Principal’s Report

Thought for the Week

It is our choices that show who we truly are, far more than our abilities

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday we had the opportunity for our school community to gather for our Opening School Mass, where we celebrated the beginning to the new school year which focussed on our theme for 2014, “Come Live Life”. At our celebration, the Year 6 and 7 students received their leadership badges and pledged to do their best as they take on the role of leaders within our school.

Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who were able to join with us for our Opening Celebration. A special thanks to Fr James for leading our Eucharistic Celebration and to Michael Robertson our APRE for all his time in preparing this Mass.

The normal routines of school are quickly being established with specialist lessons, instrumental lessons and swimming (for Year 3-7) beginning this week. It may take a little time for the children to settle into their new environment as they meet new teachers, learn new routines and explore more challenging work but children are resilient and will adapt quite quickly.

At school we teach our children to be independent. From an early age we encourage them to look after their belongings, to carry their own bag and to organise themselves for the day ahead. Please encourage them to do the same, but don’t do it for them. It has been great to see our younger students carrying their own bags, placing their own homework folder where it belongs and putting their hat in the correct place. It is great to see parents letting children do these tasks by themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO FR PETER ….Fr Peter celebrates his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this weekend. This special occasion reflects Fr Peter’s dedication to the Catholic faith and to the vocation that he chose years ago. We congratulate Fr Peter on reaching this milestone and wish him all the best for the future.

TO BROOKE ROBINSON and her family on the birth of their son on Sunday evening. Mum and bub are well and we wish them well as they head home to settle into family life.

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Please exercise patience when dropping off and picking up. It is essential for the safety of everyone that parents not park across driveways and exercise extreme caution when near the school crossing.

For ease and speed at getting children into cars at the Church roundabout we ask that you display your name on the sunvisor. If you do not have a name for the car visor please contact the office and one will be sent home for use.

SWIMMING

Swimming for Year 3-7 begins tomorrow, Thursday, at Taylor Range, so please ensure that your child’s permission form has been signed and returned by tomorrow. It is a safety requirement that your child have a swim cap and a sun shirt.
WELCOME BBQ
I look forward to meeting you all at the P&F welcome BBQ this coming Friday evening from 5-7pm under the Year 3 buildings. Please come along and meet some new friends. Please remember that children are parent’s responsibility on this evening and we ask that you supervise your children at all times.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING
The opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher will occur this Monday evening 7th February. The schedule for the evening is as follows:-

6:15pm Year 4 session begins
6:30pm Prep, Year 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 sessions begins
7:15pm Bell will ring for parents to attend another Year level session if needed
7:20pm Session 2 (repeat of Session 1 for families with more than one child)

P&F MEETING
The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February commencing at 7:00pm in the Year 7 classroom. Hope you can join us.

Have a great weekend, Carolyn

From the APRE

Opening Mass for 2014
Congratulations to the leaders for 2014 who received their badges today at Mass. Thanks to Fr James for celebrating it with us and to all who attended. The church was full to the brim as was outside. There are many more opportunities to come together in prayer this term and it would be great to see the church so full each time.

Sacramental Program 2014 – Reconciliation
Children in Year 3 who have been baptized Catholic are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) this year. If your child is above Year 3 and has not made their First Reconciliation and is eligible please contact myself or the Parish office (3369 5351).

A compulsory enrolment night will be held on Monday 17 February at Sacred Heart Rosalie beginning at 7pm. Any problems please contact the Parish Office. There will be only one other opportunity to enrol your child and that will be on a weekend shortly after. Any child not enrolled after this date will not be able to join the program until next year.

- 2014 Jubilee Catholic Calendars available free from the office or Parish Centre
- Ash Wednesday whole school Mass – Wednesday 5 March
- St Joseph’s Day Wednesday 19 March

Student Behaviour Support Policy
Each year classes look at our school Vision and Mission statements and together form a Class Charter that is then displayed in their room. Along with this and specific classroom rules we have our School Support Plan.

Teachers explain this to the class each year and it provides a consistent approach to dealing with many and varied behaviours both in and out of the classroom.

