Principal’s Report

Thought for the Week
We stand tallest when we stoop to help others.

Dear Parents and Caregivers
The countdown is on until we celebrate our first of our 75th celebrations. On St Joseph’s Day, 19th March the children will celebrate the 75th anniversary with a day filled with many ‘olden day’ activities. We begin our day with Mass at 9am and you are most welcome to join us for this celebration. The festivities will continue with pastoral care activities, talks from grandparents and past students and some olden day games. If possible please send your child dressed in olden day clothes ready for these activities (if this is not possible our sport uniform will be fine).

We thank the P&F for their contribution to this day with the supply of sausages and ice blocks for the children at lunch time. Please remember to pack a few extra snacks for your children on this day.

Cyber Safety
In this age of technology into which our children have been born they are often more knowledgeable and skilful in using computers than we are. There are many things parents can do to help and guide their children in safely using the Internet even though they may be less knowledgeable about how to actually access and use the Internet themselves. Hopefully these tips below might be of some assistance:

1. The house rules – establishing rules about the amount of time they are permitted to spend online and when they can do it e.g. after homework, when chores are done, after some outside activity etc.

2. Stranger Alert - your children already know about not talking to strangers. You need to remind them that people on the Internet that they don’t know are strangers and they must not give out any personal information. Ensure their email address doesn’t give their name- have them use a “pen” name or their pet’s name etc. instead.

3. Place the computer in a central place where there is plenty of family activity and you can monitor your child’s work. A computer in a child’s bedroom is out of sight.

4. Surf the net together so you can explore and assess the sites visited together.

5. Teach your children what to do if someone says something inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable, on line. Encourage your children to tell you about anything inappropriate they come across.

6. Blocking and filtering software is readily available to help prevent undesirable material entering your home via the Internet.

7. Do not let your child give out his/her email address without your permission. Much unsolicited material can come into your home as junk mail. Often this junk mail is very inappropriate. Complain to your Internet Service Provider if you continue to receive inappropriate junk mail.

8. Never let your child use a credit card online without your direct supervision and you are confident that it is a safe site.

Enjoy together the enrichment that the Internet can bring to your children’s learning in a safe, positive, educational and fun way.

Next Tuesday our Adopt-a-cop, Senior Constable Meriel Ianna will speak with all our Year 5, 6 & 7 students about being Cyber Safe and follow up on many of the tips above.
Swimming Carnival
Tomorrow we look forward to a beautiful fine day to allow our Year 3-7 students to participate in our St Joseph’s School Swimming Carnival. The day will be held at the Newmarket Pool and will commence at 9:00am. Children are asked to be dropped at the pool between 8:30 and 9:00am when teachers will be there for supervision.

Please remember it is compulsory for all swimmers to wear a swim cap. Children also need their togs, towel, goggles, hat, sunscreen and plenty of food and water. The canteen at the pool is for parent use only.

In advance, thanks to Mrs Christie Lewis and the sports committee for organising this event.

Go Red!! Go Green!! Go Blue!!! Go Yellow!!

Yours sincerely, Carolyn

From the APRE

Minnie Vinnies Easter Appeal
Alongside raising mission money for children and communities across Australia and overseas, here at St Joseph’s we also help our local community through supporting the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We have an Easter Appeal, a winter Appeal and a Christmas Appeal. Please consider giving generously to all three of these appeals as we help contribute to making many lives in our local area just that bit better.

Easter Appeal on now – donations of Easter eggs – small ones and egg carton size ones or even the odd bunny or two. We then wrap these up in small cellophane lots and they are hung on the doors of the needy with a special card and message from us. Last year we had over a hundred gift packs for distribution.

St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass – Plenty of room in our Hall!!!!
This Mass will be held on Tuesday 19th March in the Fr Ray Lyons Hall (our school hall) at 9.00am. This is a special Mass each year for the Patron of our school, but this year it is extra special because it is also our 75th anniversary.

Following Mass there are many activities planned, including a trip down memory lane and pastoral care groups.

Mr Robbo’s Walking School bus
This service departs each Wednesday morning at 8:15am during March from Bowman Park swings (closest to school). Thanks to my parent conductors this morning. A wet start to the launch but about a dozen passengers. See you next week!!!!!!

Michael Robertson

REMINDER!

Year 2 Working Bee
Chook Pen and Garden
Saturday 9 March @ 8am

Please bring shovel/garden fork if possible.
**Important Dates**

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**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)

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**Federal Government Review of School Funding**

The Federal Government is currently reviewing the way schools in Australia are funded (the Gonski Review). As part of this process a new funding model has been proposed, and this is now the subject of discussions between the Federal government and State governments, and the Catholic and Independent schooling sectors.

