Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term One is coming to an end and we are all looking forward to the school holidays. With our preparations for Easter beginning, we should take a few moments to reflect on the real meaning of Christ’s death and resurrection for us. Christ had once been glorious and popular with a tremendous following. People loved to be near Him.

Sounds of activity followed Him wherever He went. Then it changed. They turned on Him, rejected him and crucified Him. Imagine the feeling of the Apostles. There were feelings of loss and abandonment. They huddled together in fear of those who had murdered the Teacher. Then suddenly there were signs that things might not be as they appeared. Some had heard the tomb was empty. Who could believe that Jesus had risen from the dead?

Then Jesus came and stood among them. He read the disbelief in their eyes. “Peace to you”, he said. Jesus gave them signs they needed to know that He was alive and well. They realised that Jesus’ death was part of the plan. We too, must realise this and find the real meaning of Easter – the Good News that we are invited to follow Christ not only to death but beyond to resurrection.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to those students who made their First Reconciliation on Monday evening last week at Rosalie. There were over 200 children from the Jubilee Parish (Newmarket, Ashgrove and Bardon) who celebrated the Sacrament. The children and their families have spent the past few weeks preparing for the reception of this Sacrament.

Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Many thanks to Fr Peter, his team of priests and to Jenny Donnelly the parish Sacramental Co-ordinator and her team.

NAPLAN TESTS (Yr 3, 5 & 7)

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. This year these tests will be held on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

All students in these years participate in the tests and students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au or in the parent brochure attached to this newsletter.
75th BALL CELEBRATION
Invitations to the Ball are being sent home with your child this week. If you have not yet received it, please check the bottom of that school bag. We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY
There will be no formal assembly on Thursday afternoon. After our Easter Liturgy has concluded in the morning on Thursday we will give out the weekly awards and wish everyone all the best for the holidays.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAY
As this is the last week before the school holidays I take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community who have assisted in any way this term. Your support and help has been greatly appreciated.

I hope that you and your family have a holy and happy Easter and take up this opportunity to spend time together over the holidays. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April for the commencement of Term 2, 2013!!

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Hayes
Principal

From the APRE
Minnie Vinnies Easter Appeal
On Friday’s assembly Jeff Cowan from the Bardon St Vincent de Paul Society accepted hundreds of gift wrapped eggs from us here at St Joseph’s. He told the assembly of the difference we make in people’s lives at this time of year. The eggs will be distributed to homes, shelters and respite centres. Thank you for helping us support St Vincent de Paul.

Holy Week Liturgies
Every day this week we are having liturgies in the hall to tell the Easter story. Tomorrow these conclude with the burial and resurrection of Jesus. It has been great to see so many parents joining us for these in the hall.

Mr Robbo’s Walking School bus
This week was the last week and we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast in the undercroft thanks to the Active Travel Committee. We also had some wonderful prizes donated and drawn at the breakfast.

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

Congratulations to Sierra (1G) and Luca (3W) who were our lollipop recipients for the last two weeks.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Woolworths Earn and Learn
St Joseph’s will again be participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn. From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn and Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once completed, points sheets can be placed in the collection box located in the school office.

The program closes on the 9th June.

Happy collecting!
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)

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop operates the first Friday of each month from 2pm, beginning the 3rd May. However there will be a special opening on the 19th April from 2pm; first Friday back at school.

The Shop is located outside the piano room adjacent to the staff carpark. From time to time the Shop will feature as a pop up stall alongside other school events (morning tea’s, fundraisers), to give new and old parents greater flexibility to purchase items.

The Shop is stocked by the quality donations of past and present St Joseph’s families. Donations can be left any time at the school office, but please only send items that are part of the official school uniform as sold by Ashgrove Drapery, or the School.

Uniforms sell at prices ranging from as little as $2, to $15. All profits go to the St Joseph’s P&F.

Convenors
Clarissa Turner (4W & 1B) & Carolyn Keogh (1W)

★ THANKYOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS ★
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

ACTIVE WEDNESDAYS
The winners of last week's active Wednesday survey were:

*2W  (68% actively travelled to school)
*4/5G (62%)
*2G and 4W (56%)

Keep up the good work!! Our Active Wednesday surveys will continue in Term 2!