There are a number of steps to follow that are colour coded. If a behaviour is such that it warrants attention from the teacher, a warning may be given and the student informed that if it continues they will be given an orange card and at the same time informed of the consequence if this happens eg, if you continue to disturb those around you, you will receive an orange card and sit on your own until the work is completed. If an orange card is issued and the consequence completed the student must have a quick conference with the teacher and then return to normal seating. If the orange card does not work then the student moves to a red card and may be removed to another room and consequences given. After that it is up to Administration intervention.

All major behaviour concerns are reported to Administration and may skip the card system.

The benefit of this system is that it gives a clear indication of the consequences and gives the student a chance to correct their behaviour before it goes too far. More in next week’s newsletter.

Michael Robertson
**Important Dates**

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**Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor**

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor.

The School Crossing Supervisor position is for 2 - 5 days a week however you **may** be required to work up to 10 days per fortnight in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1.5 hours a day and comprises 60 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $26.90 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 (You will be assisted through this process by the Road Safety Office)

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Principal  
St Joseph’s School Bardon  
The Drive  
Bardon Qld 4060

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Where – The Shop is located in Bardon House, adjacent to the staff car park off The Drive.

When – Friday 7th February, 8:00 - 9:00am

Thank you  
Clarissa Turner (Yr 5, Yr 2 and Prep) and Carolyn Keogh (Yr 2)

** Don’t forget to clean out your school wardrobe, bag up your cast offs and bring them to the school office, or the shop (when we are open), we would love to have them!

**St Joseph’s Chess Club**

Years Prep - 7  
Terms 2 and 3  
More information to follow in the next few weeks.

**Volunteers Needed - Rosella Harvesting and Jam Making**

If you can spare some time next Thursday 13th February at 2:30pm, we would love your help to harvest the Rosellas here at school. If anyone is happy to make some jam, the bottles and recipe will be provided.

*Many thanks from Mrs Harden*

**Anyone have a Greenhouse?**

St Joseph’s would like a Greenhouse on the grounds. If anyone has one surplus to requirements or could help with the construction and materials in any way, please contact the school office or see Mrs Harden in Prep.

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**STOP CHILDREN CROSSING**
Learning Intentions for 2014

“LANGUAGES TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTION LEARNING CYCLES
Project 2013 – 2014

- Integrate, Create, Interact and Participate actively to learn a
  foreign language by using collaborative partnerships to plan for
  teaching of language, culture and intercultural understanding.
- Show-case children’s learning on Italian Day
  around the theme of “Carnevale in Italy”.

That we can learn not only to communicate in the Italian
language but deepen our understandings about the people, the
country, the traditions, food, art, faith, culture and history of Italy.

At the end of last year the school received a grant for Languages Learning (Italian at this
school). The word ‘LOTE’ (Languages other than English) is no longer used to describe
Languages Learning. With some of the money 12 new iPads have been purchased to help
children learn during languages classes. Above is a brief explanation of the project that will
be done with the children this semester. Each grade level has a more detailed explanation of
what will be learnt each term.

‘Carnevale’ is celebrated all over Italy in diverse ways. Years 1-3 will
be learning about Carnevale in Venice, characters of Comedia del
Arte and making a mask for Italian day. Years 4-7 will be doing some
simple research on carnevale celebrations in other parts of Italy (e.g.
orange throwing in Ivrea, Piemonte; magnificent floats in Acireale,
Sicily and in Viareggio, Tuscany; The Gnocco in Verona etc.,
creating a mask and various other activities.

If anyone would like to help during Italian classes or with Italian Day
planning, please return the note below by 20 February with your
name, child’s name and grade and availability. No Italian knowledge
is necessary, iPad knowledge could help but is not necessary.

I ____________________________ would like to help during Italian classes.
I ____________________________ would like to help in planning of Italian Day.

My child/children’s names and grade/grades ________________________________

Availability       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday (Please circle)
Time available ________________
Year 5 Instrumental Music Program

Year 5 students will be bringing their instruments home today, together with their music book and a letter outlining the expectations of the program. Stapled to the inside front cover of the music book will be a sheet on which students should record their practice, each week. Parents, please could you sign this sheet each week and support your children in completing a minimum of 15 minutes practice per day, 5 days a week. Regular practice is the single most important element in a child achieving success on a musical instrument and will enable your child to progress and enjoy the program.

Many thanks and please don't hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns about the instrumental program.

