Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

I hope that you are enjoying this warmer Spring weather and especially the extra sunshine in the evenings. This time of year especially on dusk is truly magnificent and our staffing community was reminded of this last Friday night from on top of the Story Bridge. It was great to gather as a representation of the community to launch our ‘St Joseph’s Successful Learners – SPARC’ model. There were many of us on the way up or down the bridge displaying great qualities of persistence, risk taking, collaborative team work and stepping up. We will continue to plan ways in which we can bring this language of learning dispositions into our teaching programs, awards, homework etc. Some comments from the children have been priceless with one of Mrs Gole’s children saying to her ‘that if she doesn’t make it back alive, she was her favourite teacher.’

This time of year traditionally brings news of change in staffing for next year. It is one of our great strengths as a Catholic Education community that we have teachers finding professional growth and renewal by both joining and departing our community. Next year we welcome Ms Lucy Walker, Mrs Theresa Jevasik and Ms Simone Bannan to our St Joseph’s teaching community. Over the coming weeks we will meet with these teachers and begin the transition process into our community. Leaving St Joseph’s at the end of the year will be Ms Hore, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Skelly, Mrs Rochester and Mr Robertson. Both Ms Hore and Mrs Murphy engaged in the change of school process during Term 3 looking for some professional growth in one of our neighbouring BCE schools. Mrs Lamb, Mrs Rochester and Mrs Skelly are gracefully transitioning into retirement. Mr Robertson has decided that he will step down from his role as Assistant Principal Religious Education and return to the role of classroom teacher at another Brisbane Catholic Education school. We look forward to acknowledging all staff leaving the St Joseph’s community at the end of year celebrations.

We are commencing the process of preparing class lists for next year. At this stage we are planning on having seventeen classes (three stream Prep to Year 4, one stream Year 5 and Year 6). The process of placing children into class groupings is a lengthy and thought out process. This involves many conversations with teachers, student support, guidance as well as the children. Please make contact with your class teacher if you have any concerns regarding class groupings for next year and this will be taken into consideration. As always, we will endeavour to achieve the best possible class groupings taking into account multiple things.

On Wednesday we advertised a number of our contract teaching vacancies for next year. With the anomaly of losing year seven at the end of the year, we were required by BCE to follow a set of guidelines in response to this. As a result, I anticipate that it won’t be till quite late in the term that I can advise on class teachers for 2015. This includes our prep teachers who as I understand would normally be announced at the prep information evening in early November. I will endeavour to get this information to the community as soon as we have finalised the staffing for next year. Please keep all those involved in the application process for teaching positions in your thoughts and prayers. If you have any particular requests or comments in relation to class teachers for your children next year, please email them to pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au or see me by the end of this month. It is worth noting the while requests are made, these are for consideration by the leadership team, and need to be for authentic educational purposes. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Please also note the critical importance of our office having your most recent information regarding enrolments for next year. Our projected numbers have a significant influence as we prepare contracts for staffing and your conversations with the office assist greatly in our planning. Please advise Sam Lucey if you are planning on changes that we are not aware of.

A gentle reminder that there is no assembly this Friday 17th and Monday 20th is a Pupil Free Day.

Blessings for the week ahead.

With Humility, Care and Respect,

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal
From the APRE
Feast of St Francis
Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) is one of the most thoroughly documented figures in history and, in our ecologically conscious age, he is one of the best known and perhaps the most popular of all. Francis was a greater lover of God and of Creation. In fact he is the patron saint of Ecology, so named by Pope John Paul II. Francis had a profound sense of God’s goodness as the source of beauty in creation.

St Joseph’s Bardon is a school built on a rich tradition of Franciscan Charism. The values of the Franciscan way influence not only our day to day school life but also our school policies and procedures. Our school’s Mission and Vision Statements, Behaviour Policy, school logo and motto as well as our always popular Star Awards are all influenced by our connection to St Francis.

The Religious Life of Schools Committee are working on some activities this month that will see the Pastoral Care Groups (mixed groups from Prep – 7) come together to look at the ways of St Francis.

29th November - Anniversary of the naming of St Francis as Patron of Ecology. This year we celebrate 35 years since St Francis was named Patron of Ecology by Pope John Paul II. One can suggest that Francis was the first ecologist without trying to be one.

