Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we gathered as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist, marking Ash Wednesday. This day begins the Season of Lent, a time of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes that we received on our forehead are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. These ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration last year.

The canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us that Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert, and therefore our Lenten season marks the beginning of this 40 day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or making a positive change in our lives. How can we “Come Live Life” this Lenten season?

ROYAL COMMISSION
There has been extensive media coverage of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in recent times, given the focus of the Commission on a case study from a Catholic school in the Diocese of Toowoomba. Brisbane Catholic Education does not have oversight of Catholic schools in that diocese, but the resurfacing of this case may again undermine the confidence of the broader community in the safety of students in Catholic schools generally.

The hearings uncovered further disturbing information about the way in which the Church has so poorly handled allegations of sexual abuse against children. We can only begin to imagine the suffering of those children and the impact on their families. We offer our most sincere apologies, again, for what occurred and reiterate our absolute determination to do all we can to ensure that children and young people are safe in our schools and that crimes like this do not happen again.

Please be assured that our school, along with all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, has in place clear policies and procedures for dealing with all allegations of sexual abuse, including those not related to a school setting. These policies and procedures are available to all parents and are published on the Brisbane Catholic Education website.

Parents will receive in the mail a letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, to assure parents of our continued commitment to ensuring our Catholic schools are safe for your children.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
God was certainly smiling on us yesterday with the rain holding off for our swimming carnival. What a great day we all had at the Newmarket Pool as our Year 3-7 competed in their swimming races for their colour teams. Our winners and age champions will be announced at assembly this week.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 6 & 7 leaders and the leadership they showed on this day. They were fantastic organising their colour team, creating great mascots, getting children ready for their races and assisting teachers with jobs when needed. Great work leaders, you really showed great leadership qualities.

Thanks to our parents who volunteered their assistance throughout the day to help our carnival run smoothly. Without parent help our carnival would not have been so successful. Next week we will have a more detailed report on the carnival.

A special thanks to Mrs Christie Lewis and the Sports Committee for all the many hours that Christie dedicated to the preparation and organization of the day. Well done to all!!
DISCO Year 6 & 7
The disco will be held this Friday in the school hall from 7-9pm for our Year 6 & 7 students. A group of local schools have also been invited to attend. The funds raised from this event goes toward the cost of their Canberra Trip.

We certainly have great excitement in these classes as they prepare for the disco.

YEAR 3-7 SWIMMING NOT ON TOMORROW - THURSDAY 6 MARCH - DUE TO THE CARNIVAL YESTERDAY

Enjoy your weekend,
Carolyn

From the APRE
Sacramental Program 2014 – Reconciliation
Everyone should have received the second week’s worksheets via email by now. We have around 160 registered within the Jubilee Parish, so another big year! Please remember to contact Jenny directly if you have any issues with emails or any other issues. It is really important that you DO NOT contact the Parish Office, as sometimes the messages are not getting through correctly. Jenny’s mobile is 0402252009 and email jend@donnellys.net.au. More information can be also found on the parish webpage: www.jubileeparish.com

Today is the First day of Lent!
Today we all received ashes on our forehead which symbolises the need to humble our hearts and reminds us to turn away from sin and live true the Gospel.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Caritas run the Project Compassion Appeal every year during Lent
Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year we will be continuing our support for this Appeal and each class will have the chance to bring money in and fill their class appeal box. For every $10 each class raises, a symbol of what that could buy for a person or community in need will appear in our garden outside the library. Thanks to our Religious Life of Schools staff committee and our Student Pastoral Care committee for assisting in the running of this appeal.

St Vincent de Paul Easter Egg Appeal
Every year in conjunction with the Global Caritas Appeal we have an Easter Egg Appeal that helps our local chapter of St Vincent de Paul bring some joy to those families who may be less fortunate than ourselves. Last year we made up 250 gift bags consisting of chocolate eggs and bunnies. We also provided some hampers filled with eggs and goodies to local respite homes as well.

