Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the commencement of the new school year. It was great to see all the smiling faces this morning as the children arrived at school. They seemed so excited to see their friends again and to meet their new teacher. A warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year and to all the Prep children who are commencing their education here at St Joseph’s this week.

This year we welcome to our staff Miss Georgia Johnstone (Prep W), Mrs Amanda Gardiner (Teacher Librarian), Mrs Beth Matthews (Acting STIE: Support Teacher Inclusive Education for Term 1) and Mrs Susan Drinkwell (Prep School Officer). On the last day of term last year, Kylie Mead (STIE) resigned from her position due to health reasons and Mrs Lee Read gained another position as a School Officer in a BCE North School (closer to her home). The permanent STIE position will be advertised this term and our permanent STIE will begin in Term 2, 2014. I extend a warm welcome to our new staff and hope that they enjoy their time at our wonderful school.

We also welcome back Miss Katie Andresen (Year 1) and Mrs Bern Skelly (Year 7) who both return after 12 months leave.

THEME FOR 2014 – COME LIVE LIFE

Last year, as we celebrated our 75th, we spent time revisiting our past through exploring our history, our heritage and becoming familiar with the meaning behind our Vision, Mission and new Logo. This year we will continue to build on this foundation as we work on our theme for the year:- “Come Live Life”.

In 2014, we want to take the time to fully embrace life, to see the positives, to be respectful of each other, to be humble, to slow down, to appreciate life and to always be thankful to the Lord for all of our blessings.

This year all our religious celebrations will have this as an underlying theme as we strive to experience ‘Come Live Life’ in 2014.

PROCEDURES AT ST JOSEPH’S BARDON

The beginning of the school year is a time to revisit our important procedures that we have in place here at St Joseph’s:-

- **Communication** is an important vehicle between the family and the school and I cannot stress enough the importance of you reading the weekly newsletter and the correspondence sent home from your child’s teacher. These forms of communication are our main means of keeping you informed with what is happening around the school. Teachers can be contacted via email or by calling the office to make an appointment. As you would be aware, teachers are unable to meet with you once the bell has gone as they are responsible for the students in their class.

- If you have an **issue or a concern**, please know that we will try and deal with this together. If you need to discuss a concern with the teacher please take the time to make an appointment as the mornings and afternoons can be busy for teachers. It is also important to know that the teacher is the first point of contact in dealing with your concerns. You are always welcome to speak with a member of the leadership team after speaking with your child’s teacher. It is important that all parties speak calmly and respectfully in these situations.

- **School begins at 8:35am** with morning duty beginning at 8:15am. Arriving late for school will cause your child to be anxious as they miss the instruction session for the class which sets them up for the day’s activities. The teacher is also required to mark them absent if they are not present when the roll is called. Before school, Preps and Year 1s are supervised in the Early Years Playground until the bell rings, while Year 2-7 are supervised in the undercroft area. We ask that children place their bags in the port racks and move immediately to the appropriate areas. If you are late or need to pick up your child from school early you are required to call into the office to sign your child in or out. All visitors to the school are required to sign in/out at the office whenever they are in the school grounds. This can seem an extra chore, particularly if you are just delivering a lunch box or forgotten homework; however this procedure allows us to be aware of who is on the school grounds at all times.
• **NO DOGS allowed** on the school grounds at any time. Please keep your dogs at home.

• Out of School Hours Care use our **Early Years playground in the afternoon after 3:20pm** so you are asked to please ensure that have vacated this area by this time.

• **Year 2-7 adventure playground**, situated at the end of the main school oval is **NOT to be used by children under Year 2 at any stage**. This is a WPH&S regulation due to the heights of the various equipment parts and will be enforced at all times. Please keep your children under Year 2 off this equipment.

• **School uniform:** Your assistance in ensuring that the school uniform is worn correctly each day is appreciated. If for any reason your child is out of uniform, please send a note along to your child’s teacher to explain the reason for not being in correct school uniform. Please clearly name all items of clothing and property with your child’s name – this will enable us to return lost items to the owners. Remember that long hair must be tied back each day, hair ties to be school colours only, one set of studs/sleepers and a wrist watch is the only jewellery to be worn and please ensure that sports shoes are predominately white (as per our school policy). Please note that coloured sandshoes are not part of the uniform policy – do not allow your child to wear these coloured shoes as part of their uniform. Any child out of correct uniform will be given an ‘Out of Uniform’ note informing parents of the infringements that have occurred.

• **Medication:** It may be necessary from time to time for your child to be administered medication at school. If this were the case a letter from your doctor detailing when the medication is to be administered and the dosage. A medical authority form will need to be filled in and signed before any medication will be administered (a copy of this form can be found on our school website). All medication will need to be directed through the school office. It is acceptable for a child to have an asthma inhaler with them should it be necessary.

I thank you for assisting us with our procedures above.

Next week, each family will receive a full copy of the Parent Handbook which explains all the school’s policies and procedures. Please make sure you check your child’s bag next Wednesday for this document.