AST BREAKFAST
Thank you to Rock n Roll Marketplace (500 Logan Road, Greenslopes) for donating our fruit for this morning’s successful breakfast.

Thank you also to Crank House Cyclery (McGregor Terrace) and Peter and Rachel Charles for donating the wonderful raffle prizes. The fantastic bicycle was won by Isabel (4W) and the sports backpack by Eli (3G)

Prep B  Alexander for demonstrating enthusiasm for learning across all areas of Prep. Well done Alexander.
Prep G  Sophia for working well during groups and always listening and following instructions.
Prep W  Harriet for exceptional listening skills and for always following teacher instructions.
1B  Ella for being a classroom superstar! Always giving 100% and helping others. Well done Ella!
1G  Meika for excellent work in rotations and always being helpful.
1W  Finn for always having a friendly word for his classmates and teacher and a positive attitude to learning.
2B  Sarah for doing a fantastic job acting in the role of Jesus in our ‘Holy Thursday’ presentation.
2G  Madeleine for always being polite and courteous to others.
2W  Oliver for always respecting teachers and classmates.
3B  Daisy for being a cheerful and friendly member of 3B.
3G  Lachlan for being very helpful in class.
3W  Charlie for staying on task and completing all of his work to the best of his ability.
4B  Tom for showing excellent behaviour and maturity.
4W  Charlotte for preparing and delivering a great Persuasive Talk.
4/5G  Maz for always being an enthusiastic and cheerful member of Year 4/5G.
5B  Jaime for working so quietly and diligently everyday.
6B  All of Year 6!
7B  Ella for always showing the Franciscan values of Humility, Care and Respect everyday.
YEAR 5 JUNIOR BAND

Next term, the Year 5 Instrumental Program will begin its exciting next phase, with the introduction of Junior Band as part of the curriculum. All Year 5 students are required to participate in this aspect of the program.

Junior Band will take place on Wednesday mornings, before school, in the Music Room. In Term 2, band will commence at 8.15am or as soon as practicable after the conclusion of Kilometre Club. Students taking part in Kilometre Club should proceed directly to the Music Room afterwards, so that Junior Band can start promptly. Students not participating in Kilometre Club are asked to arrive at 8.00am, to help set up the Music Room for the Junior Band rehearsal.

All students will need to bring their instruments to rehearsal and a 2B pencil, which should be kept in their instrument case.

At the first band rehearsal, Junior Band members will be issued with a music folder, in which to keep their loose sheets of band music. Thereafter, this should also be brought to all band rehearsals. The folder remains the property of the school and will be handed back at the end of the year, when the instruments are returned.

Junior Band will commence on April 17th, the first Wednesday of next term. Letters with this information will be going home with Year 5 students today.

Linda Pendrith
Band/Instructional Teacher

Sports News

Wow, what a great term! We have had lots of fun in sport this term and a lot more to come next term.

The Preps and Year 1s have learnt about boundaries and movement in sport and have practiced moving in their ‘safe space’ in games to avoid crashes. The last 2 weeks of Term they have showed their bowling skills with 10 Pin Bowling in the hall.

The Year 2 and 3s have explored the different ways of moving in sport and the last couple of weeks have bowled for strikes and spares with our 10 Pin Bowling Unit.

Year 4, 5, 6, and 7 started the Term talking about Healthy living and the Fitness Components of Sport and as part of the unit completed a Healthy Fitness Diary. We also learned how to take our pulse and how different sports make our heart rate change. They have finished the Term with Tom from Qld Baseball teaching us the great game of Yardball.

Next term we have Qld AFL and NRL Broncos coming to visit St Joseph’s and lots of Cross Country training and Carnival’s as well.

Have a safe holiday and remember to try and go for a run to get ready for our Cross Country Carnival in Week 2.

State Champions

Congratulations to Simona who competed at the Qld State Swimming Carnival for Breaststroke this week.

Well done also to Emmitt who competed at the Little Athletics State Championships for 800m on the weekend.

We are very proud of you both.