Francis not only recognised God’s work in creation, he also experienced God in creation. He inspires in all of us participation in our contemporary society to create a more sustainable society.

“Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!” (Pope Francis 19 March 2013)

Class Masses Term 4

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The 2015 Book Lists are now available online at Campion Education www.campion.com.au
For ordering please use the 4 digit code D9M9.

ALL BOOKLISTS WILL BE ORDERED ONLINE - NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME.

Families have until Wednesday 29 October 2014 to place their orders.

Please note: Year 2 will also require a handwriting text. This will be supplied by the school and invoiced on Term 1 fees.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

OCTOBER STAR CLASS AWARD
The October Star Class Certificate will go to the class with the Highest Percentage of Students Walking to School. Put on your walking shoes and join Mr Robbo’s Walking School Bus in October (see below) for the walk from Bowman Park to school.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEYS
Congratulations to the winners of last week’s Wednesday Active Travel Survey.

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is still going strong with 30-40 children each day. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

The Active School Travel committee would like to continue the Walking School Bus into the 2015 school year, and we are starting to plan for it now. For this to happen, we need some parents who can volunteer to lead or assist with the bus on one or two days a week next year. No administration duties are required, but we need people who can commit to being at the school at 2:50pm for the walk down to Bowman Park. If we get enough parents willing to commit, then a roster can be set up to spread the load. If you think you can help, please give Christine Brown a call on the number below and/or come to the next AST committee meeting. WE NEED YOUR HELP to guarantee the return of the Walking School Bus next year.

MR ROBBO’S MORNING WALKING SCHOOL BUS IS BACK!
Due to the success of this event earlier in the year, Mr Robertson will again lead a morning Walking School Bus every Wednesday (about 8:10 – 8:15 am) during October from the park on Bowman Parade to School.

Our next Active School Travel committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th October at 2pm. If you are interested in being involved, we would love to have you join us at the meeting, or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au
### Important Dates

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#### Pre B
Frank H for working hard to learn his word bank words. Well done Frank!
Grace J for always demonstrating enthusiasm for learning new things.

#### Prep G
Maddy C for having a great start to the term and being eager to learn. Great job!

#### Prep W
Alexander K for great work this week with 3D shapes and finding lots of 3D shapes in the classroom.

#### 1B
Thomas G for showing effort and persistence in class - well done Thomas!

#### 1G
Harriet T and Flynn J for wonderful care towards your friends.

#### 1W
Matisse B for excellent work during Maths rotations.
Daniel W for improvement in writing and excellent recount of his holidays.

#### 2B
Charlie C and Kelby E for being responsible and showing persistence to complete in class tasks to the best of your ability this week.

#### 2G
Amelia Chrismas for being a wonderful student, having a beautiful smile and singing voice.
Karl F for consistently working well in class and good manners.
Astrid F for always working well in class and terrific story writing.

#### 2W
Harry Wilkinson for brightening our class with his cheerful smile and friendly attitude.

#### 3B
Zoe A for utilising self-awareness to progress in Maths. You are being a very ‘SPARC-Y’ learner Zoe!

#### 3G
George D for always being prepared to give his best and producing great results.

#### 3W
Maggie O for being an active learner and showing great leadership skills during literacy rotations.

#### 4B
James H for showing expertise in ICT skills and being creative in finding solutions.

#### 4W
Luca T for collaboration. Thank you for finding Bible Map and sharing it with the class.
Bella P for persistence. Well done Bella for sticking with your Quadrilateral task.

#### 5B
Lily S for working diligently and enthusiastically in all her endeavours.

#### 6B
India K-P for showing persistence and staying focussed, especially in English writing sessions this week.

#### 7B
Gabby T for her positivity and enthusiasm in and outside the classroom.

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### T20 BLAST CRICKET SCHOOL’S CUP