If you can help out please add a few eggs to your weekly shop and send them into the school via your child’s class or straight to the office. Your generosity is much appreciated and we get some beautiful cards and messages back from local residences.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Our Star Student of the Week is Matilda (2W)

Masses for the rest of Term 1
Tuesday 11 March  
Year 4
Wed 19 March  
St Joseph’s Day Whole School Mass
Monday 31 March  
HOLY WEEK LITURGIES
Monday 12 May 2014 7:30pm - 9:00pm
St Joseph’s Hall (off Cecil Road, Bardon)

For parents of primary school-aged children

Kids need strong, confident leadership ... from their parents. That’s quite a challenge these days as kids grow up at the speed of light and parents are unsure of their place in the lives of kids.

Michael will show parents how to be confident family leaders, able to develop real confidence, character and resilience - the keys to kids’ future success in this ever-changing world.

Here’s what Michael covers:

⇒ How to develop real independence in kids so that they are equipped to look after themselves.
⇒ The most effective parenting style for raising today’s kids.
⇒ The secrets to building strong families and how you can apply these principles to your own family.
⇒ Why disappointment, struggle and failure are good for kids and how you can help them to grow from these experiences.
⇒ Great ways to get cooperation from your kids without nagging, shaming or raising your voice.
Prep B  William for demonstrating persistence during focused learning activities. Well done William!
Prep G  Joshua for being a supportive classmate and making us happy with your beautiful smile.
Prep W  Weston for always taking good care of his friends. Weston is a loyal and supportive classmate.
1B    Oscar for brightening up our classroom with his beautiful smile.
1G    Oliver for an outstanding effort with his Show and Share. Well done!
1W    Harry for a fantastic Show and Share and for a great effort during handwriting lessons.
2B    Ruby for the huge effort put into presenting a wonderful Show and Share with your hairy egg and procedure poster. Well done.
2G    Joshua for always showing respect and care for others and for giving great answers.
2W    Joseph for working cooperatively with his classmates and teachers. Doing his best always.
3B    Fletcher for demonstrating fantastic team work in Maths activities.
3G    Denis for being an attentive, conscientious student who is always friendly, polite and helpful in class.
3W    Luca for a fantastic first week at St Joseph’s. Sarah for being a great role model for 3W by helping others and doing her best work. Well done.
4B    Zac for showing courage and confidence in his first week at St Joseph’s.
4W    Sophia for great problem solving in Maths time and for being a very helpful member of class.
5B    Jessica for beautiful manners and attention to detail in Maths investigations.
6B    Giulia for her conscientious attitude towards learning. Keep giving 100% Giulia!
7B    Aurora for her conscientious attitude towards everything she does and for always working democratically with her peers.

KM Club
Notes for KM Club went home on Monday. Start date is 26th March. Years 2 - 7 Bowman Park at 7:40am and Preps and Year 1 School Oval at 7:45am. Extra sessions on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm

Notes are due back to the school office by Friday.

Garden Working Bee
A huge thank you to all the Dads, Mums and Teachers who made our Garden Working Bee such a huge success. The Green House is up and gardens ready to go. We appreciate all your time and help.

WANTED!
Rosella harvesters and jam makers for this Thursday afternoon 6th March at 2:30pm. Jars supplied.
Please let Sam know in the office if you can help.

Cheers from Mrs Harden
**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

**FEBRUARY STAR CLASS AWARD**

Congratulations to 5B who received the Certificate for the Highest Percentage of Active School Travellers during February. 5B averaged 53% of the class travelling actively to school during February. That's a great way to start the year 5B. Well done!

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEYS**

Congratulations to the winners of last week's Wednesday Active Travel Survey.

- 5B – 53%
- 3W – 50%
- 7B – 47%

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is getting bigger every week. There are two important points to note:

- Could you please drop your application off at the school office at least 24 hours before you wish your child(ren) to join the Walking School Bus.
- If you have enrolled your children in the Walking School Bus, and need to notify the coordinator of any changes, please text/call or email Christine Brown as per the contact details below.