Linda Pendrith
Instrumental/Band Teacher

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

ACTIVE TRAVEL WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, carpooling and public transport. By leaving your car at home at least one day a week on our active travel day, Wednesday, we can reduce traffic congestion at the school gate, improve road safety, create a cleaner environment, save money and improve our health and fitness!

All students are encouraged to actively travel to school - walk, scooter, ride or car pool. A survey will be taken each Wednesday by teachers and provided to the Council. Each month a certificate will be awarded to the class with the best Active School Travel result.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
Parent volunteers will be operating a Walking School Bus every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from school to Bowman Park. For the Walking School Bus to be a success there needs to be at least one and preferably two Parent Helpers on each day. If we get enough volunteers, then we can set up a roster so that you don’t need to commit to every week.

We would also like to operate the walking school bus every afternoon, so are still calling for expressions of interest for the other days of the week.

If you have an interest in walking, cycling or road safety and are interested in reducing traffic congestion around the school, this is your chance to join the dynamic Active School Travel Committee. Brisbane City Council facilitates the group and all that is required is attendance at a one hour meeting once a term (on a Tuesday) and helping out at a couple of events if you can.

If you are interested in helping out, please come to our first meeting of the year at 2pm on Tuesday 11th February (meet at the office) or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

If you wish your child join the Walking School Bus, please complete the attached Student Enrolment Form and return to the School Office.
Student Enrolment Form
St. Joseph’s School Bardon
Afternoon Walking Group
Bowman Park Bus 2014

Child / Children’s Name:
1. ______________________________________ Class: _____
2. ______________________________________ Class: _____
3. ______________________________________ Class: _____

Parents/Guardians: ______________________________________________

Contact Numbers: Home: __________ Mobile __________

Adults who will sign and pick up if you are not on time

______________________________________________________________

I agree to my child / children, named above, joining the afternoon walking group to Bowman Park:

Tues [ ] Wed [ ]

Days parent can walk/ assist ___________________________

The Afternoon Walking Park Group will be conducted by volunteer parents. Your child will be signed onto the bus by a school official and issued with a visibility vest to wear, walk as a group to the park and then will be signed out by a nominated adult, no later than 3.15pm from the park stop. Your assistance would be appreciated if you are free walk with us on either of the days – even if you meet us half-way this will ensure extra eyes for the safety of our children.

Please note this is a P & F initiative to assist with traffic congestion and a healthy way to finish a school day!

Questions can be directed to St Joseph’s School Office or Christine Brown
Mobile: 0406 425 561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Name: ____________________ Signature ____________________ Date: ____________
P & F Announcement

Tuckshop Online
Newsletter Update of 5 February 2014

Tuckshop in 2014 is ONLINE ORDERS ONLY.

Please read the email sent to you this week that contains all the details of what you might need to do by Friday.

The Term 1 new menu has been loaded up and orders are now open online for our start date of 10 February.

If you wish to use eWallet for payment, we recommend you transfer money from your bank account by no later than today Wednesday 5 February. Or, place orders and pay online via your credit card with a small additional transaction fee.

HELP!!! Special Volunteer Spots We Need To Fill Urgently!

If you can’t volunteer for a whole day of tuckshop, then could you …

**Collect our sushi order from Ashgrove**

Each tuckshop day at 9.30am? This could be just for one Term of 2014 or you could share this job with another parent?

**Be a techno savvy label printing specialist**

And knock off by 10am on tuckshop day? We’d love to have a separate volunteer for this role for each of the 4 Terms of 2014.

Key Links for Tuckshop 2014

- Detailed Registration Instructions: [http://publish.smartsheet.com/a3b77e10f56844a18a2125b14721280f](http://publish.smartsheet.com/a3b77e10f56844a18a2125b14721280f)
- Contact the Tuckshop Team: [https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQ8C7t=b6bbbe3e27c48c509b44a17f460e7](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQ8C7t=b6bbbe3e27c48c509b44a17f460e7)
- New Menu Preview for Term 1 2014: [http://publish.smartsheet.com/f727c42c6a6741a922caff1b3054ff64](http://publish.smartsheet.com/f727c42c6a6741a922caff1b3054ff64)
- Volunteer to Help Out in 2014: [https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQ8C7t=5cbcf260c06e42ea6501c3a6a8d46eb](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQ8C7t=5cbcf260c06e42ea6501c3a6a8d46eb)
- Tuckshop Latest News Online: [http://publish.smartsheet.com/f5e4c3e61c2d4144ba94cd89a5fa8d](http://publish.smartsheet.com/f5e4c3e61c2d4144ba94cd89a5fa8d)
St Joseph's Netball