Details of the proposed funding model at this stage remain unknown, and so the funding Catholic school students might receive under any new model is very unclear. However, with a Federal election due later this year, and no new funding arrangements yet confirmed for 2014 and beyond, school funding will continue to be an important issue for all political parties and for public debate.

In the lead-up to the review process, Catholic school authorities asked the Federal Government for additional funding to close the funding gap between Catholic schools and government schools. On average, Catholic school students currently receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they attended government schools.

Catholic schools strive to keep fees as low as possible so that more families can choose a Catholic school for their children. Even when school fees paid by parents are included, Catholic schools, on average, operate with only about 90 per cent of the income of government schools.

If Catholic school funding is frozen, reduced or fails to keep pace with government school funding, Catholic schools may be forced to increase their school fees. If fees go up, the extra cost may lead to parents taking their children out of Catholic schools, and in turn put further pressure on government schools and cost government more money. To make sure this does not happen, it is important that governments fund Catholic schools fairly into the future.

Catholic school authorities recognise the vital importance of this situation for families and will provide more information as it becomes available from the National Catholic Education Commission.

For further information on Catholic school funding please visit fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au or view a video on Catholic school funding.

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**DONATION REQUIRED - Cash or Kind**

The Learning Support Team are looking for beanbags and beans, large and small floor cushions to finish off our new “Enhancement Room”. This room is designed to allow students another space for reflection, individual support and a quiet hang out space at lunch time. We plan to open our new room on St Joseph’s Feast Day.

Hope you are able to help.

Regards  
Kylie Mead
URGENT - 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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

* Don't forget March ‘Park N Stride’ has commenced - every Wednesday in March. Meet Mr Robbo at the Bowman Park swings (closest to Bowman Parade) at 8.10 for a walk to school;

* AST surveys have commenced! All active travel to and from school on WEDNESDAYS will be counted – walking, public transport, scooters, cycles, car pooling;

* The first Star Class Award for active school travel will be presented at the final Assembly of term for the class with the highest percentage of students who participate in active travel to and from school on active Wednesdays;

* AST Breakfast will take place in the tuckshop area from 8.15 am Wednesday 27 March 2013 – muffins, fruit, juice (please bring a cup) and a special giveaway;

* National Ride2School Day is Friday 22 March – another day to actively travel to school whether cycling, walking, scooter etc.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

The competitions for Science, English, Maths will be held again this year for students in Years 3 to 7 on the following dates:

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Cost per entry is $8.00 per subject per student. Parents wishing their child/ren to sit these competitions are requested to complete the form below and return form and money to the school office in a marked envelope.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS: FRIDAY 29th MARCH

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

University of New South Wales Competitions

I wish to enter my child into the following competitions:

Child’s Name _______________________________ Class __________________

□ Science □ English □ Mathematics

Cost per subject is $8.00. Money enclosed $ _____________

Parent’s Signature __________________________

Please return to the school office by Friday 29th March
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY!
We have had a wonderful start to the 2013 year with our Prep children borrowing for the first time and our students in all year levels eager to borrow books from a variety of authors.

Library Main Page
Parents and students alike are welcome to come and borrow from our school library. Our Library main page can be accessed through the link below, allowing you to search our catalogue to see what we have in our collection. I encourage you to visit this page as it includes our opening hours, a variety of recommendations and some links to websites both you and your child might enjoy. This main page will be updated each Term so save the link for you to access on a regular basis.

LIBRARY MAIN PAGE LINK:  http://libraryd.bne.catholic.edu.au/oliver/libraryHome.do  If hyperlink didn’t activate on this pdf file, you will need to copy and paste the link into your Browser.

Borrowing
As I mentioned borrowing is in full swing. We ask that you assist your child with this process so that they can benefit each week from their visit to the library. The Prep children borrow on a Tuesday, Year 5 on Monday, Year 1, 2 and 6 each Wednesday and the rest of the classes borrow on Friday. It is helpful if you can remind your child to bring their books in on their designated day. We have suggested that they keep their book in a special place at home in their library bag so that it can be easily located. Whilst we encourage your child to borrow, in fairness to all our community of borrowers we don’t allow children to borrow if they have an overdue book. If they forget their book we suggest that they bring it in the next day and come and borrow in the lunch break. If children are borrowing outside of their class borrowing time we request that you remind them to place their books in the returns box and not straight back on the shelf so that they can be processed correctly. We have spoken with the children about picking a ‘best fit book’ – a book that suits their interest and reading level. You might like to remind them about this.

New Initiatives
This year we would like to continue the great work begun through last year’s National Year of Reading and promote reading and literacy through two new initiatives. The International Book of Friendship and the Book of Welcome.