**MARCH IS “PARK ‘N’ STRIDE” MONTH**

Today was Mr Robertson’s first morning Walking School Bus from Bowman Parade to School. The morning Walking School Bus will run every Wednesday (about 8:10 – 8:15 am) during March. A special AST breakfast will take place on the last Wednesday of March with special giveaways to those who participate in the March Park N Stride.

If you are interested in being involved please come to one of our meetings, or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

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**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:

- **Science**  Wednesday 4th June
- **English**   Tuesday 29th July
- **Mathematics**  Tuesday 12th August

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 28th MARCH**

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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**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 28th March
ATTENTION

Year 7 students will be selling ice-cream cones to the Preps and Year 1s at lunch time this Friday for $1 in the Early Years.

All profits will go towards the Year 6 & 7 Canberra trip.
Thank you for supporting us.
Year 6 & 7 Easter Raffle

There are 5 fantastic, delicious baskets full of chocolates to be won! All money raised will go towards our Canberra trip.

RAFFLE TICKETS $1

There is also a GUESSING JAR COMPETITION – you need to guess how many eggs are in the jar. Each guess is 50 cents or 5 for $2.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

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.

DATE CLAIMER: Dad’s Night Friday 23 May. Details to follow closer to the time.

TRIVIA NIGHT NEWS

Return your registration forms to the office by March 12. Register as a group, an individual or a couple – EVERYONE’S WELCOME! Extra forms available if yours has gone AWOL.

The winning table will receive $500 to donate to the CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE. How good is that?

We’ll be raffling a BARROW FULL OF TOP TIPPLES. Can you donate a bottle of something nice? Bring it to the office – great way to contribute.

Also, we’re looking for something special to auction – sports memorabilia, a weekend away, something rare or collectable. Contact katehunter@me.com if you can help. Registration enquiries to Amanda Wakefield rodamanda@bigpond.com

‘Care and Concern’

The ‘Care and Concern’ group continues this year to support families at their time of need. This can be in the form of meals, transport, grocery shopping, ironing or whatever activity best would help the family. Any assistance given is completely confidential and anonymous.

You can get assistance by asking the office or through your class representative. If you are a friend of a family that might need assistance, please ask them if they would like some help and let the office know.

As we have new families to the school and some that have left, I am updating the contact list of helpers. If you would like to be on this list of helpers, please let me send your email address and class of oldest child to: Glenda Hawley, email - cghawley@gmail.com
St Joseph’s Netball

To assist with the girls being ready for their first fixture on Saturday 29th March (especially the Under 9’s [was called Nippers] and Under 10’s), we have organised all teams to have a game on Saturday 15th March in the School Hall. They need to come in the netball uniform and play a game with being umpired etc as per a normal fixture.

We are doing 4 x 10 minute quarters for everyone, given the number of games we need to get through on the day.

The game times for this Trial game ONLY is as follows:

Under 9’s Team 1 (Manager: Juanita Peters, Coach: Suzie Meehan) v Under 9’s Team 2 Manager (Fiona Hopkins, Coach: Chantelle Daveson) will be 9:00am – 10:00am.

Under 9’s Team 3 (Manager: Sue Bukowski, coach: Sharon Bruna) v Under 9’s Team 4 (Manager: Erin Hancock, Coach: Alissa Parker) will be 10:00am – 11:00am.

U10 1 v U10 2 (11:00am – 12:00pm)

U11 Gold v Under 11 Brown v Under Brown White (12:00pm – 1:30pm) will rotate to make sure all three teams play one another.

U12 Gold v Under 12 Brown (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

Discuss with your team and have your Manager email me if you are able or unable to play to participate as a team on that day.

