Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Yesterday, Fr Stanley led us in our Eucharistic Celebration for “Ash Wednesday”. During this season of Lent, Fr Stanley encourages our school community to grow closer to God. He reminded each of us of our own uniqueness and how we can be the face of Jesus to others as we let our light shine. The children were blessed and marked with the ashen cross on their forehead, this ritual reminds us to turn back to God. It was truly wonderful to share this celebration with our parents, friends and parishioners in communion. Thank you for joining us in prayer and worship.

Last Monday, we began our new routine of starting our morning and week off with our whole school assembly. This was a big change for our Early Years students, starting their day in a different school location. I was very impressed with our students’ resilience and adaptability. At this assembly we commissioned our 2015 school staff with each member receiving a “St Francis” medallion which symbolises our connection to our Franciscan Spirituality of humility, care and respect. This coming Monday’s assembly prayer will acknowledge and celebrate our 2015 Year 6 School Leaders as they pledge their commitment of service publically to our school community. I have been truly impressed with our senior girls who have already let their light shine in these first few weeks of school.

In particular, I would like to congratulate Ellen Gett who created a documentary about her extended family’s experience of the drought. This documentary was extremely moving as it personalised the hardship of our rural community and the harsh effect of drought. The story of 3 generations; Ellen, Kathryn and Raymond, where the strength of family and human spirit during crisis times was evidenced. This story aired on national television on Landline last Sunday. It can be viewed on iView at [http://www.abc.net.au/landline/archive.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/landline/archive.htm) Ellen shared through the lens of our Catholic context, “God to Cry and Tears from Sky” the powerful gift of rain for our brothers and sisters living in rural Queensland. Yesterday as a follow up, Pip Courtney and the Landline team filmed our Year 6 students. This Sunday at 12.00pm on ABC this follow up episode is due to be shown.

Straight after our Assembly this coming Monday, I will be offering a “Volunteer Workshop”. This workshop will outline the role of a volunteer, student protection and is for any parents who volunteer to work in our school. This workshop will run straight after assembly and I will provide another session at 2.00pm on Monday 23rd February in Room 16A (the classroom to the left of the library).

As part of the ICT Capability and Digital Technology component of the Australian Curriculum, Amanda Gardiner our Teacher Librarian, will be working with all students this year delivering Cyber Safety units with a focus on personal safety and staying safe online. Lessons are based on the resource provided by the Australian Government department ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority). I encourage all parents to visit this site and make use of the parent resources on offer which support the work being done in the classroom. To begin, the following link will take you to a booklet Parent’s Guide to Online Safety which has practical information when discussing online safety with children of all ages. I also encourage you to link to the Cyber Safety help button download which we use on our school computers as a way of assisting children to feel safe while online. The Australian Government's Cyber Safety Help Button provides internet users, particularly children and young people, with easy online access to Cyber Safety information and assistance available in Australia. It offers counselling, reporting and educational resources to assist young people deal with online risks including cyberbullying, unwanted contact, scams and fraud, and offensive or inappropriate material.

Parent Guide to Online Safety ACMA
Cyber Safety Help Button
From the APRE  
Ash Wednesday Mass  
Yesterday we gathered as a Christ-centred learning community for Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Lent is a penitential season marked by prayer, fasting (we often think of this as giving something up) and almsgiving (sharing what we have with others). As a Catholic school, we have a commitment to support the Catholic organisation Caritas. During the Lenten Season, Caritas run Project Compassion. In 2015, the Project Compassion theme is Food for Life. The educational focus will be on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Year Six Leaders Commissioning  
On Monday 23 February at our whole school assembly from 8:35am, we will be commissioning our 2015 Student Leaders. During this sacred prayer time, our Year Six students will make a commitment to “Let our light shine” and be presented with their leadership badge, a visible sign of their leadership in our St Joseph’s School Community.

Year Three Mass  
On Tuesday 24 February our Year Three students and teachers will gather in the Church for Mass with Fr Josen. Families are most welcome to join Year Three for this special time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Included with this newsletter is information from our Jubilee Parish regarding the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation. While this is a Parish-based programme, we will be supporting our student’s Sacramental journey at school through prayer, Religion Curriculum links and in participation of the Retreat Day prior to the Sacrament of Reconciliation evening. The registration and parent information session is to be held on Monday 23 March at 7pm.

Parent Representatives  
We are seeking expressions of interest in the Class Parent Representative role. The role of the Class Parent Representative is to work collaboration with the school Leadership Team, the P & F Association and the class teacher. The Class Parent Representative becomes a point of contact for pastoral matters, care and concern support, P & F Association activities and the organisation of class social activities. If this is a role you are interested in, please make yourself known to the class teacher who will pass your details on.