Years 5, 6 and 7 participated in the inaugural T20 Blast Cricket School’s Cup on Monday for the Northern Districts Region. Although it was a very hot day everyone had lots of fun and played 5 fantastic games of T20 Blast Cricket. The Year 5 Girls team ‘Kimmince’ were the overall Girls Champions and now travel to Caboolture to compete in the Regional Final on Friday 7th November. Congratulations to Ellen G, Chloe D, Mia P, Abbey M, Isabelle M, Jessica K, Christina H, Rose W, Lucy M and Caitlin G. The girls still have a chance to make the National Final which is to be held at the MCG in Melbourne in December. Good luck Girls.
The P&F are happy to share with you all our monthly meeting agenda a week prior to our meetings in the school newsletter. The P&F are hoping that this will give you all the opportunity to view the month’s agenda items. We encourage you also to provide any suggestions/feedback to the Committee on the agenda items. This is also a fantastic opportunity to invite you to come along to our meetings if there is a particular agenda item that might interest you.

If you have any suggestions/feedback for our future agendas please email Nicole Scarcella on n.scarcellal@optusnet.com.au or call on 0413 180 083.

**TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS**

As you may know, one or both of our two (2) tennis courts here at St Joseph’s are available for hire at the rate of:
- $10 per hour during the day; or
- $12 per hour when lights used

**BOOKINGS**

Online booking can be made at www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au – see the link for TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS (under ‘Quick Links’)

OR

Please contact Catherine Myers on 0422 000 321 or catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au for bookings or any other queries regarding court hire.

**St Joseph’s School Tea Towels 2014**

Our whole school community has had their portraits added to a tea towel to commemorate the 2014 school year!

A wonderful present for families and a great way to remember all teachers and students at our school.

- One tea towel= $12
- Three tea towels= $30
- Five tea towels= $45

All orders must be submitted by Friday 7th November.

Payment is to be made either through the tuckshop online system or left in the Locked P&F letterbox outside the library. Please enclose money with child’s name, class and amount of tea towels on the envelope.

For further enquiries please contact Sara Wenck on sjwenck@mac.com
Children’s Week celebrations are on in the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens on Sunday from 10-2pm.
Come and join in the many FREE activities as well as meet Children’s Week Ambassador and Junior Masterchef winner Isabella.
All ages welcome.

**Jubilee Parish Pot-Luck Dinner**

All Jubilee parishioners are invited:

**When:** 7pm, Friday, 7th November

**Where:** St Finbarr’s Church Hall, Ashgrove

**Cost:** A “note” donation

Bring: BYO drinks and a savoury dish, side dish (rice, vegetables etc), or dessert to share. Please bring your dish ready to serve (hot or cold) with appropriate serving utensils.

It will be a great opportunity to get together with your fellow parishioners and also raise some money towards the parish Refugee Support project and Blind Eye Ministries (a grass-roots Catholic ministry devoted to journeying with the most vulnerable in our society). Put together a table of eight, or let us seat you with others from your local community – a great way to meet new people. **RSVP to Millie at the Parish Office on 3369 5351** and let her know what dish you plan to bring. Be quick – numbers strictly limited!

**Mater Dei P&F invites you to Music in the Moonlight**

A night of fantastic music, great food and out-of-this-world entertainment - all inspired by your favourite cult movies!

**Saturday 25th October**

Dorrington Park Ashgrove

Gates open from 6pm

Visit the following link for further details [www.musicinthemoonlight.com.au](http://www.musicinthemoonlight.com.au)
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**Duration:** 5 Weeks

**Time:**

- Tuesday, 7.45-8.30am

**Grades:**

- Prep to 4 (P-1,2-4)
- 1 to 4 (1-2.3-4)

**Venue:**

- Your School Oval
- Netball court

**Costs:**

- $85

**All Preppies will be walked to class by the coach after the session**

To register:

- Click register online
- SMS child’s name, school, sport and mobile number to 0417614509

**Payment:**

- Click on register online and select “pay online now”
- Or
- Pay coach at first class by cash or cheque (made to Go Sports Pty Ltd.)

Please see website under Latest News or Check Weather by 7.05am

(class will be made up at the end of course if cancelled)

**Netball:**

- Grade 1 can now join in the fun and learn the game of netball in Term 4

**Pre Prep Multi Sports:**

- Classes for 3-5 yrs. (Weekdays)
- (Visit Website for Venues & Times)

**Multi Sports:**

- Lead Up Skills for Soccer, Cricket, Basketball
- Netball, Hockey, Athletics & Tennis

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**Contact:**

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