Chantelle Daveson

Parish News

Donations for Refugees
The Jubilee parish has a support group that works in conjunction with the Romero Centre to help refugees settling into our local community. Refugees, who are unable to work, survive on a meagre allowance to pay for accommodation, shop for essentials such as food, and travel to volunteer work and English classes. As public transport is so expensive in Brisbane, the Romero Centre is seeking donations of adult bikes in good working order, bike helmets, repair kits and spare parts. In addition, donations of rice cookers and non-perishable foods such as rice, cooking oil, tinned beans, sugar and flour are always welcomed. There is also a great need for transport to take refugee volunteers to St Vincent’s at Sumner Park.

Please leave donations of food at the office and bikes can be left at the Parish office at 333 Given Terrace in Paddington (open school hours). Please contact Naomi Herron naomih@herroncoorey.com.au with any queries or if you are able to assist with driving volunteer refugees to St Vincent’s sorting centre.

Suggestiions of non-perishable food items:
- Long grain rice or Basmati rice
- Canned tuna
- Canned Chick peas
- Canned Lentils
- Canned Red beans
- Olive oil or any other cooking oil
- Canned Sweet corn
- Maggi Noodles (Asian )
- Canned fruit
- Canned beetroot
- Canned chicken
- Canned sardines
- Canned Tomatoes

Other Items:
- Household starter packs such as clean linen, new towels, new or good condition kitchen items (cutlery, crockery, pots and pans)
- Good condition or new blankets
- New Pillows
- Very good condition and reliable adult push bikes and helmets
**ST JOSEPH’S P&F presents**

**The SHOW TUNES TRIVIA NIGHT**

SATURDAY MARCH 22, FROM 6.30PM TO 10.30PM
(NO BALL OR FETE THIS YEAR SO IT’LL BE BIG)

LOOK TO OLIVER! GREASE, THE SOUND OF MUSIC, ROCKY HORROR, MAMAMIA, LES MISERABLES ETC FOR INSPIRATION FOR COSTUMES AND TABLE DECORATION

… THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS!

OR DRESS AS THOUGH YOU’RE OFF TO OPENING NIGHT ON BROADWAY.

OR WEAR WHATEVER YOU LIKE – EVERYONE’S WELCOME. DRESSING UP IS ENCOURAGED BUT OPTIONAL!

$45 PER PERSON INCLUDES A WELCOME DRINK,
GOURMET WOOD-FIRED PIZZA, CHOCOLATEY TREAT. CASH BAR.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE $500 TO DONATE TO THE CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE.

Register your team before March 12! Complete either section A for a team, or Section B for an individual or couple. Then Section C for payment. Return forms to the office.

**SECTION A**

I’d like to register a TEAM (You can have less than 10, but not more than 10 players). One payment per team, please.

Team Name _______________________________________________________________

Captain (player 1) ___________________ Email _____________________________ Eldest child’s name and class________________________

Players (2) ___________________________________________ (3) ___________________________ (4) ___________________________

(5) ___________________________________________ (6) ___________________________ (7) ___________________________

(8) ___________________________________________ (9) ___________________________ (10) ___________________________

**SECTION B**

I’d like to register as an INDIVIDUAL OR A COUPLE (we’ll arrange a team for you)

Name/s ______________________________________________________________

Eldest child’s name and class ___________________________ Email ___________________________

**SECTION C**

Payment - Please pay $450 for a team, or $45 for an individual, or $90 for a couple.
Cheque enclosed (made out to St Joseph’s School Parents & Friends Association) for $ _____________________________

Or please debit my VISA Card OR MasterCard ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

NAME ON CARD ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

EXPIRY DATE ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

CCV ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

AMOUNT ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

For more info please email katehunter@me.com or Amanda Wakefield at tjdama@bigpond.com
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

Sony Foundation/Marist Children's Holiday Camp

Planning is now under way for the Twelfth Sony Foundation Marist Children's Holiday Camp. This means that we are inviting applications from families with children who would benefit from participation. The camp provides four days of care, friendship and entertainment for children with disabilities. It also provides families of these children with some respite as senior students volunteer to take on the role of companions. The camp offers facilities, twenty-four hour medical staff and care of the highest standard. Due to the demand for places, children can attend the camp only once.

