Dear Parents and Caregivers

With Mother’s Day approaching this Sunday I’d like to share with you a reflection my mother passed onto me many years ago.

My Mean Mother

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had lollies for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, egg and toast. While other kids had cans of drinks and lollies for lunch, I had to have a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids’ too – as well as the food, we had to eat it at a table and not in front of the television.

My mother also insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You’d think we were on a chain gang or something. She had to know who our friends were, where we were going and she even told us what time we had to be home.

I am ashamed to admit it, but my mother actually had the nerve to break child labour laws. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make our beds and even learn to cook. That woman must have stayed awake at nights just thinking up things for us kids to do. She always insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, our whole life became even more unbearable. No tooting the car horn for the girls in our family to come running. She embarrassed us by insisting that the boys come to the door to get us.

She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us kids were ever arrested for shoplifting or busted for doing something illegal.

And who do we have to thank for this? You’re right – our mean mother.

Everyday we hear cries from both our people and politicians about what our country really needs. We need more mean mothers like mine.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL THE MUMS OUT THERE.
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL LAST WEDNESDAY
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Cross Country last Wednesday. What beautiful weather for running in the park and what great support by our parent community. Congratulations to Yellow, the winning team and to all our Year level winners (our winners are mentioned in the sport section).

Thank you to Mrs Christie Lewis and the sports committee for all their time and effort in preparing the successful carnival. This committee have worked over the past few weeks in ensuring that the day ran smoothly. THANKS TEAM.

Thanks also to the parents who assisted on the day, your help was appreciated.

NAPLAN TESTING DATES FOR 2014
- 13TH MAY - Language Conventions & Writing Tests
- 14TH MAY - Reading test
- 15TH MAY - Numeracy test
- 16TH MAY – is a catch up day for those who were away during Tuesday-Thursday.

Please ensure your child has had a hearty breakfast and is at school on time ready for the commencement of these tests. They will begin as soon as the first bell goes at 8:35am.

ABSENTEEISM
With our eMinerva system that was rolled out to all Catholic Schools in 2011, teachers now mark the class roll electronically at 9am and 2pm. Children are marked late if they arrived after 9am and marked as an early departure if they leave before 2pm. This will now automatically calculate into days absent into each child’s report card for the semester.

VISIT FROM OUR ADOPT- A -COP
Meriel Ianna, our adopt- a-cop, will be visiting all classes over the next couple of weeks. This is an opportunity for Meriel to become familiar with our students and to talk about Stranger Danger and Internet safety (for the older students). We welcome Meriel to our school community and look forward to seeing her among our school community this year.

PLEASE NOTE – NEWSLETTER DAY CHANGE
AS OF WEEK FIVE THIS TERM OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT HOME TO FAMILIES ON THURSDAYS (no longer on a Wednesday). This is due to a small restructure of office staff. With more and more administration tasks to be completed we now have Mrs Stagnitti (a current school officer) working in the office on a Thursday afternoon and every second Friday to assist Sam Lucey to attend to a number of administration tasks.

Yours sincerely, Carolyn

From the APRE
Sacramental Program – First Communion and Confirmation
Students who are Catholic and who have made their sacrament of Reconciliation are eligible to enrol in the program. The Year Four class will be working through this in class to support the Parish program. The program consists of a compulsory Enrolment night, online worksheets, a retreat day and a weekend at which they make their Sacraments. Please contact the Parish Office on 33695351 or myself through the school office if you have any questions.

Date Claimers:
Tuesday 29 July – Parent Information (enrolment) Night: 7.00pm Scared Heart Rosalie
Thursday 4 September- Retreat Day Lavalla Centre
September 5/6/7 – Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Upcoming Masses:
Week 4: Year 6 and Prep B
Week 5: Year 1
Week 6: Year 3
Week 7: Year 5 and Prep G
Week 8: Year 4
Week 10: Year 2

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Our Star Student of the Week is Charlie (3B)
Raising Kids to Thrive!

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.
Cross Country Report
Last Thursday after school, 17 amazing students represented St Joseph’s at the annual Rangers Invitational Cross Country event, held at Dorrington Park. This was the day after our school cross country, which makes their efforts even more impressive. St Joseph’s finished 4th in both divisions, with Ella (3rd), Jackson (9th) and Abby (10th) being amongst the top 10 finishers. There were up to 65 runners in each race.

Congratulations to Ella, Abby, Beccy, Siena, Claudia, Ella and Sam, Georgia and James, Rose and Amy, Jackson, Keegan and Aidan, Asher, Charlie and Sam. Great work!

