Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Thursday evening was a night of talent showcasing the amazing musical skills of many of our students. I was so impressed with the students’ performances. It was wonderful to see such community support and spirit as each child, choir and band were shown respect and time in the spotlight. Thank you so much for your warm support of this night as it was clearly obvious from the applause and the students’ beaming faces how proud they were. Numerous thanks to Mrs Rosemary Zorzetto and Mrs Linda Pendrith for their wonderful leadership and co-ordination. Special thanks to all our Instrumental Teachers: Tara Versace, Catherine Murphy, Janice Oostenbroek, Camilio Hernandez and Laurie Agar.

In 2016 our Teaching and Learning Team will be:

Ms Chrissie Mitchell: Support Teacher Inclusive Education: Monday to Thursday
Mrs Shinara Auld: Primary Leader of Learning: Tuesday to Thursday
Mrs Amanda Gardiner: Literature, English and Technology: Tuesday to Thursday
Dr Keira Roffey-Mitchell: Guidance Counsellor: Monday and Tuesday
Mrs Amy Luscombe: APRE: Monday to Friday
Mrs Fran Burke: Principal: Monday to Friday

Our Teaching and Learning team will oversee and partner with our professional learning community of teachers on the development, planning and implementation of the Australian and Religious Education Curriculum. We will also oversee whole school data collection of student learning achievement to reflect on trends over time and to meet the priority needs of each learner where they are at on their educational journey. Together with teachers and parents we will work collaboratively to provide targeted intervention for specific time and purpose, additional support, higher order thinking opportunities and external opportunities e.g. University of Queensland Robotics partnership. At St Joseph’s we strive for equity and excellence in education. Our philosophy is, ‘it takes a village to raise a child.’ We see the learning of each student as collectively the responsibility of every teacher in our professional learning community partnered by supportive parents in collaboration and co-operation.

I am so pleased to announce Mrs Shinara Auld as our Primary Leader of Learning. Currently, Shinara is one of our Education Officers Curriculum working for the North side of Brisbane Catholic Education. Shinara’s experience in this role will be such an advantage to our school as her depth of understanding and knowledge in implementing the Australian Curriculum is highly commendable. Previously to holding this role, Shinara taught at Sacred Heart Sandgate for nine years and was the Curriculum Support Teacher. Shinara will be full time and work in partnership with Mrs Majella Deegan to teach Year 3G. The role of PLL is for 3 days a week. During this time, Shinara will coach and mentor teachers to support our whole school goal of developing a common understanding and language of learning. Alongside, the Teaching and Learning Team, Shinara will strategically target support to further build teacher capacity. Majella is familiar to our school as a regular contract and relief teacher and brings with her a wealth of experience and again we are blessed to have her on our teaching team.

I would like to share another addition to our staff, we welcome Mr Anthony Holland to our school staff. Anthony is currently working in Prep and will support our school during Early Years play times. Anthony will continue with our team in 2016.

In 2016, Christie Lewis, our Health & Physical Education Specialist, will be continuing to work with each class from Prep to Year 6 with the regular 40 minute lesson a week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Christie will have this last session as HPE projects. One identified priority is in the Early Years as supporting further with a Perceptual Motor Program. As well, as our Year 4 level, which has a high number of male students, co-ordinated sports teams has been identified to benefit all learners in this year level.
Tomorrow, we hope for fine weather as our Preps to Year 2 have their Swimming Fun Day at Taylor Range Country Club, 28 Greenlanes Road, Ashgrove. Thank you to Christie for her organisation of this event. In the near future, a survey will be sent out in relation to swimming for Prep to Year 2. The costs of weekly swimming lessons in these year levels are expensive and when reflecting on the HPE Curriculum in these year levels there are other priorities. We seek to gather your feedback in relation to redirecting the swimming costs towards another relevant HPE Curriculum targeted initiative for our younger students. For example, we could use this funding towards a 6 week project where we employ Mrs Lewis for additional time to work with the year level teachers to focus on teaching the skills of modified team sports.

Tomorrow night we will warmly welcome the parents of our 2016 prep students. This information evening will be in the Hall starting at 7:00pm. The students will come along the following day, Friday 20 November, to stay for the morning session in the prep classrooms starting at 9.00am. During this time, the rest of our students will have a chance to spend sometime in their year level for the following year. Thank you to our current Prep parents and the P&F for supporting Friday morning by providing morning tea for this social morning to welcome our new parents and a time for sibling parents to get to know one another in humility, care and respect.