**Prep Morning Tea… ‘Tears and Tissues’**

Morning tea for the new Prep parents will be held in the undercroft area (near the tuckshop) on Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February from 9-10am. “Old” parents from the school may attend if they wish to welcome new families.

**Opening School Mass**

Father will celebrate Mass with the school community on Tuesday 4\textsuperscript{th} February at 9am. All are welcome to join us for this Eucharist Celebration.

**Parent Teacher Information Sessions:**

These meetings will be held on Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} February commencing at 6:30pm (Yr 4 will begin at 6:15pm). This year parents will go straight to classrooms for these sessions. The timetable is a follows:

- 6:15pm  Yr 4 session to begin
- 6:30pm  Prep, Yr 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 session begins
- 7:15pm  Bell will go for parents to move to other classes for the second rotation
- 7:20pm  Prep , Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6 & Yr 7 (repeat of first session)
- 8:15pm  Evening to conclude

At these meetings you will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and to find out about the year ahead. It is beneficial that parents attend this evening and we look forward to seeing you on the 10\textsuperscript{th} February.

**Cyber Safety Evening**

On Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} February, Brett Lee (a previous undercover detective), from Internet Education and Safety Services will present a Cyber safety session to parents (not children) from 7-8:30pm in the school hall. This was originally booked for our Year 4 parents as we begin the 1:1 laptop program with these students however an invitation to this session is extended to all parents in our school community as we are aware that many would be interested in this information as our children’s world becomes more and more technical. Please refer to attached flyer for details.

**Swimming**

Years 3-7 swimming begins next Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} February. Your child is required to have a swim cap and a sun shirt to participate in these sessions.

**School Office**

The school office will be open from 8:00am-4pm each week day. Mrs Sam Lucey (our school secretary) and Mrs Jan Brewster (our finance secretary) will be able to assist you with any queries during these hours.
Parents and Friends Association
I wish to extend to you an invitation to join us for the first Parents and Friends Association meeting on Tuesday 11th February in the Year 7 classroom (near the library), commencing at 7:00pm. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and all parents are most welcome to attend.

You are all invited to attend the Welcome BBQ on Friday evening 7th February from 5-7pm. This event is organised by our fabulous P&F and is an opportunity for you to meet up with ‘old’ and ‘new’ families within our school community. This will be held in the undercroft, near the tuckshop. We hope you can join us for this evening.

Official Forms to be completed
Next week we will forward home all official forms that need to be completed 1) internet consent form, 2) media consent forms and a medical form (should you need this throughout the year). It is important that these have been kept up to date for our school records. Thank you for your assistance.

Distribution of Newsletter
Our newsletter is distributed via email each Wednesday afternoon. Today, a hard copy will also be sent home. If you don’t receive the newsletter via email today or your email address has changed, please email slucey@bne.catholic.edu.au and include in the subject line the word ‘Subscribe’.

Have a great weekend, Carolyn

From the APRE
Welcome Back
A big welcome to all our families especially those joining us for the first time this year. We have lots of opportunities throughout the year to join together in prayer including whole school and Class Masses, Reconciliations, liturgies and feast days. Everyone is most welcome and we have never had a spare seat at our school Masses so please come and join us.

Come Live Life………..
This is our theme this year and it will be at the forefront of all we do here at St Joseph’s. There are many ways we can finish that sentence and at last week’s staff liturgy we came up with many endings that are meaningful to us. What would you finish the sentence with? Come live life………..

Opening Mass for 2014
We begin our school year gathering together in the church next Tuesday at 9am. The last few rows at the back of the church are normally free for parishioners, parents and friends. Please join us as we welcome the leaders of 2014 and present them with their leadership badges.

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

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Designated Handicapped Park
Please be mindful when parking to leave the handicapped car park space free for those cars that have a handicapped sticker. Thank you for your consideration.
Important Dates

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Child Care Benefit for Registered Care

Changes for our school

Our school has been registered as a care provider with the Department of Human Services. This has allowed families with children attending the Preparatory year to claim a Child Care Benefit for registered care as this year was not previously considered to be the first formal year of schooling.

From 1 January 2014, this will change as the Preparatory year will be considered to be the first formal year of schooling in Queensland. As a result, our school will not be able to provide a registered care service for Child Care Benefit Rebate purposes for the Preparatory year of schooling on or after 1 January 2014. Our service will continue to issue receipts for registered care provided up to and including 31 December 2013.

Should you have any questions or concerns please discuss with us or phone the Department of Human Services on 13 6150.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

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

When – The shop will be running the **morning of Friday 31st January**. We aim to trade the 1st Friday of each month, as well as the 1st Friday of each term. But watch the newsletter for confirmation please.

2013 was a great year for the Second Hand Uniform Shop as the school community familiarised themselves with our more permanent location, and our regular open times. We are looking forward to building on this success in 2014.

Thankyou
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!

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
MUSIC NEWS

Why teach music in schools?