NW Catholic Schools X-Country
Last Monday, 41 students in the cross country squad participated in a cross country event at The Gap. The event included Mater Dei, St Peter Chanel and St Joseph’s Catholic Schools. Our students put in their best effort. St Joseph’s performed very well in the Junior and Intermediate Girls placing first and second with Margaux 1st and Ella 2nd and Claudia 1st and Beccy 2nd. In the Senior Girls, Ella placed second and Abigail third. The Junior Boys saw James come in third place and Jackson was fourth in the Intermediate Boys.

Netball Umpires Required
On Monday 19th May St Joseph’s is playing in the QC cup netball competition at Coorparoo. In the past we have used Mt St Michaels students as it was a pupil-free day for them. As this is not the case this year we are urgently looking for 5 umpires for the day. We will pay $75 and there is no need to be badged just competent. Umpires will be required from 8am to 4pm and can travel on the bus with the teams.

Kilometre Club News
Once again our Sunday session was well attended, even though this week we nearly got blown away. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Christie Lewis and Jo Devenish-Meares, who organised our parent helpers and to those generous parents who helped out along the track.

A few Km Club reminders…

* Please offer your help to our parent organisers each Sunday. Remember the more parents we have out on the track/oval the safer it is for your children.
* Years Prep - 3 run a loop on the oval, Years 4 -7 run the ‘creek’ run.
* Try to get your children to Wednesday sessions ready for the start, to ensure maximum running time

Check progress NOW to avoid a big rush at the end of the season.

Happy running!

Bern Skelly and Wendy Lamb

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 26th May 2014.

You will receive a flyer/envelope for each student explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring their envelopes to their class teacher before Photo Day (by Thursday 22 May)

For your convenience, the photographers have an automated system for credit card payments, through their secure website. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students enrolled at the school. Please collect a Sibling Order Envelope from the school office.
ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
What a great day we had last Wednesday for the St Joseph’s Cross Country Carnival. Our new venue was fabulous and the day was a great success. The kids all ran with great energy and enthusiasm and some even looked like they could have run another lap! The Colour House competition was very close as always.

Cross Country Colour House Champion – Yellow =261 points
2nd – Blue = 249 points
3rd – Green = 247 points
4th – Red = 229 points

Cross Country Individual Age Champions and Runner Ups

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St Joey’s Garden
We are running a Garden Club Mother’s Day raffle with tickets on sale this Thursday and Friday in the Prep area. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1.

First prize - Mini Herb Garden; Second prize - Bundle of Jams and Relishes; Third prize - $20 Produce voucher. Funds raised from this raffle will also go back into the garden.

Mrs Harden
Languages – Italian

Even though ‘Carnevale’ celebrations ended on Shrove Tuesday in Italy, we will be preparing for ‘Carnevale a San Giuseppe’ - Italian Day on the 26 June.

In term 1 Years 5, 6 and 7 learnt about how ‘Carnevale’ is celebrated in diverse ways in different regions of Italy. The Year 4 children learnt about some of the ‘Commedia del Arte’ mask characters associated with different regions of Italy. The younger classes have explored ‘Carnevale’ in Venice, the most famous and widely known ‘Carnevale’ in Italy. All children have made a mask to wear for the parade on Italian Day. There are prizes for the most creative. Those who were away in the last 2 weeks of first term will get a chance to complete a mask before Italian Day.

During Carnevale in Italy children dress up in costumes for the parades and celebrations. Adults wear extravagant and elaborate costumes but children dress in simple characters from book or TV/movies. Please do not buy a costume especially for the day. There are many character costumes that can be easily made up from things already at home (Princesses, Harry Potter, Batman etc and even some of the Commedia del Arte characters are easy to make up). Another option is to dress up in the Italian flag colours (red, white and green).

Over the next few weeks information about Italian day will be included in the school newletters. We will be asking for help with making and selling biscotti and drinks. We have booked ‘Pizza Volente’ to cook pizza for the children (and adults) and ‘Gelateria Cremone’ (from Roselie) to sell Gelati (icecream). Gluten free pizza is available and all icecream will be egg free and some will be dairy free. I will be sending order forms home in early June.

If you would like to help to make biscotti (need to be nut free) and to help on the 26 June with selling drinks, biscotti etc., please fill in the form below. There are a group of parents who are helping with the organization of the day and I will pass on the notes. (Recipes available)

More information in the next few weeks.

Jeanette Vanderzee

I will make biscotti for Italian day.