Please come along to the upcoming P&F Christmas Event this Friday 20 November starting at 4.00pm. There is a list of wonderful events:

4.30-5.30pm - BBQ
5.30-6.30pm - Carols and close

Yours in education
Fran

From the APRE
Religious Education at St Joseph’s

The Vision for Religious Education as stated in the Religious Education Curriculum of Brisbane Catholic Education gives voice to what our hopes are for our students here at St Joseph's Bardon, in terms of their religious literacy and faith formation.

“The schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Brisbane aspire to educate and form students who are challenged to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and who are literate in the Catholic and broader Christian tradition so that they might participate critically and authentically in faith contexts and wider society”

Religious Education consists of two distinct but complementary dimensions, namely an educational dimension and a faith formation dimension.

The first dimension, most commonly referred to as the classroom teaching and learning of religion, is focussed on Religious Education as an educational activity. It utilises a range of teaching and learning processes and resources. The curriculum involves four interrelated strands: Sacred Texts, Beliefs, Church and Christian Life.

At St Joseph's Bardon, it is a requirement that a minimum of 2.5 hours per week of religion teaching is provided. This time is allocated in the way that best meets the needs of our students. Religious Education is an academic and rigorous curriculum which is included in our assessment and reporting practices.

The second dimension, faith formation, is reflected in the religious life and Catholic ethos of our school. The religious life of St Joseph’s includes: religious identity and culture; social action and justice; evangelisation and faith formation; and prayer and worship.

Reconciliation 2016 – Date Claimer
An information evening will be held on Thursday 4th February at 7:00pm for parents/caregivers of students in Year 3 in 2016 who are baptised Catholics wishing to make their Reconciliation within the Jubilee Parish. Please mark this date in your diary.

Upcoming Class Mass Times

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**BCE Connect App**

We have launched our BCE Connect app for smartphones and devices. This application syncs with our Parent Portal and uses the same log-in as you have already been provided. Until the end of 2015, we will continue using the Skoolbag app and begin using BCE Connect, with a full transition to BCE Connect in 2016.

To begin using our BCE Connect App:
- Open your App store of choice and search “BCE Connect”
- After Downloading, use the School Search to find St Joseph’s, Bardon (and any other corresponding schools for your family) and click the Star on the top right of the screen to favourite our school.

Having favourited St Joseph’s, Bardon:
- All push notifications that are sent by the school will provide you with an alert.
- A badge count will display on the home screen to identify how many items have been added to the school lists since your last visit.

Similar to when we launched the Parent Portal, we ask for your patience and understanding in working with something new. As we teach our children, when working with technology there will be glitches, but we stay calm and show patience as we work through a solution. Please let us know if you experience any difficulties or require your Parent Portal log-in information again.

**Active School Travel Competition**

And the winners are …
P-2: 2 G
3-6: 4 B

Well done to these two classes who will now receive a pizza party!

Amy Luscombe
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

This year Grade 5 is leading the St Vincent De Paul’s Christmas Appeal for in need in our community. We are doing this because we want everyone to enjoy their Christmas.

A roster of what different grades will need to bring in is as follows:

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Staple foods are warmly welcome (cans of food, rice etc.).

We hope each student can bring in their assigned gifts and make 2015’s Christmas happier for others in our community. Please drop off all gifts to the Year 5 classroom.

At the final assembly of the year, Year 5 will hand over the gifts to St Vincent De Paul.

**Have you changed your contact details?**

If you have had a change of details, please contact the office via the Parent Portal or email pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au to ensure that your details are up to date.

**Student Absentee Line**

If your child will be absent from school due to illness or any other reason, please call the Student Absentee Line to inform the office on 3876 3701 or use the Attendance Variation tile in the Parent Portal.
YEAR FOUR

This term in Year 4 the students have been participating in meditative prayer practices, including praying with the help of colour. The following are some reasons you may want to pray in colour:

1) You want to pray but words escape you. 2) Sitting still and staying focused in prayer are a challenge. 3) Your body wants to be part of your prayer. 4) You want to just hang out with God but don’t know how. 5) Listening to God feels like an impossible task. 6) Your mind wanders and your body complains. 7) You want a visual, concrete way to pray. 8) You need a new way to pray.

 Colour prayer makes me feel good because you can write it and say it. It’s a good way of praying to God. Michael

 When we do colour prayer it is meaningful and feels really good to pray for people and things around the world. Emily

 I like colour prayer because it is peaceful and makes me feel happy. Eliza

 When we do colour prayer it can pray and colour at the same time. I also think you can concentrate better. Emma

 For me colour prayer is very calming and relaxing and it makes me feel included and safe. It’s easy to do and you can be really creative with it. Sofia

 I like meditative prayer because it gets my body ready for school. I also love it because it is calming before learning. Once you do meditation you feel calm and ready to start the day. Lastly it helps me connect to God. Ruby L

 Meditative Prayer

 The “purest” form of prayer is wordless: it is “resting in” the presence and wisdom of God with one’s heart and mindfully open to the experience.

