Principal’s Welcome

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

On Tuesday, you received an important announcement from our Director School Services North advising that Ms Carolyn Hayes will be stepping aside from the position of Principal of St Joseph's effective January 2015. As you are aware, Carolyn is currently on a period of leave that has been extended through to the end of the 2014 school year. The recruitment process for the new principal will begin in the coming weeks in collaboration with Father Peter Brannelly. Information regarding staff and parent consultation sessions will be circulated early in Term 4 and I will advise of the dates for this when they are known. These sessions will be facilitated by our Area Supervisor: Mr Peter Stower. In the meantime, please be assured of my deep commitment in supporting the school community during this period of leadership transition.

On Wednesday afternoon, staff held our End of Term Liturgy and reflection with the Verbem Dei Sister’s in Bardon House. As we came together in the Chapel, we reflected on the many, many achievements and events of the Term. One of these highlights was the Year 1 Grandparents Liturgy held on Tuesday morning. Thank you to the many grandparents and parents who attended or helped out on the day. Fr Stanley gave the final blessing and was amazed by the great community spirit in the hall. Smiles all round!

Well done to our Year 6 singers who performed at the Choral Festival this week at Booval. This festival showcases the musical talent of our students amongst their peers and the St Joseph’s Team did us proud. Sincere appreciation needs to go to Mrs Rosemary Zorzetto for the hours of work that goes into preparing the children for these events. On the horizon for one of our next singing events is the end of year Christmas Concert to be held in the final week of school.

I was approached by a member of the community recently regarding unsafe parking practices in the local streets. As we commence Term 4, could we please be mindful of safe practices around our school zone. We will be linking in with our adopt a cop Senior Constable Meriel to ensure that our immediate streets are safe for our students. Please be mindful of our residents and neighbours.

Before the school jumpers get packed away over the holidays, could you please check labels on items of school clothing. We have a number of families chasing school clothing which is missing. Our tuckshop team has also volunteered to check the lost property each week and return items to classes – please make sure items are clearly marked (especially as we start swimming with the younger children next term).

In Term 4, we look forward to welcoming our 2015 prep children for an orientation day. We will have three prep classes next year with only a few spaces left across the year level. Please contact the office if you have not confirmed your prep place for next year.

Congratulations to Mrs Jeanette Vanderzee who was advised this week by 'The Hon Christopher Pyne MP' that she has been selected for the 2015 Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship which involves a trip to Italy. Well deserved Jeanette and we wish you safe travels.

May you all have a peace filled break with your families and enjoy the slower paced days. On behalf of our teaching community - thank you for your incredible support over the term – we are a blessed community.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday October 7th after the Labour Day long weekend.

Until then, with Humility, Care and Respect

Kevin Billon
Acting Principal
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.

- 7B - 84%
- 3G - 63%
- 2B - 33%

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, and we would love more parents to volunteer to help out. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Some 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.
- The Walking School Bus will not be cancelled due to rain, so please pack an umbrella or raincoat for your child.
- If the Walking School Bus is cancelled due to an adverse weather event, you will be notified by text to pick your child(ren) up from the roundabout.

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

From the APRE

Year 4 Mass
On Tuesday Year Four had their first class mass since the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend. It was a very moving experience watching them come forward to receive the host and as I gave them the Blood of Christ.

Father Stanley delivered a great homily around the Eucharist and at the end of mass commented on how this group of children were an absolute credit to our school. Well done Year 4 – Humility, Care and Respect!!!!

Catholic Identity
Last Thursday and Friday I was privileged enough to attend a Leadership Conference with the focus on Catholic Identity in our schools. We had many worthy and talented key note speakers including our Executive Director, Mrs Pam Betts. One of the highlights for me was to again hear Mr Matthew Ames speak to us about his Catholic Identity and how it has helped him continue his life to the fullest after contracting streptococcal in hospital and having all his limbs amputated. Matthew is a true inspiration to everyone and we are lucky enough to have him visiting our school in November.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB

Every Monday afternoon during Term 2 and 3, children across all year levels have gathered in the Library to learn how to play Chess. With their coaches Anton and Lachlan from Gardiner Chess, they also worked on developing skills such as problem solving, forward planning, visualisation, self-confidence and resilience. I am very proud of how all the children enthusiastically participated in this extra-curricular activity. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Amanda Gardiner who helped with supervision of Chess Club during this time.