Class Contact Lists  
As part of our mission to be a welcoming learning community, the P & F Association co-ordinate the collection and distribution of Class Contact Lists. These lists provide the names and contact details of each family in a class. The link below will allow you to complete an online form with your family contact details. This information will be collected and collated by the P & F Association and only used for this purpose. Participation and inclusion of your Class Contact list is entirely optional. https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c8feade147014ed9a99f58c65c4e6670

A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. (Denis Waitley)

Amy Heshusius  
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
**Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation**

Our Jubilee Parish Sacramental programme isn’t too far away. We begin our preparation for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Monday night, **23rd March** with a Registration and Information session beginning at 7pm at the Rosalie church.

Any child who has been baptised in the Catholic Church and who is in Year 3 or above is eligible to participate in the preparation programme and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The tradition of our Catholic Church has been to baptise children shortly after birth so that from the start they can grown up within the family of the Church. Occasionally, for many different reasons, a young child misses out on being baptised. Not wanting to diminish the importance of this sacrament, while, at the same time, wanting to provide some form of preparation so that the child understands what is happening, **we have traditionally run a preparation course (for older children) during Lent** so that we can celebrate the baptism on Easter Sunday. These preparation classes take place during the first part of our Sunday masses during the 6 weekend’s of Lent.

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please contact Jenny Donnelly, our Jubilee Sacramental Coordinator at jend@donnellys.net.au or talk to one of our parish priests. More information can be also found on our webpage: www.jubileeparish.com
Languages – Italian
This year we have purchased LINGUASCOPE: http://www.linguascope.com/ an online Languages program. We will be using the program at school from time to time but it is also accessible from home for all children at our school. It is particularly good for children new to our school who are keen to learn simple vocabulary and play games while learning. The username and password has been put into children’s class homework sheet or given to them in Italian class. There is also a Linguascope app for iPads that can be downloaded.

Other good free online languages programs with no login requirement are:
EuroClub Schools: http://www.euroclubschools.co.uk/page87.htm
DIGITAL DIALECTS: http://www.digitaldialects.com

I have begun a ‘Life’ page for Italian and all children who have a Catholic education login will be able to access the site (Years 4-6). They can access the above web sites and other activities, songs and games through this ‘Life’ page.

Otranto on east coast Puglia, Italy  Leuca at the very tip of the heel where the Ionian Sea meets the Adriatic Sea.  Alberobello and all the Trulli.

If you have any questions at any time throughout the year please make an appointment to speak to me. I work on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week.

Jeanette Vanderzee
Italian Teacher

Introducing the St Joseph’s Readathon 2015

Dates:  March 9 - March 20

Purpose:  to encouraging a love of reading and raise money for integrated technology in our classrooms.

Details:  Compared to doing battle with a doormat this will be a breeze!
  • Reading for the read-a-thon will be set as the usual reading homework over the above 2 weeks in March.
  • Great prizes on offer!
  • Information letters will come home soon.
Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival (Years 3 - 6) is being held on Tuesday 3rd March at Newmarket Pool (Alderson Street, Newmarket). The carnival will commence by 9.20am. The students will swim in age races according to Zone and District regulations meaning some students will compete against students in different class levels. The Prep - Year 2 Swimming Fun Day will be held in Term 4.

All children (Years 3 - 6) are asked to be dropped at the Newmarket Pool no later than 9am. Teachers will be supervising the pool area from 8.30am so please stay with your child until this time. As the 100m race is first on the program, any child swimming in this event is asked to be ready for the marshaling of their race at 9.00am. The children are asked to wear their school sports uniform or suitable sun smart clothing in their team colours. They will require their togs, towel, goggles, swim cap, hat, sunscreen and plenty of food and water to sustain them throughout the day. Reminder it is compulsory for all swimmers to wear a swim cap.

Parents are being asked to donate a gold coin on entry to the pool. This will help the school cover the costs of hiring the pool for the day. Seating for parents will be on the left side of the pool as you walk in the main entrance, on any of the stands near the main waterslide. The children will be sitting on the right side of the pool in their colour teams. The children are to stay in the designated colour team areas for the duration of the carnival under the supervision of school staff.

The other swimming areas are out of bounds for all students in Years 3-6.

There will be a canteen operating at the pool for the use of parents only. The canteen is out of bounds for all students in Years 3-6.

Please understand the Carnival is a normal school day and therefore children are expected to stay until the end of the day - even if their races have completed. When you are leaving the pool please see either your class teacher or Mrs Beavis at the Recorders Tent and have your child’s name marked off their class roll.

If any parents are interested in helping on the day, even for a couple of hours could you please fill in the form provided and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible. The jobs will be timekeeping and allocating ribbons to the children.