Through centred breathing and stilling of body and mind, you are helping to restore a mind-body balance by bringing mutual peace to the body and mind.

Age-old Christian meditative prayer practices and movement each day change the structure, neural pathways and operation of the brain. It is also proven to improve cognitive brain function!

The prayer used in meditative Christian prayer is Maranatha: the four syllables in this prayer mean “Come Lord Jesus” MA-RA-NA-THA.

 I like meditative prayer because it calms me, makes me feel happy and relaxed. I would highly recommend this to everyone, especially those who get worked up easily. Sarah H

 It makes me feel calm and relaxed when we breathe in and out. I like it with the music and also without the music. Lachie M

 I feel relaxed and ready for the day. It calms me. Samuel F

 I like praying in the morning because it calms us for the day and makes us relax. I recommend meditative prayer for the elderly people who are stressed. Oliver F
**Languages – Italian**

This term the children have been learning about Christmas in Italy. It gives them an insight into another culture and ability to compare this with their own celebration here in Australia.

Some interesting reading. 
“Learning another language is beneficial for many areas of our life.”

**Why are we learning Italian?**

It can help you enjoy reading, expand writing, increase memory, synthesise knowledge and skills, enhance spacial intelligence, and improve our first language.

- **Improves reading and writing**: Italian books, letters, emails, social media, and when you travel to Italy order in Italian, read signs at a train station, chat to friends in Italian, earn money by translation, and increase job prospects.
- **Increases memory**: develops good memory for other subjects, games, dancing, shopping, travelling, cooking, meeting people, passing tests, communication with others.

Research shows learning another language enhances and improves not only that language but also your first language!

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**School Fees**

Reminder Fee Statements were emailed this week. If you have not received the email and you know that fees are still outstanding, please contact Mandy in the office.

**School Hat Reminder**

A reminder that all students should be wearing their St Joseph’s school hat each morning before school.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE – THE WINNERS!!
The final results are in, with the best active travel classes for the 4 weeks of the challenge shown below:

JUNIOR COMPETITION: WINNER – 2G
Special mention also needs to be made of 1G and 2B. They both had a turn on the leader board due to their excellent active travel efforts, with the final results coming down to a margin of 1 point!

SENIOR COMPETITION: WINNER – 4B
There were more excellent results from an equally tight race between the older grades. 4W, 6B and 4G also submitted great results, with the final numbers once again coming down to a margin of 1 point!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2G AND 4B! YOUR PIZZA PARTIES ARE BEING ORGANISED.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: NOW STARTING ON MONDAYS!!!!
The Active School Travel committee is very pleased to be able to announce that from next week, there will be a Monday Walking School Bus to Bowman Park.

The first Monday Walking School Bus started this week, so if you would like your child(ren) to join us on the bus please get your enrolment form into the office by Friday.

The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is a great way to reduce the traffic congestion, and the chance of being fined by the police, around the school at pick up time.

There are some important points to note:
   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.

NEXT AST COMMITTEE MEETING – DATE TBA
For more information please contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Music News
Arts Soiree
Congratulations to all of our performers at our St Joseph’s Arts Soiree last Thursday night. Well done on your enthusiasm, your energy and your good manners shown while the performances were on. Many thanks to our wonderful teachers, Mrs Pendrith, Mrs Ooestenbroek, Mrs Murphy, Camillo and Laurie – Your tireless efforts are appreciated.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for their support of our students and to the parents for their support of rehearsals, practicing and performances.

Year 5 Choir excursion to the local nursing home
Our Year Five students will be performing a Christmas concert at St Paul’s Villa on Thursday morning. Students will be travelling by bus from The Drive at 9.15am and will return to school by 10.45am.

Christmas Carols
Our Joey’s Junior Choir, Year Three, and Year Five choirs will be leading some of the Christmas carols on Friday afternoon. All students to stay with their parents until asked to come up to the performance area. Stay tuned!
Rosemary Zorzetto, Music Teacher
Netball 2016

The Netball Club’s web page (under ‘Contacts and Links’ on the school website – http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au) now has all the important dates for the 2016 netball season.