I will help on Italian day 26 June to sell drinks/biscotti.

Child/children’s Name and grade ____________________________
Friday 23rd May 2014 is Walk Safely to School Day. Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk safely to school. It promotes road safety, health, and the environment.

Being part of the Active School Travel program, we are already leading by example and encouraging our students to actively travel every week.

Being part of a national day also shows our students they are part of a much bigger, national movement encouraging healthier habits and a greener environment.

So join in the fun, be active and healthy, and walk to school with your child on the 23rd May.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

The Walking School Bus operates every Tuesday and Wednesday for the walk from school to Bowman Park.

Could those new to, or considering, the Walking School Bus please note the following important points:

- 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.

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

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

This Friday for grades 1-7
(Special Prep Stall on Thursday morning)

Don’t forget your money so you can choose something special for Mum.

Prices range from $1 - $6
We’ve allowed for each child to be able to buy 3-4 gifts.

* you can get several presents to make up a nice package for Mum for $10-15!

Gifts include:
• gorgeous handmade soaps from the Soap Bar in Maleny
• ‘Bling’ pens
• lovely notepads
• handmade crystal bracelets
• recipe book stands
• travel coffee mugs
• tea cups & saucers
• chocolates
• and lots more........

..........and a small selection of gifts for Grandma/Nanna too!
Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You’ve probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children’s thinking styles, how closely a child’s explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent’s explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. Take your cues from your child:
   If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worrying, about the test.

2. Focus on doing their best and trying hard:
   Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results.

The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. Listen to any concerns they have:
   If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4. Give them some relaxation ideas:
   Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. Help them retain their perspective:
   One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.


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I grew up as one of five kids in a close-knit family, and from an early age I wanted nothing more than to be a stay-at-home mum. I'd met Robert when I was almost 16 and, after nine years together, starting a family seemed as natural as night following day.

I gave birth to Jonathan two days before Christmas in 1984. He was an adorable baby and as a toddler he was boisterous and creative. I enjoyed every minute of those years at home with him and Chris.

Being a mother defined me. How can you not change when suddenly there exists something that is more precious than your own life? I discovered new things about, and deeper levels within, myself – because I held so much more in my arms. Of course the boys took my time, my space, even my patience – but they gave it all back with a smile.

Now that my boys are men, it's not the fancy holidays or big events that are my most golden memories. It's the ordinary, everyday things. Bedtime stories were a special time because they opened up their imaginations. Music: playing their favourite songs and dancing crazily with them. Dinner times: every night, without fail, we ate at the dining table together - the same meal for everyone, too. This was, and is, an important ritual in the milieu of our family life. It's where we partake in each other’s day, share thoughts and exchange memories. I often call the dinner table 'my altar table' – it’s a religious conviction, I guess, where I get to nurture and nourish my family.

On Sunday, May 18, 1997, I was cooking one such dinner for us when everything changed. Jonathan was 12 and I was 37. He'd been playing outside with the boy from next door and I was making nachos. Just after 5 pm I called Jon inside, and minutes later I heard a huge bang.

Jonathan didn’t see the car coming. The car took him out and sent him flying for 20 metres. I found Jonathan lying on the street, his leg all twisted, with a horrible amount of dark-red blood coming out of his mouth and nose. There were two voices in my head - one telling me to scream hysterically and the other telling me to stay calm because my baby needed me calm. That was the voice I chose to listen to.

At the hospital I didn't cry. I just felt numb. A doctor told us a CT scan indicated a brain injury; that Jonathan's clinical signs weren't good, and he couldn't tell us if he'd make it. I thought, 'You don't know Jonathan.'

Jonathan was in an induced coma for the first month and for four more months I didn't leave his side. Some deep reserve of energy kicked in and I knew I was making a difference to his recovery. All day long I told him how much we loved him; that he was going to be all right. But Jonathan got worse before he got better and each day felt like a ghostly repeat of the one before.

Jonathan was in intensive care for three weeks and then his eyes started to open. From early on, I knew he knew me. I'd lie on his bed and cuddle him and tell him about his life and read him stories. I was completely driven in my mission to restore what little semblance was left of my family. I saw signs of positivity everywhere.

Around the two-month mark I knew I had something to work with. I wheeled Jonathan to a piano in the hospital music room. He had no neck control, he was still dribbling and not talking, but he was just starting movement in his right arm. He'd begun to reach up and touch my face and take my rings off and do little things he'd done as a toddler. At the piano he reached out and started playing 'Chariot's Of Fire', which he'd been learning at the time of the accident.