“The Arts is doing, moving, feeling, creating. It enables a child in seven-league boots to leap from the cave to the condominium. Watching a child’s development through the arts is watching the entire evolution of mankind be recreated.” written by Bill Pharis taken from the book ‘The Value of Music Education’ compiled and edited by Bruce Pearson.

Welcome everyone to another exciting year with Music at St Josephs.

We have one contact classroom music lesson for each year level throughout the year taken by Mrs Zorzetto.

Your child can learn a variety of musical instruments. Piano/keyboard with Mrs Ooestenbroek and Mrs Murphy, Guitar with Miss Angel and Brass, Woodwind and Percussion with Mrs Pendrith. Please ask at the school office for any information about lessons.

YEAR 5 INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM:
Our Year 5 students will be allocated their instruments this week and will bring a contract home for signing by parents or guardians. Good luck Year 5’s – what a great opportunity for you all to experience the wonders of performing on an orchestral instrument.

Stay tuned!
Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Contracts will be going home this week with all the Year 5s, for the free hire of their musical instruments. Please make sure these are signed and returned to the music staff on or before Wednesday February 5th, so that your Year 5 child can receive their instrument to take home, in week 2.

All instrumental lessons will commence in week 2 and Senior Band will commence in week 3.

Linda Pendrith
Instrumental/Band teacher

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

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. The bus has been very successful in past years, helping to alleviate traffic around the school, and making parking and pick up at Bowman Park a lot easier.

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 anyone is interested in helping out, please come to our first meeting of the year at 2pm on Tuesday 11th February 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 following Student Enrolment Form and return to the School Office.
North West District Swimming Trials

The North-West District Swimming trials are being held on Friday 14th February 2014 at Samford Community Pool. These are held for boys and girls age 10 – 13 years old (Born 2001 - 2004). The Carnival begins at 8.30am and a program of the day will be available at the office.

If your child is interested in participating in this event, I have asked for your child to submit their current swimming times for their chosen strokes.
(Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly - 50m/ 100m, Individual Medley- 200m)

These can be taken from Swimming Club or training sessions. Please verify these times by asking their coach to sign their time sheet.

I will then compare these times to the District qualifying times and let your child know if they are eligible to attend these trials. We are able to nominate three children per individual event if the qualifying time is met. If your child qualifies for the North West District Carnival it is your responsibility to arrange transport to and from the event.

Please return the bottom slip to the office no later than Friday 31st January as I have to send in the nominations that week.

Kind Regards

Christie Lewis
PE Teacher
St Joseph’s Bardon

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Verification Signature_____________________________________________________

Name:_________________________ D/O/B:_________________ Class:_______
St Joseph’s Netball

Thank you for getting your registration forms in. 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 regards Uniform, Fees and Team Allocation:

Netball Uniform

St Joseph’s Netball Club will have their uniform trying and buying session as follows:

**DATE:**  
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.

The girls will be able to try on and in most cases be able to buy the new uniform that day. If required we place a further order which results in the uniform still being available prior to the 1st fixture on Saturday March 29, 2014.

**Fees**

Netball fees for the 2014 season are **$200.00 per child**. These 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)**

There will be a coaching session Friday afternoon, allowing the girls to have some practice, followed by the grading session on the Saturday afternoon. These sessions will both be held in the school hall on:

- **Coaching session:** Friday 14 February 2014 from 3.15pm to 4.45pm
- **Grading session:** Saturday 15 February 2014 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Any questions re above, please call Chantelle Daveson on 0418 804 969

**Non-Graded Teams**

The younger girls playing non-competitively will not be graded and will be notified of their team by **Friday 21 February 2014**. Once teams have been sorted, we will be requesting from parents to nominate for various positions to assist with the running of their team. More details will be provided on those roles and responsibilities closer to the time (this still allows your team 4 weeks of training prior to the 1st fixture).

Any questions re these team allocations, please call Liz De Stefani on 0416 010 386
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 halfway 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: ______________
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: 7:30PM

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.

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
- Fair News
- P & F Constitution

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

Access to Mt Maria College

Due to construction works at Mt Maria College at Mitchelton, the college is no longer accessible to vehicular traffic from Osborne Road.

The College can now be accessed from 54 Prospect Road, Mitchelton, 4053. It should be noted pedestrian traffic can still access the College from Osborne Road, Mitchelton (trains and buses).

FREE SOCCER SESSION THIS MONDAY AT ST JOSEPH’S!

Your child is invited to experience the thrill of After School Soccer at our free taster session.

No need to pre-register, just come down after school and play.
Meet the coaches at 3pm at the undercover area behind reception.
Parents can stay and watch together, pick up at 4.15pm or we can supervise players back to OSHC.

Cost: FREE! (Usually $19 per session)

When: Monday 3rd February (Week 2)

Time: 3.00-4.15pm

Age: 5-8 years

Where: School Oval (Meet Preps outside class)

Coaches: Play Beautiful Football Academy (orange shirts)