Zone Swimming

Last Wednesday, 35 swimmers represented St Joseph’s at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Chandler Pool. Everyone swam very well and the team came a very close 2nd in the B Schools Competition. Thank you also to our Year 7’s who came along to support the team. Congratulations Simona, Emmitt, Claudia, James, Chloe, Abbey, Georgia, Lachlan, William, Sophie, Sam, Magnus, April, Sophie, McKenzie, Sophie, Luca, Jack, Lucie, Ella, Oscar, Ben, Jack, Brianna, Josie, Bridie, Thomas, Bianca, Thomas, Nicholas, Grace, Sophie, Georgia, Sam and Maya.

Did you know this about our Australian Catholic organisations?

- Worldwide numbers are booming 1.2 billion
- In 2012 Census: 5.4m Catholics, 25.3%, (up by 300,000 but down .7% as a percentage of the population from 2006); 13.2m Christians, 61%, (down 3%). The rise on No Religion from 3.7m in 2006 to 4.7m in 2012 may be misleading because it includes anyone who did not answer the question.
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!

Tuckshop Roster 25 March
Tuckshop       Patty Cakes
Jackie Beauchamp Cate Clifford
Michelle Brown  Victoria Sandstrom
Loretta Connors Margaret Dwyer
Ann-Louise Coulson
Sonya Mortimore

St Joseph’s Netball
The new netball uniforms are scheduled to arrive in the holidays. Coaches/managers will be contacted to arrange collection of the uniforms in the week commencing Monday 15th April.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
This year the P & F will again be operating a Mothers’ Day Stall on Wednesday 8 May - there will be gifts from 50c - $4 available (and a limited range of gifts for grandma/nanna). More information will follow closer to the date.
We are again seeking donations of raffle prizes and assistance with the stall on the day. If you can help, please contact Catherine Myers (0422 000 321) or Kerry Alessandra (0418 730 217)

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)
**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

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**Play Beautiful: After School Soccer (Term 2) FREE TASTER SESSION**

Your child is invited to experience soccer in Term 2 through the one of a kind Play Beautiful Curriculum, presented in fun video game style levels, allowing children to ‘unlock’ 50 new skills.

No need to register online, just meet at the oval after school at 3pm.

Parents can stay and watch, pick up at 4.15pm or we can supervise players back to OSHC.

When: Monday 22nd April, 2013 (Week 2)
Where: St Josephs Bardon Oval
Time: 3.00-4.15pm

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**Urgent Request**

Mother with 15 year old daughter attending The Gap High School URGENTLY seeks accommodation – one bedroom granny flat/ flat/unit. Please call Amanda on 0412 877 166
AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS

Dear Parents, Family And Friends,

Together with Steve McCauliffe, President of our St Joseph’s Parents And Friends Association, I’d like to invite you to our 75th Anniversary Celebration, otherwise known as the ‘Bling Ball.’

It will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends new and old, to celebrate the wonderful community St Joys has been for 75 years.

Please extend this invitation to any past families and friends of the school. We’d love to see them there!

With Warmest Regards,

[Signature]

PRINCIPAL

On: Saturday May 11, 2013. 7pm until 12 midnight
In: The Fr Ray Lyons Centre (AKA ‘The Hall’) Cecil Road, Bardon

$75 per person
Includes a welcome drink, live entertainment and a delicious supper.

Dress: In honour of our ‘diamond’ anniversary, the theme is ‘bling,’ so wear something sparkly if you like, or just dress for a fabulous party!

Please complete the form below and return to the school office in an envelope marked ‘75th Ball’ by Wednesday April 24.

Or post to ‘Ball Committee’
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, PO Box 2017, Ashgrove West 4060

NAME:__________________________________________________________

EMAIL:________________________________ PHONE:_________________ NUMBER OF TICKETS:________________________

☐ I enclose payment as cheque (payable to St Joseph’s Parents And Friends Association)

☐ Please debit my credit card ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

NUMBER:_________ ☐ CVV (3 DIGIT NUMBER ON BACK): _______

NAME ON CARD:_________________________ EXPIRY DATE:______
NAPLAN 2013 tests timetable

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- Language Conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy includes number space, algebra, function and patterns; measurement, chance and data.
-Calculators are NOT permitted in the Numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one Numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

What will be tested, and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a persuasive essay.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task can be accessed on the NAPLAN website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test format and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do their best on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary illness may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?
NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?
Whenever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website.

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAPLAN website)