Mrs Jane Robinson (Year 2W)

For three years I have been learning Chess at St. Joseph’s and it has been an AMAZING experience. Chess Club has great coaches, Anton and Lachlan. They help you improve your chess skills so much. Chess Club also has such a friendly environment, you are never left out and you always feel so welcome. Chess is so much fun. There are so many different games you can play to help you learn the game. It is wonderful! Lastly, I would like to say that is great to come home and use the skills you have learnt to play against your family.

Niamh C (Year 4)

SPORT NEWS

Congratulation to Jackson T who broke 2 records at last week’s Zone Athletics Carnival at Ferny Hills. Jackson now holds the 9 years Boys Long Jump and 200m record for the Zone, well done.

National Schools Tennis Partnership Program

St Joseph’s has recently been awarded partnership in the National Schools Tennis Program which provides the school and it’s students some fantastic rewards. The school has received $1500 worth of tennis equipment as well as some great benefits from students who join up to The Gap Racquet Club tennis lessons at the school. The students of St Joseph’s will also benefit with tennis lessons in weekly PE classes next term. If any parents are interested and available to assist in class tennis lessons next term please contact the office for more details on days and times available.
1G Ella P for wonderful persistence with Maths.
    Jack E for asking great questions during Maths problem solving activities.

2B Ruby H for showing respect, humility and care to her classmates.

2G Audrey R for an excellent oral presentation.
    Amelie S for always doing excellent work in class.

2W Sierra M for being a responsible and caring student in all class activities.

3B Thomas L for demonstrating persistence and resilience at Zone Athletics and truly getting into the spirit of the carnival.

3G Felicity H for creating an interesting minibeasts report and sharing some great ideas with classmates.

3W Max R for asking questions to clarify his understanding of activities, especially in Maths.

4B Claudia L for behaving nicely towards others.

4W Finn H and Gabe S for great effort in taking responsibility for their belongings and work.

5B Gabrielle C for paying attention in class.

6B Tess N for always being a positive influence in class. Keep it up!

7B Olivia D and Georgia B for dedicated efforts to complete History tasks, including extra activities.

**Our Star Student of the Week is Matilda T**

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### Important Dates

#### Term 3
- **Friday, 19 September**: Term 3 Ends

#### Term 4
- **Tuesday, 7 October**: Term 4 Resumes
- **Monday, 3 November**: Prep Orientation Evening
- **Friday, 7 November**: Prep Orientation Morning
- **Tuesday, 25 November**: Yr 6 Graduation
- **Wednesday, 26 November**: Yr 7 Graduation
- **Monday, 1 December**: Christmas Concert
- **Friday, 5 December**: Term 4 Ends
Thanks to Cath and Barney McAuliffe for organising the annual Joey's Race Day last Saturday at Doomben. Thanks too, to Iceworks for hosting drinks afterwards. Everyone had a great day, and it was a wonderful chance to catch up. Despite best efforts, our syndicate lost every race, except one (thanks to a clever boxed trifecta by Cath Hargreaves).

Another big thank you to Danielle Raward and Bianca Koscharsky for coordinating the Fathers’ Day Stall, and to their helpers on the day. An enormous amount of work goes into convening the stall, and Danielle and Bianca did such a wonderful job in sourcing thoughtful gifts, preparing the prizes and organising the volunteers. On behalf of all the dads (and the mums who didn't have to shop!), thank you Danielle and Bianca, your efforts are very much appreciated.

St Joseph's Tea Towel 2014
This week, all students and staff at St Joseph’s have been working on self portrait drawings to be added to a commemorative tea towel to celebrate our 2014 school year! These tea towels will be available to order in term 4! A great idea for Christmas presents and a wonderful memory of your child’s school year.

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.
Ashgrove Aces Swim Club
A fun night out for the whole family, the Club meets on Monday Nights in Terms 4 (2014) and 1 (2015) at the Ashgrove State School pool from 6pm. Membership is open to all children in the local community, including children who attend other schools.

- Children nominate to swim in freestyle, breastroke, backstroke and butterfly over 12.5, 25, 50 and 100 metres and are grouped into races according to their age and times.
- Swimming Australia has introduced a new membership type for the 2014-2015 season to encourage young swimmers to join a club. If your child was born after July 1 2007, they can join Ashgrove Aces for free!
- There are 12.5 m races available for younger children which are a great way to get started and also two nights free trials before sign up - so everyone can come along and see if it's suitable before they commit.
- There's no need to cook dinner on Club Nights as the Club puts on a BBQ and canteen facilities are available.

For more information go to www.ashgroveaces.org.au - online registration is now open.

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