This year we celebrate our 75th Anniversary of Catholic Education at St Joseph’s Bardon. On January 19th 1938, the Sisters arrived at Bardon and on January 24th St Joseph’s School was opened with an enrolment of 31 pupils. Sister Mary Jarlath took the Preparatory and first grade on the Convent verandah, Sister Mary Macartan took grades 2 and 3, and Sister Mary Jose took grades 4 and 5 in the Church. On Friday evenings, the desks in the Church had to be removed, all maps and charts had to be stored in the sacristy and the Church seats replaced for Sunday Mass. Many years have passed and our enrolments have grown to 441 pupils in 2013. We have 18 classrooms, a library, a hall, two specialist rooms, a tuckshop and plenty of play spaces. Sadly there are no nuns presently teaching at St Joseph’s although we do have a dedicated lay staff of 43.

The celebrations planned for our 75th celebrations this year are :-

- St Joseph’s Feast Day – Tuesday 19 March, 2013…… celebration for the students
- Ball in the Hall – Saturday evening 11 May …..past and present parents and friends celebrations
- Parish Mass – Sunday 12 May….family Eucharistic celebration
- Birthday Fun Day – Sunday 21 July….community celebration
Children are to come to school dressed in olden day clothes (eg boys: long shorts, long socks, shirt braces, cap and shoes and girls long shirts, blouses, bonnets and shoes or old school uniforms). We ask that you don’t go to too much trouble or expense for this event……please use whatever you might have at home. If it is too much trouble our current sport uniform will be acceptable.

9:00am    School Mass celebrating the Feast of St Joseph and our 75th birthday

10-10:45  Class work exploring the school history

10:45-11:30  LUNCHTIME (with some old games for children to play)

11:30-1:30 Pastoral Care Groups which will involve some of the following activities

Video clips of educations in the past, grandparents and past staff members speaking to the children about school many years ago, viewing of some old desks, slates and purchasing memorabilia, some old school activities.

1:30-1:50  AFTERNOON TEA (maybe pack something that children ate for lunch back in the 30’s, 40’s-)

1:50-2:50  Year level rotation games (could include hopscotch, jack, Knuckles, bocce, checkers, marbles, board games). If families have any of these that we could borrow on the day please send them into the office. Do remember that with all the kids playing these they may not be in the same state that you sent them in…so if they are precious please keep them at home.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING ON THIS DAY 75 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT ST JOSEPH’S.
Would have gone to St Joseph’s Bardon for their Primary Schooling?

Did you have a sibling or a parent/Aunt/Uncle attend St Joseph's Bardon for their Primary Schooling?

If you nodded your head in response to either of those queries, then....... We would really like to Spotlight your Family Grouping in our school’s 75th Anniversary Hall of Fame!

For both the St Joseph’s Day Celebration and the celebratory Saturday evening Ball and Mass the following day, we are collecting school photos or scans of photos for a display. Part of this display will be focusing on 'Multi generation' attendees at St Joseph’s ie more than one generation of a family who’ve attended the school.

Within the overall display, we hope to make a specific display focusing on the Multi generation families, with a separate display for each family.

We are looking for School photos of both the present attending students, plus those of the parent/grandparent/aunt etc . Individual photos would be great, also Class Photos. To complete the picture, please include a current group photo of the family members who attended St Joseph’s – a St Joseph’s Portrait!

Simply scan your photos, and email them to tbeavis@bne.catholic.edu.au, including in your email the names and dates.

Or drop your hard copies in to Jan or Sam in the School Office. We will scan them and return your photos to you. Please remember to write your name and contact number on the back of ALL hard copies to facilitate their safe return!!!

Thank you!
As part of the 75th Anniversary celebrations St Joseph’s Bardon will be having a memorabilia display and would like to commence collecting items of interest. If you have relatives or friends who attended St Joseph’s please ask if they have any photos, uniforms, trophies, books etc we could borrow for a short time and use in our display.

Every past student, teacher, parent or parishioner has a story to tell of our beloved school; therefore we are keen to hear stories and save those memories for future reference. We are asking for people to put pen to paper and send us your memories and insights about special times at St Joseph’s.

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Please contact Therese Beavis tbeavis@bne.catholic.edu.au or Jan Brewster in the School Office Ph: 3366 3020.

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**Games Now Required!**

As part of our celebrations the children will be participating in popular games from the 1930’s. We are looking to borrow the following items or for them to be donated:

- Monopoly, scrabble, checkers and chess games
- Yo-yos
- Pickup sticks

If you own any of the above and are happy to lend them to the school please start bringing them in to Anne Gole (Year 2G) agole@bne.catholic.edu.au.

If you are lending a game to the school please be aware that the game will be played by a number of different classes and there could be some wear and tear.

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**Is your connection with St Joseph’s School Multi-generational??**

Did your Mum or Dad, son or daughter attend St Joseph’s School?

If so, then your school photos are of great interest to those organising our 75th Anniversary Memorabilia.

We would love to include a group photo display of school photos, of the various members/generations of your family, in our display of St Joseph’s memorabilia—including a photo of you altogether.

We are happy to scan/use a scanned copy of the photos, returning the originals to you post-haste.

Drop them in to the front of— Attach them and email to—tbeavis@bne.catholic.edu.au
You Can Purchase 75\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary Memorabilia!

To celebrate being part of the St Joseph’s school community, you can purchase a range of 75\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary memorabilia.

Golf umbrellas, great for any school event or carnival (!), emblazoned with the new school crest will be available for pre-order at the terrific price of $30.

Pens, bag tags/key rings for the kids, along with tea towels & St Joseph’s Celebration wine, for the grownups, will be available for sale at all 75\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary events throughout the year.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for details….

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To pre-order your fabulous St Joseph’s golf umbrella, return this form with cash in an envelope to the office.

Family Name _____________________________________________

Eldest Student ____________________ Class ___________________

Quantity of umbrellas _____________

($30 per umbrella)

To assist with the speedy delivery of the umbrellas, could you please return your order form by the end of February.