Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

A warm welcome to Term 4. It is always a wonderful experience to see the children return to school with smiling faces full of holiday memories. This nine week term brings with it great anticipation as we prepare for many community events; two graduating year levels, ‘Morning with Matthew Ames’, welcoming our 2015 Prep students, Christmas Concert etc. These are always such special times when we gather as a faith filled community. I certainly look forward to being part of these celebrations with you.

I include below an important letter of invitation to you as parents and caregivers from Mr Peter Stower - Area Supervisor - regarding the appointment of Principal for 2015. This invitation is extended to all parents and community members. The staff will participate in a similar consultative forum on Wednesday 15th.

Principal Appointment Process
As a part of the Principal Appointment process, Brisbane Catholic Education encourages parents and community members to take part in a consultation process to take place on Monday 13th October in the St Mary Magdalene Church at the time slots of 2:15pm or 7:00pm (sessions approximately 45 minutes). This meeting will provide information to parents and guardians on the process for appointing a new Principal to St Joseph’s School and provides an opportunity for parents and community members to provide feedback on the following questions:

1. What is going well at St Joseph’s School that you would like to continue?
2. What changes would you like to recommend to the new Principal?
3. What are some of the important qualities that you think a Principal should have?

I encourage parents and community members interested to come along and I look forward to meeting you all there.

Yours sincerely

Peter Stower
Area Supervisor
School Services North
Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane

This week our Church leaders gather in Rome for the Extraordinary Synod of the Family. I read this article recently and with recent world events affecting many families, felt it worth sharing with you.

The name (above) is important, for a synod of Bishops is only called extraordinary when it is convened to deal with issues that require a “speedy solution” and which demand urgent attention for the good of the entire Church. This is really the first of two synods of Bishops on the Family. The second will take place in October 2015. So for a Church that often operates at glacial pace, it is clear that Pope Francis is placing high importance on the changing role and composition of families both within and beyond the Church. This is the first major doctrinal and pastoral summit of the Francis papacy. There is great hope for this synod but also a recognition of its limitations. To this point no women will participate, not surprising because it is a synod of bishops who are all male but surprising because it is a synod about family life. In his opening address, Pope Francis prayed that “the Wind of Pentecost blow upon the Synod’s work, on the Church, and on all of humanity,” Francis told those gathered to “undo the knots which prevent people from encountering one another, heal the wound that bleeds, rekindle hope.” Later Pope Francis cautioned that, “this meeting is not a time for the bishops to each shine with their own debates, but rather a time to focus on the people and what the people need. It is, as he put it, about developing “plans [that] will correspond to God’s dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God.” Our prayers are with those gathered but more importantly for families everywhere in all their diversity.
Pupil Free Day - Monday 20th October
A reminder that on Monday 20th October teachers will participate in a professional development day called Consistency of Teacher Judgement (CTJ). This is a key strategy for implementing the Australian Curriculum across all BCE schools. CTJ supports student learning by building teacher capacity to engage with the curriculum, understand its intent, determine and develop appropriate teaching practices and make informed decisions about student learning. It is an ongoing process embedded in the learning and teaching cycle of planning, teaching and assessing student work. Engagement with CTJ strategies focuses on achieving consistency, comparability and consensus about the standard of student work through a moderation process comparing student samples across schools. On this day we welcome eight neighbouring BCE schools to our St Joseph’s community.

Every blessing for the week and the term ahead.

with Humility, Care and Respect

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT - BOOK LISTS 2015

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
All students are encouraged to actively travel to school - walk, scooter, ride or car pool. A survey will be taken each Wednesday by teachers and provided to the Council. Each month a certificate will be awarded to the class with the best Active School Travel result.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from Bowman Park to school 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
**SPORT NEWS**

**MILO T20 Blast School Cup**
On Monday 13th October Years 5, 6 and 7 will be participating in the North-West Districts MILO T20 Blast School Cup at Ferny Districts Cricket Club. The competition will be run by Queensland Cricket with the winning team of the day progressing to the Regional Final at Caboolture. The Year 5, 6 and 7 class teachers will be also attending and any parents who would like to attend are more than welcome. Please contact your child’s class teacher or the School office for more details. There will also be a canteen available on the day for drinks and snacks.

**Tennis Helpers**
If any parents are interested in assisting with tennis in PE lessons on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for the next 4 weeks could you please contact the office for more details.

Christie Lewis (PE Teacher)

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**News from Room 12 – Joey’s Own Purga**

**Book Worm Club**
On Mondays I am on duty in the Library during first break, Room 12 is closed for this reason. All children are welcome to join me in the library to read during this time.

**Minecraft Club**
Much has been written about the benefits of integrating *Minecraft* into the learning program in schools today. At St Joseph’s we are using the concept of *Minecraft* to provide an opportunity for like-minded children to socialise and collaborate during first break on Tuesdays in order to create an *iMovie* based on this popular game. Children in Years 2 – 6 have divided into groups and are playing specific roles in these productions. Your child may already have told you they are a set builder; prop manager; script writer; producer; director or camera person.
As a group we have agreed that no Minecraft toys will be brought in from home during this process. In this way we can be sure that the full complement of equipment provided is available at each session.

**Thinker’s Group**
On Wednesdays during first break children can come to Room 12 to play strategy games that promote problem solving skills in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Lego Club**
Students are welcome in Room 12 on Thursdays in first break to indulge their creativity through the medium of Lego. Storage is available for constructions that are on-going from week to week.