Name: _______________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________    Child’s Class: ______

Availability:  All Day
                Morning (9.00am-12.00pm)    Afternoon (12.00-2.00pm)
If time permits a Colour House Freestyle Relay will be held at the end of the program. This will be the fastest five 50m freestyle swimmers in each age group (8-12 year old, boy/girl combined). The 100m is open ages 10 years and above.

Presentation of Age Champion and Colour House Champion will be held at the school Monday Assembly the following week (8.35am Monday 9th March).

Please see below for a program of events with **approximate** times for your information.

**Program:**

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If your child requires transport back to school by bus please fill in the form below and return it to your class teacher by Wednesday 25th February. Please be aware the size of the return bus is booked according to the returned permission forms. Therefore, if you do not return the slip below before this time there will not be room on the bus for your child.

We look forward to your support on the day.

**Christie Lewis**

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**Swimming Carnival Bus Permission Form**

I give permission for my child ……………………………………………………………………….. Class: ……………... to travel by bus to St Joseph’s from the Newmarket Swimming Pool on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 after the Swimming Carnival.

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………………………..
SPORTS NEWS

District Swimming
Congratulaions to the 4 girls who represented St Joseph’s at the District Swimming Carnival last week at Samford State School. Lucinda H, Rose W, Claudia L and Chloe D all swam their best with special mention to Chloe who was selected in 2 events for the Regional Carnival. Results are below (top 6 qualify for Regionals)

Chloe – 50m Butterfly (3rd) and 50m Freestyle (6th)
Lucinda – 50m Freestyle (28th), 50m Butterfly (21st) and 50m Backstroke (22nd)
Rose – 50m Breastroke (7th) and 50m Backstroke (23rd)
Claudia – 100m Freestyle (7th), 50m Freestyle (10th), 50m Butterfly (11th) and 50m Breastroke (15th)

Well done girls!

Reminder for all Year 3-6 students, nominations forms for St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival are due this week.

From The Library
Fathers Can make a Difference in Getting Sons to Read

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAY IS COMING

From next Wednesday 25th February, we will be asking everyone to really think about how they travel to and from school when we re-start Walking Wheeling Wednesday as part of our Active School Travel program.

We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?

Walk
Leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call that “Park and Stride”.

Cycle or Scooter
Ride or scooter with your children to school. It’s legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet secured.

Public Transport
Public transport is easy once you know how. For bus, train and ferry timetables, visit www.translink.com.au, or phone 13 12 30.

Carpool
Find a friend and carpool to school. It’s an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child’s class or at music and sport to see who is going your way.

A survey will be taken each Wednesday by teachers and provided to the Council. Each month a Star Class certificate will be awarded to the class with the best Active School Travel result.

All students are encouraged to actively travel to school, so get started on the 25th February and remember that EVERY Wednesday is now Walking Wheeling Wednesday.

COMMITTEE MEETING 24TH FEBRUARY
If you are interested in helping out, please come to our first meeting of the year at 2pm on Tuesday 24th February (meet at the office) or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au
Introducing

**Book Clubs LOOP**

for Parents

**LOOP** is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

**Log-in to** [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) **or download our **NEW** iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!**

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!


**Download on the App Store**
P&F News

‘Care and Concern’
The ‘Care and Concern’ group continues this year to support families at their time of need. This can be in the form of meals, transport, grocery shopping, ironing or whatever activity best would help the family. Any assistance given is completely confidential and anonymous.

You can get assistance by asking the office or through your class representative. If you are a friend of a family that might need assistance, please ask them if they would like some help and let the office know. As we have new families to the school and some that have left, I am starting a new contact list of helpers. All of the old list is being discarded, so if interested in helping please send your email address and class of oldest child to: Cath Hargraves email liam.catherine@optusnet.com.au

ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

Netball Registrations are now closed!

Competitive players (11 and 12) – Training begins next week.

Modified teams (8 – 10)

- Teams have now been sorted and players will receive an email by this Friday 20th February 2015 with their team allocation.
- Training should commence the week beginning the 2nd of March 2015 with their first trial games being Saturday 14th March 2015 (held at the School Hall) and the first round of Competition on Saturday 21st March.

NB- All netball players, please check regularly the Calendar of Events on our website http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au/Contact%20Us/Pages/St-Joseph%27s-Netball-Club.aspx

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

Email – stjoeytennis@gmail.com

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

Please contact Catherine Myers on 0422 000 321 or catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au for bookings or any other queries regarding court hire.
Save the date: Friday 20th March

Whole School ‘Hawaiian’ Disco

4:30 – 7:30pm

4:30-5:30 Preps & Grade 1  5:30-7:30 Grades 2-6
Preps and Grade 1 are welcome to stay on once the ‘big kids’ arrive, but the DJ will have a small break at 5:30 to allow the parents of the little ones the chance to take them home if they wish.