Uniform Morning

DATE: This Saturday (8th) February 2014
TIME: 9:00am – 11:00am
WHERE: In the undercroft at St Joseph’s (adjacent to the toilets)
COSTS: St Joseph’s A-line Netball dress is $55.00 (compulsory)
St Joseph’s Netball Visor is $7.00 (compulsory)
St Joseph’s brown undershorts $28.00 (opt – any brown undershorts are suitable)
TOTAL = $90.00 if all three items are purchased
NB CASH ONLY and please bring as close as possible to the correct cash on the day

Even if your daughter played last year, try on her existing uniform and to see if you need to come to the Uniform morning (we only do this one day)

Fees

Have you paid the Netball fees for the 2014 season of $200.00 per child?

Fees are due Friday 14 February 2014. Our preferred method of payment is a direct credit with the following bank details:

Account name: St Josephs P and F Association
BSB: 064 000
Acc Number: 1134 6683
Reference: Daughter surname and initial
NB Alternatively, cash payments can be left at the school office in an envelope addressed to Liz de Stefani.

Team Allocation

Graded Teams – girls born in 2002 and 2003 (Please note the grading session is compulsory for these girls)

Coaching and Grading sessions are next Friday and Saturday afternoon (in casual sports gear) in the Hall.

Coaching session: Friday 14 February 2014 from 3.15pm to 4.45pm (altogether)
All girls need to be ready and seated in the Hall by 3:15pm

Grading session: Saturday 15 February 2014 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Girls born in 2002 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Girls born in 2003 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm


You should have received your team allocation by now requesting parents to nominate for various positions to assist with the running of their team. Please email me those people at your earliest convenience.

Chantelle Daveson
President
chantelle@davesons.com
P&F News

P&F Minutes, Agenda & Principal’s Report Available on Website
On the Menu Bar, Click into About Us, Community, Parents and Friends, make your choice from the Menu, then download the appropriate file, press Ctrl and click into:

- P & F Minutes of Meeting
- P & F Meeting Agenda
- Principal’s Report
- P & F Constitution

The Files will be uploaded to the site as the documents become available.


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.

SAVE THE DATE!
THE JOEY’S P&F TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON SATURDAY MARCH 22
Book the babysitter and start putting together your team (of 10). Watch this newsletter for more information and registration forms.

Community News

Summer Luncheon
Fundraising for the Fred Hollows Foundation
Friday 21 February 2014 @ Iceworks Paddington
12:00 noon - 4:00pm
Tickets $70 per person includes glass of champagne and canapés on arrival, main course meal, petite desserts, tea and coffee, lucky door and raffle prizes.

Special Guest is Susie O’Neill

For further details and to RSVP, contact any of the following by 10 February 2014
s.cole@bipond.net.au ~ elizabethdestefani@bigpond.com ~ vanessa@gelatiart.com.au ~ cmwilko12@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Aurora and Brianna (both Year 7) who tied for 1st place in QLD in the Australian College of Music’s examinations in Speech and Drama - Grade 1.

Well done girls!

AFL Auskick
Where: The Gap Dragons Junior Australian Football Club
When: First session is on Sunday 16th February 2014
Time: 9:30 - 10:30am
Length of Program: 8 Weeks
Cost: $65
For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3865 8700. Register and pay online for free tickets to a selected AFL
Sign up for Hot Shots in Term 1 and receive a FREE...

Tennis Racquet + Hot Shots t-shirt + Club Cap

They are also offered at The Gap Health & Racquet Club most afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Lessons start from only $12 per week

For more information or to book simply call 3300 6668 or visit us at the club.

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for...

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyle@triplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)
ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING

THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Delivered by an international keynote speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child’s digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

Where: St Joseph’s School HALL.
When: TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
Time: 7-8:30PM

Presented by a former online undercover police detective

Simple measures to create a fun, educational and positive online experience

Witness the real life dangers and responsibilities

Discover how essential and important your role is

Social networking

The law online

Identity protection

Cyber bullying

Sexting - Gaming

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