**Regrouping**
Room 12 is available on Fridays for meeting up with friends to play card games or to simply relax and recharge before the weekend.

Beth Matthews
Support Teacher: Inclusive Education

Room 12

*The name Purga originates from pur pur, a Yuggera/Jaggera word meaning meeting place. As such, Purga is an inclusive place, open to all who enter in peace and with respect for Purga Elders, Aboriginal people, and the spiritual, cultural, historical and natural values of this land. As a meeting place, Purga is consecrated by the Purga Elders to be a sanctuary where all can come free from fear. (Purga Elders, 2000). [http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/ajie/docs/20012921117.pdf](http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/ajie/docs/20012921117.pdf)*

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Christie Lewis (PE Teacher)
Prep B  Oliver D for an excellent descriptive retell of the story of “The Lost Sheep”. 
Karmen E for excellent knowledge of all Jolly Phonics Tricky Words. Well done!

Prep G  Addison M for being a great helper this term and trying your best in all your work. 
Patrick O for having a positive attitude and always making us smile. Thanks for being a great member of our class. 
Ross M for being a great asset to our class this term and for trying your best. Great job!

Prep W  Marielle P for her willingness to contribute to group discussions this week. 
Daniel W for reading out loud “The Gruffalo” in an exciting way!

1B  Eliza F for consistently showing humility, care and respect. 
Dominic M for being persistent with his reading. Keep up the good effort!

1G  Ayaan D for demonstrating wonderful friendship skills. 
Findlay K for asking great problem solving questions.

1W  Rose S for participating in all areas of learning with great enthusiasm and for a huge improvement in reading.

2B  Lily M for consistently being a responsible student who works to the best of your ability at all times.

2G  Charlotte R for excellent narratives with terrific illustrations. 
Joshua D for consistently working well in class.

2W  Lachlan C for always trying his best in all class activities.

3B  Olivia L for demonstrating great persistence and resilience when creating her minibeast this week.

3G  Michael H for continuing to be a positive hard working member of our class who gives his best every time.

3W  Oliver F and Sarah H for showing initiative when writing our minibeast reports.

4B  Alex S for always working diligently, cooperating and respecting staff and peers.

4W  Marco L for excellent work on your Geography poster and Poetry Response. Well done!

5B  Hannah H for always being ready to work and producing results of a high standard.

6B  Larnie B for having a positive attitude and never giving up when it comes to challenging activities.

7B  Issy M for beautifully presented history tasks - they put a smile on my face. 
Jessica C for diligent efforts in class and for being prepared to ‘have a go’.

Uniform Shop Sale
The Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 10 October from 8am. Come along and grab some bargains!

Important Dates

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ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

REMINDER: St Joseph’s Netball Club AGM - Monday 13 October @ 7:30pm in the Italian Room

Would all “Outgoing” and “Incoming” Executive positions please attend to ensure a smooth as possible hand-over.

We welcome anyone else to attend who would like to contribute to the 2015 Season.

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.scarcella1@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.

Community News

Mother’s Night for St Joseph’s Mums

Date: 11 October 2014
Time: 6pm
Theme: Oktoberfest

Follow this link for further details https://www.stickytickets.com.au/19572

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
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!

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER THIS MONDAY!
Your child is invited to experience the thrill of After School Soccer at our free taster session.
No need to pre-register, just meet outside the office at 3pm after school.
The coaches will then walk the players down to Bowman Park to play.
Pick up is at 4.15pm from Bowman Park or we can supervise players back to OSHC.

Cost: FREE! (Usually $19 per session)
When: Monday 13th October (Week 2)
Time: 3.00-4.15pm
Age: 5-8 years
Where: Meet outside the school office
Coaches: Play Beautiful Football Academy (orange shirts)

Australian Girls Choir Open Day
Congratulations to girls in Year 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via your school. Girls in Prep will be receiving an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be able to join us! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day which will give girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Ph 07 3256 0207 for more information or visit www.aspagroup.com.au
Presenters:
Robyn Sims is a paediatric Occupational Therapist and Jo Larcom is the mother of a child with Sensory Processing Challenges. Together they bring a unique understanding to the topic of Sensory Processing and children’s behaviour.

Do you know a child who... finds it difficult to sit still... doesn’t cope when routines are changed... is disruptive... is easily distracted... touches people a lot?

These behaviours may be related to sensory processing challenges.

Professional Development Workshops

Part 1
Sensory Processing and Children’s Behaviour

Gain an understanding of how a child with sensory processing challenges experiences the world and how a child’s behaviour can reflect their sensory needs.

Part 2
Sensory Diet – Movement activities to centre children

Learn how to identifying sensory triggers in behaviour and be provided with strategies to help manage children’s energy levels.

Details

Date
Part 1 - 21st Oct 2014
Part 2 – 28th Oct 2014

Time
6:45pm for 7:00pm start
9:00pm finish

Location
1 Waterworks Rd
Red Hill Brisbane

Cost
$50 per person per workshop
(Includes handouts and light refreshments)

Register
www.magneticmoves.com.au

Approved for families to utilise resource funding from Better Start or Helping Children with Autism

What people are saying...
“Perfect duo...perfect workshop.” Teacher
“Very useful...love that it was practical.” Parent
“The information presented connected with real examples. This helps to retain knowledge.” Teacher