As we are supported by the Sony Foundation in this camp there will be no cost to parents.

The camp is held at Marist College Ashgrove from Saturday 20 to Tuesday 23 September, 2014. We are hoping to include children from both city and country areas. If you know of children and their families who may be interested in further information about the camp, please contact:

Luke McMahon
Ph No. 3858 4581
mcmahonl@marash.qld.edu.au

Application/Information Forms are available by ringing 3858 4534.
or downloaded from the Marist College website

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2014 CAMP CLOSE ON MONDAY 23 JUNE 2014.

The Gap Health and Racquet Club
Player of the Week: Emily
"Congratulations Emily for another excellent week at tennis. You listened well and applied yourself fully to all the tasks you were set. Keep up the good work".
Declan Pearce
Head Tennis Professional

DATE CLAIMER - Guardian Angels School Wynnum (est. 1914) is celebrating its Centenary year with a Mass and Open Day on Saturday 3 May. We invite all past students, staff and friends of the school to come along. The day will commence with Mass at 10am celebrated by the Archbishop then displays, music, unveiling of the current students' centenary art project, launch of our centenary cookbook and a free sausage sizzle from 11am to 2pm, with a special presentation at 12pm. Check our Facebook page at Guardian Angels Centenary 2014 for info and to register.

If you have any photos or other memorabilia you can share for the day please contact Kylie Vinen on 0408476026 as we would really appreciate whatever you have.
Managing kids who won’t take no for answer

Kids can be very strategic at getting you to agree to what they want. But two can play at that game!

Ever had a child who keeps asking for a favour or a treat over and over until they get the response they want?

These kids generally use one of two strategies. They may either nag or hound you until they get an affirmative response or they seek out another adult who will give them the answer they want.

Pester power wears you down!

From a kid’s point of view, the first method, which is based on persistence, is generally very effective with tired parents and sole parents who are more vulnerable to this type of behaviour.

“All right have the ice cream. Anything for some peace and quiet,” is a response that most people who have spent time around children are familiar with. The same applies to adolescents: “Okay, you can go to the party. Just stop nagging me about it!”

Playing one parent off against the other

The second method is a little more devious but very effective and usually occurs in dual parent families. You know the situation. A child’s request for a treat, favour or outing is turned down for good reason (“No Jessica you can’t have an ice cream now. Wait until after dinner”). The child then goes to the other parent (without sharing the conversation they’ve just had with you!) in the hope that he or she may well give them the positive answer they are looking for.

These situations can drive parents crazy and are indicative of two people operating on different parenting planes.

If it happens every now and again then it is no big deal. However, if one parent is always granting a child his or her wishes without consultation or thought about what the other parent thinks, then it’s probably time to step back and reflect on how you can both work together.

One “no” is enough

Be firm with a child or young person who goes to another parent in search of a “yes” after they have received a knock back.

“Where did you get that ice cream from? I already said no.”

“Daddy said I could have it.”

“I am sorry but you should not go to Daddy after I said ‘No’.”

If in doubt, defer

The other technique that you can use when one parent tends to give in more often is to agree to defer to each other whenever a child or young person asks something tricky.

“Okay Jessica, I’ll just check with Dad and get back to you.”

This strategy can be wearing and even artificial but it’s helpful in bringing the other parent into the picture and it also demonstrates that you are double act.

It’s the smartest way to manage teens as they have a propensity to corner you into making quick decisions. The principle here is to control the timing of your responses and not be railroaded into snap decisions.

Take it in turns saying “no”

Most dual parents play good cop/bad cop, with one being the disciplinarian or hard-line manager and the other more the play director. That tends to be the way of families. This is wearing on the bad cop so it helps if you can swap roles (or even backbones) occasionally so that the ‘bad cop’ parent gets a break. Sole parents play both roles, which is draining.

Managing children who won’t take no for an answer demands teamwork, a willingness to hold your ground and, most importantly, good communication skills. The aim is to reach a point that when you say “No, not this time” (or however you say it), your kids actually believe what you say.