Important dates to note are:

- Online registration will open **Wednesday 27 January**
- Training clinics for the competitive girls (Under 11 and Under 12) will take place on **5 and 6 February**
- Grading for competitive teams will take place Sunday 14 February
- Trial games for the net-set-go teams (Under 8/9 and 10) will take place on **Saturday 19 March**
- The FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON is **Saturday 16 April 2016** (Term 2)

2016 Netball Executive Committee

Following the Club’ AGM on 26 October, the following volunteers make up the 2016 Committee:

- President: Chantelle Daveson
- Treasurer: Nicky Alati
- Secretary: Catherine Myers
- Registrar: Erin Hancock
- Umpiring Convenor: Jodie Walsh
- Uniforms: Alissa Parker
- Canteen: Sophia Cameron
- Equipment: Lisa Hoult

The P&F’s Christmas Carols this Friday 20 November (4.30-6.30pm) is shaping up to be a great family evening. (Look out for the flyer in this newsletter)

As well as warming up your vocal chords, please note, there are two other things to action:

**URGENT!** We still need 16 volunteers to help with set up/clean up and manning the BBQ and Bar – PLEASE click on (or copy and paste) this link, to nominate your preferred role and timeslot: [https://www.volunteersignup.org/DFPWB](https://www.volunteersignup.org/DFPWB)

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:

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

OR

Email – stjoeystennis@gmail.com

The calendar of tennis court bookings can be found at:
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=stjoeystennis%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia/Brisbane

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 meeting’s agenda items. We encourage you also to provide any suggestions/feedback to the Committee on the agenda items. Come along to our meetings if there is a particular agenda item that might interest you.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of term months at 7.00pm.

You can access the past minutes from P&F on the School website under the Parents and Friends Tab.

If you have any suggestions/feedback for our future agendas please email Denise Kerr on kerrdn@gmail.com.

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor
Two casual positions exist for a School Crossing Supervisors at St Joseph’s Bardon.

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 $27.49 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 (If recommended for the position, you will be assisted through this process by the Road Safety Office)

Completed applications should be returned to:
The APRE
St Joseph’s School Bardon
The Drive
Bardon Qld 4060

AUDITONS - The Iona Passion Play
Experience Easter 2016 as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play
All are welcome – you can involve the whole family!
 Plenty of speaking, non-speaking and support roles available.
 All 2016 performances will be in Brisbane.
 Sunday Nov 22nd @ 1pm (Wynnum West)

If interested please contact Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

The Iona Passion Play greatly appreciates your community’s support and please keep the Play in your prayers.

Ceremony of Carols - St Brigid’s Church, Musgrave Rd Red Hill
Sunday, 13th December 2015, 7.00pm.

St Brigid’s church, with its choir and organ in the beautiful acoustics, is once again set to spread the spirit of Christmas. Beginning with the church in darkness with only candle light, the choir will perform arrangements of carols, as well as leading the community in singing a number of well loved carols, interspersed with readings.

This year includes a performance of the gorgeous ‘Fantasia on Greensleeves’ by the string ensemble and Harp.

Supper, with live music, follows the ceremony.

We’re raising funds for the Jubilee Parish Refugee Support Group, as well as funds to support the music at St Brigid’s, and there will be an opportunity to give if you wish.

Parking is available in the church yard, accessed from Musgrave Rd.
Invite:
Your Family and Friends

Date:
Friday 20th November

Time:
4.30 - 6.30 pm

Location:
School Oval
(bring blankets for comfortable seating on the ground)

Our choirs will be performing much loved carols on the night. There will be a bar, water and soft drinks available. BBQ - hamburgers and sausage sizzle on the night. Children will receive a Super Dooper courtesy of the P&F. There will be glow sticks and Christmas Lolly Bag’s available for purchase on the night.
Christmas Pageant – St Mary Magdalene’s Church

Baby Jesus lying in the hay, Mary and Joseph, the stable, the Angels, the donkey – these are all facets of Christmas that appeal to the minds and the hearts of children. Being a part of the Christmas Pageant allows children to fully appreciate the real Spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Present is made of memories of Christmas Past.

Christmas Eve Service will be held in the School Assembly Hall. The Service will begin at 4.00pm with the Christmas Pageant and Carols, followed by Mass at 4.30.

Children of all ages can be involved. Costumes are basic (no sewing required).

Rehearsals will be held on:

Monday 14th December at 9.00am
Thursday 17th at 9.00am.

If you can’t make it to both, then make the one that suits you, but please let me know of your intentions.

Anyone acting in a major speaking role will be required at ALL rehearsals.

Dress Rehearsal (attendance essential) – day/date will be advised next week.

Anyone interested please contact Therese Beavis on 33664103/leave message, mobile 0403 784 778 or email on mtbah@optusnet.com.au