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There were no doctors around but the teachers saw it and everyone was crying – me hardest of all. That’s his theme song now, and he played it at the launch of my book.

Jono had post-traumatic amnesia for about 10 months, which indicates the worst kind of brain injury and the unlikelihood that memory will be regained. But we didn’t listen to the doctors. I see his memory improving all the time and that’s because he has a full and active life.

It’s been a long, hard journey. At three months he started making moaning sounds. I saw that as positive – he was trying to communicate. And then he started making ‘mmm’ sounds. I literally pulled apart his lips to get his mouth moving but I closed the curtains around us because people thought I was crazy. But then one day he looked at me and said ‘Mum’. I can’t describe the joy I felt.

The first day I left him, to go to the hairdresser because I was a mess, my sister stayed with him and gave him a drink of grape juice that hadn’t been diluted. He gagged and blurted out: ‘I want my Mumm!’ I’d cried all the way through getting my hair done but I walked back into his room and he was talking! We called Robert and I said ‘Someone has wants to speak to you!’ Without any prompting, Jonathan said in the softest voice: ‘Hi...Dad...I...Love...You...Dad’. We were all in floods of tears.

Jono’s accident not only changed who I was, it also changed the complete dynamic of our family. I had to wear so many different hats in my new role as mother to Jono. I was – and, to varying degrees, still am – his carer, his rehabilitation case manager, speech therapist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, tutor, social secretary, counsellor for depression, and by and large his navigator through life.

My mothering of Chris did a complete 360, too. Chris was only 10 at the time of Jonathan’s accident and I had to neglect him and his needs for the best part of five to 10 years because my entire energy was driven towards getting Jonathan better. To this day, I feel an enormous amount of ‘mother-guilt’ about not being there throughout probably the most crucial years of a boy’s life: adolescence.

I was also guilty of being overprotective because I was terrified something bad would happen to Chris too. But I learnt, with time, to let him find his own way and I’m so glad I did, because he has become the most extraordinary young man, with the right blend of compassion and empathy, integrity and humility. He’s a civil engineer and he married his girlfriend Danielle last year, with Jono as his best man. It was an incredibly happy day for our family. Jono made a five-minute speech he’d memorised, jokes and all, which brought the house down.

I’m enormously proud of both of my boys although Chris is probably my proudest achievement, because he’s done it all by himself. But our kids learn through watching us, in ways we don’t even realise at the time.


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.

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**ST JOEY'S DADS NIGHT**

This year’s Dads night promises to be bigger and better than ever! We are meeting from 6pm – 11pm at Gambaros’ MG Bar Balcony on Friday 23rd May. Cost of the evening is $30 upon entry ($25 for the famous Gambaros food and $5 towards the St Josephs P & F association). This year the Gambaro family has kindly donated 1 night’s accommodation in their brand new boutique Gambaro Hotel plus dinner for two in their world famous seafood restaurant (details below, total value approx. $700) to be auctioned off on the night. Pat Howard has also kindly donated a cricket bat signed by legendary Australian Captain Greg Chappell to be another hot auction item on the night. As previous attendees know, this is a great night for the Dads of the school to meet/catch up/renew acquaintances over a beer or two! We need to give Gambaros our numbers for catering so please RSVP to Barney McAuliffe on mcauliffe@bcmtrading.com or 0400 090 822 asap.

**GAMBARO HOTEL**

A new era awaits. Launching in May 2014, Brisbane’s newest luxury boutique hotel - Gambaro Hotel - represents a new era in Gambaro hospitality and boutique accommodation.

With an enviable location positioned in the heart of Brisbane’s Caxton Street precinct, Gambaro Hotel is primed to be the sole luxury accommodation in its locality. Situated adjacent to the multi award winning Gambaro Restaurant and Function Centre, in a purpose-built 4 storey building, the hotel offers a premium location unlike any luxury hotel accommodation in Brisbane.
TEAM NEWS – ROUND 4

ST JOSEPH’S 2 – U12 BROWN (DIV 4) VS PINE HILL 19
The girls played very well this week but were challenged by a strong (and ridiculously tall!) team from Pine Hill. It was a fast moving game and all players did well to keep up and look for opportunities to get through the opposition. Player of the week was Candice, who was SO fast on the court and managed to find gaps. St Joseph’s 8, Pine Hills 21.