THE BOOK OF WELCOME – We have a number of families in our school who may be welcoming a new member. If you know of a family who has had a baby and would be willing to come to our Monday morning assembly we would love to welcome them to our reading community at St. Joseph’s by presenting them with a ‘Book of Welcome’. Please email me details so that we can organise this. anna.hill@bne.catholic.edu.au

THE BOOK OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP – If you are travelling overseas and can call into a school or library we would love you to act as an ambassador on behalf of our St Joseph’s community and deliver a ‘Book of International Friendship’. On the Christmas holidays I was fortunate enough to travel to Vietnam with my family. We had the opportunity to visit a boarding school. The pictures below show me presenting a book to a young boy to place in their library also pictured. If you are travelling overseas we’d love to present a book to your child at the Monday Assembly to act as our ambassador on your travels. Please email me details so that we can organise this. anna.hill@bne.catholic.edu.au

Book Club
Today your child will have received the current Book Club order forms please look out for these in their bag and if you would like to place an order, return it to Mrs Carroll in the library by 14 March 2013.

We look forward to your visit to our library.

All the best,
Josephine Hill
Year 7B: Sophie/Edwina for settling in well and for always showing enthusiasm, initiative and responsibility.

Year 6B: Ava for verbally communicating more effectively in class. Great improvement.

Year 5B: Rinka for working hard in maths and respecting her classmates.

Year 4/5G: Chloe for mature attitude to classroom tasks.

Year 4B: McKenzie for making a wonderful and smooth transition into the St Joseph’s community.

Year 4W: Jack for being enthusiastic and working his best at all times.

Year 3B: Claudia for being extremely helpful and always doing the right thing.

3G: James for becoming more focused and helpful in class.

3W: Patrick for consistently working hard, following instructions and listening to teachers.

2B: Alex for great work at being respectful by listening carefully when others are speaking.

2G: Lachlan for consistently working well in class.

2W: George for always being respectful by listening when others are speaking.

1B: Thomas for great work in maths, helping others with humility and care and trying lots of new things!

1G: Sienna for being like Oscar Organisation and trying her hardest to get her work done on time.

1W: Joshua for noticeably listening well and trying hard with all of his work in class.

Prep B: Katarina for demonstrating persistence when completing her work and for brightening our room with her smile.

Prep G: Alex for being a fantastic class participant.

Prep W: Frank for taking great care to complete a tracing and colouring task this week.

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**Did you know this about our Australian Catholic organisations?**

Largest welfare provider outside Government  
63 member organisations  
9,600 employees  
500 different services  
1.1 million clients were cared for in 2012  
SVDP is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.

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**Kilometre Club News**

As the time for the start of Kilometre Club draws closer, it’s decision time. Today all students received a note that needs to be completed if intending to take part in Kilometre Club for this year.

Please record names and grades of all children taking part and send back to school asap.

**These notes need to be returned by this Friday** to ensure that you don’t miss out on your information letter and calendar. These will go out next week.

Start date for Kilometre Club is Wed 20 March. That’s not far off, so get your running shoes on.
P&F Minutes Available on Website
On the Left Hand Menu Bar, Click into Community, Parents and Friends, then at the top left of the page, click into P & F Minutes of Meeting or P & F Meeting Agenda. Then download the appropriate file. Alternatively, click into:
The Files will be uploaded to the site as the documents become available.

DADS NIGHT
The annual Dad’s night is to be held at Gambaros on April 19th. Price upon entry will be $25 to cover the cost of nibbles. Drinks will be available at the bar! We need to advise numbers for catering purposes so please RSVP to Barney McAuliffe on mcauliffe@ bcmtrading.com or 0400 090 822 asap to secure your place!

Netball News
The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in the Italian room at school. All managers, coaches, umpires and new families are invited to attend.

P&F Calendar 2013

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If you would like to contact the P&F, please feel welcome to email Barney McAuliffe (P&F President) mcauliffe@bcmtrading.com
You Can Purchase 75th Anniversary Memorabilia!

To celebrate being part of the St Joseph’s school community, you can purchase a range of 75th 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 75th Anniversary events throughout the year.

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 the week.

The St Joseph's North Ipswich Centenary Mass and Family Picnic will be postponed to a later (drier!) day in the year.

School communities will be notified when this day will be on.

BABY GOODS REQUIRED

Are you looking for a new home for your “Surplus to Requirement” baby clothes/furniture/equipment?

The Jubilee Parish are assisting a young expectant couple who are needing clothes, furniture and all the equipment that a baby requires.

If you would like your “no longer required” baby goods to find a new home with this family, please contact Therese Beavis at tbeavis@bne.catholic.edu.au