents. If you are presently on the roster and can no longer participate, please let me know and I’ll remove your contact details. At the end of end last year, there were approx. 70 names on the roster, so lots of help available. If there are any other helpers who would like to add their names, please also let me know.

When help is needed, who is the best person to Contact

If you would like some assistance or know of a family that needs assistance, the best way of making contact is directly to the school office or to your class representative (they will be nominated at the parent-teacher night). Please make sure the family involved is aware and happy for assistance.

What help is needed

Usually help is given by preparing meals, but really any other help is welcome. Suggestions are: school drop off and pick up, looking after a pet or doing some washing. Each occasion will be different. There are meal containers kept in the office if needed and a fridge is available to store the prepared food. Once again, thanks so much for all of your help. The families are always so grateful.

Glenda Hawley at cghawley@gmail.com

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ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

- We are still looking for members to join the AST committee. Next meeting is **Monday 25 February 2013 at 2 pm**
- Don't forget March is **Park N Stride** month with Mr Robbo walking each Wednesday morning from Bowman Park to school;
- Roadstar will be assembly on **Friday 22 February** to launch the AST program - each Wednesday students are encouraged to walk, car pool, ride, scooter etc and be counted;
- An AST breakfast will take place **Wednesday 27 March** - we need parent voluteers to help out with the breakfast. Please contact Catherine Myers - catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au
Cartridge Recycling
Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you enjoyed the holidays.
Did you know it takes up to 450 years for a laser printer cartridge to decompose in landfills, and over 1500 tonnes of empty printer cartridges are dumped into landfill in Australia annually?

Our school has a partnership with Cartridge World at Ashgrove to avoid any of our used ink and laser cartridges ending up as landfill. Cartridge World Ashgrove has left collection bins at our school at the office and will collect them when full. They will sort through these ink/laser/photocopier cartridges and they will reward the school for the ones that can be reused. The ones that cannot be reused are sent for recycling and can be transformed into useful items eg. directional signs and park benches.

The collection bin is lined with plastic but some old cartridges may still leak old toner or ink so it would be best to place them in a paper/plastic bag or just put it back into the original box and get the kids to drop it into the collection bin at the office.

The “reward” that the school receives will be put towards purchasing resources or small projects around the school decided on by the Student Council.

Cartridge World has also offered for any of our families refilling their cartridges at their Ashgrove store to receive $1.00 off the purchase price or this $1.00 can be nominated to be donated back to our school.

Please see below sites for the students to visit to find out more information about our environment and some cool projects that they could do.

www.fillsworld.org
www.keepaustraliabeautiful.org.au

The Gap Health and Raquet Player of the week is Joshua. Joshua has had an excellent start to the term, putting in a great deal of effort. His movement on the court has greatly improved.

Sanjeev Tikaram (Coach)

We invite all past staff and student to join us in celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary Jubilee
On Sunday 3 March 2013 at 10am
Our Lady of the Rosary School
1 Kenmore Road, Kenmore

Commencing with Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge
RSVP by 27 Feb 2013
pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
3378 2412

International Women’s Day Breakfast:
The All Hallows’ Past Pupils’ Assn. is hosting an IWD Breakfast at 7am on Friday 8th March in Loretto Hall, All Hallows’, 547 Ann St.
The guest speaker is Madonna King – her topic is “Leadership – What Makes a Difference”.
Tickets are $50 and are available for purchase online at www.allhallows.qld.edu.au. Bookings close 28 Feb 2013.
For further enquiries (including about alternate forms of payment), contact Lenore Thompson on 3831 5632