ST JOSEPH’S 3– U11 GOLD (DIV 1) VS VALLEYS
A big loss for the girls this week unfortunately. Valleys took an early lead and were a very fast and tall team with consistent and accurate goal shooting. Despite this, the Joey’s girls displayed consistent movement through the middle court with good play and many intercepts. The score did not reflect the quality of our play and the girls showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole game. Well done girls. All the parents were very proud of your efforts in a very tough game. Score Joey’s 2, Valleys 22.

ST JOSEPH’S 4 – U11 BROWN (DIV 3) VS PHOENIX 13
It was a tough match for St Joseph’s 4 and a lot closer than the result suggests. Throughout the match the girls showed great tenacity to not give up and continue to apply pressure to the opposition. Their great teamwork was reflected in the 4th Quarter, where no goals were conceded. Amazing effort girls! Teamwork Award was awarded to Abbey and Giulia for great defensive work. Result: St Joeys 2 to Phoenix 8.

ST JOSEPH’S 5 – U11 WHITE GOLD (DIV 5) VS THE GAP 35
Beautiful playing conditions today. St Joey’s faced strong opposition from the first and The Gap gave them plenty of opportunities to work on attack. There was no let up and though the teams were well matched in play the final score fell 0-7. We look forward to a re-match and the chance to even up the scoreboard.

ST JOSEPH’S 6 - U10 BLUE VS THE GAP 37
Like a well oiled machine, St Joseph’s U10 Blue showed impressive passing skills on Saturday, managing to move the ball quickly down the court to their shooting circle. Some impressive intercepts helped keep the ball in St Joseph’s possession for a good part of the game, while some accurate shooting made for a high scoring game this week. Great work girls!

ST JOSEPH’S 7 – U10 YELLOW VS VALLEYS 27
We all knew our game plan: exude the winning attitude/determination to dominate and expertise on the court! We remained focused and diligent-but their height and positioning, won the game.
Niamh was the star of the day with great defence and speed. All girls played their best-well done!
Score Valleys 10, Joey’s 0.

ST JOSEPH’S 8 – U9 RED VS FLUGEL 15
It was tough competition for the girls on Saturday, playing a talented and well drilled team, but they did not give up, in fact they dug deep and showed some great skills to remain competitive. With each week our team is gaining not only experience and improved skills, but also vital confidence which brings more enjoyment of the game.

ST JOSEPH’S 9 – U9 RED VS RAIDERS
Our girls were ready to go with an awesome training session under their belt on Friday. However, sadly it was a forfeit.

ST JOSEPH’S 10 - U9 WHITE VS VALLEYS 31
The girls enjoyed a fun game against Valley’s on Saturday displaying their enthusiasm throughout. All the players are showing nice improvement in their defending skills and knowledge of the rules, thanks to their great coach Alissa and their effort in training sessions. Keep up the great team spirit. Nippers White ‘Player of the Week’ goes to Zoe for her excellent defence in the goal. Well done girls we are sure victory is not far away.

ST JOSEPH’S 11 – U9 MAROON VS ST MARGARET’S 12
This week our girls showed great resilience as they faced a very strong opposition. St Margaret’s defence was unrelenting, intercepting St Joeys’ ball on many occasions. We showed improvements in the last quarter where we only called for the ball when we were free. Good on our girls for continuing to try for the whole game and never giving up.
URGENT - 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

ASHGROVE WEST PRESCHOOL CENTRE – AFTER HOURS CARE ASSISTANT

Your responsibilities include:

- Deliver the After Hours Care program under the supervision and direction of the After Hours Care Coordinator
- Build a rapport with children and their families
- Assist in delivering the service in accordance with appropriate policies and standards
- Communicate effectively and work collaboratively with the After Hours Care Coordinator

Your qualifications:

- Minimum 2 years qualification in a field directly relevant to the operation of an AHC Service e.g. Certificate 3 of Community Services (Children's Services) or equivalent
- Previous experience in early childhood settings
- Current Blue Card
- Current First Aid/ CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Certificate

The hours of the role will be approximately 12-16 hours per week during school term between 2.15pm - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Award rates and conditions as per Childrens Services Award 2010.

This position holds an important place within AWPS as the program provides additional flexibility for families who require additional care, offering an extra 3 hours per day of prep prep care during school terms.

Send applications to awps@smiletelecom.com.au. Or Post to Ashgrove West Preschool Centre
PO Box 2058
Ashgrove Q 4060

The Gap Health and Racquet Club

Player of the Week: Rinka

"Rinka has improved a lot since she started tennis, she has become more consistent and has picked up how to hit topspin. Hope you represent St Josephs in the Inter School Tennis Cup. Well done Rinka"

Sanjeev Tikaram (Senior Coach)