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We’re looking for parent volunteers from each year level to help ‘man’ certain areas on the night. We’ll need about 8 people per year level, so the shifts are short & everyone can enjoy the evening.

  Prep – Hall set-up
  Grade 1 – Coloured Hairspray & temporary tattoos
  Grade 2 - Glow Sticks & glow products
  Grade 3 – Drinks, chips & iceblocks (separate to the bar area)
  Grade 4 – BBQ serving
  Grade 5 – Bar (adult)
  Grade 6 – BBQ cooking

Please email Danielle on danielle@stringofbeads.com.au if you can help.

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Disco POSTER Competition!!!!

Do you want to win a free ticket to the Disco????
Design a colourful ‘Hawaiian’ Disco Poster on A4 paper for us to put up around the school!!!
Must have the following information:

St Joey’s Hawaiian Disco
Friday 20th March
4:30-7:30pm
Buy tickets on the tuckshop website

Entries to be given to Mrs Lucey in the office, by Thursday 26th February.
Winner will be chosen by Mrs Burke & Miss Heshusius and used as the posters for putting up around the school!
"I was so surprised when I saw mummy at tuckshop. She made me so happy because it was my mummy". Mia (Year 1)

"As a new Mom to St Joseph’s last year I was eager to get involved with school life. I found tuckshop to be the best forum for me, Beck and her team of happy volunteers were most welcoming and helpful and I really enjoyed my time there. Not only are you helping out your school community you will also learn more about it too, you’re little ones will be delighted to see you at break time and you will make many friends. You don’t have to be a gourmet cook either, just the willingness to help and your time is all that’s needed. The parents at St Joseph’s are really wonderful and supportive so I’m looking forward to meeting you all again this year." Grianne (Parent, Year 1 & 3)

"After volunteering in the tuckshop in 2014 I would highly recommend this experience to those considering donating their time. The tuckshop is exceptionally well run and organized and provides a unique opportunity to work alongside a truly awesome bunch of people. I found it was not only my girls looking forward to my rostered tuckshop days but me also! Such a rewarding involvement for a small time commitment - the tuckshop is truly a credit to the school community."
Ange (Parent, Year 1 & 3)

"I’ve been doing tuckshop for 5 years and I can honestly say, that it’s actually a pleasure to do. Beck has everything running so smoothly. Clear directions are given (which in my case, are absolutely necessary!) And, if you don’t know what to do, (and who does, especially on their first day!?) you just ask. Although there are a couple of busy times, when things get a little hectic, the majority of the day runs without stress. You even get a chance to have a cuppa! You may not know anyone when you start the day, but by morning tea, you’ve made new friends, and feel like you are part of the team". Anna (Parent, Year 4)

The P&F tuckshop team are on the hunt for volunteers to fill our new 2015 roster.

Working Parents
There are many ways to help and its just not on Mondays either. Click on our roster and you’ll see we need bakers once a term, bread collected before school & sushi collected at 9am. Our roster also shows special tuckshop days on Tuesdays and other days of the week. If you are a worker, we’d love to hear from you as we have many jobs that working families can assist with.

Dads...
Did you know that we cook some of our meals on the BBQ every week? We have a slot that finishes at 11am & we’d love to see some Dad’s come & join us & cook up a storm for the kids!

As families leave St Joey’s each year, we need to find new families who can support tuckshop by volunteering just 1 day a term.
"I was so surprised when I saw mummy at tuckshop. She made me so happy because it was my mummy". 
**Mia (Year 1)**

"I have been helping in tuckshop for 4 years which has been a great experience for a number of reasons. One of which being Beck runs a very efficient and well organised tuckshop which allows me to have one day off each week from making lunches and who doesn’t love that. My kids get a kick out of seeing me there and I have met some wonderful mothers and fathers who are now close friends. I strongly recommend and encourage parents, grandparents and other community members to support the tuckshop whether it be attending in person or by making cupcakes or in kind." 
**Catrina (Parent, Year 4)**

"I've really loved doing tuckshop this past year. I could only do the couple of Tuesdays when there were public holidays because I still had a little one at home on Monday's - but it was great to still be involved when I could. The kids just adore seeing you on tuckshop (& coming up to get a special treat!) Beck creates a great fun environment - she’s super organised and everyone gets allocated their jobs (so the work gets done) but it’s also a fun social environment where you get to meet other people in the school community & hear about all the things that are going on. I’m looking forward to being able to do some more Monday’s this year now that my 2 are both at Joey’s!"
**Danielle (Parent, Prep & Year 3)**

"I am a proud volunteer at St Joseph’s tuckshop. I am a busy father of 3 but find it easy and worthwhile offering to help in my own small way each month. It doesn’t take up much time at all and I enjoy knowing the kids are getting great food on their tuckshop days. I feel I am helping and engaging in the St Joseph’s community and that is rewarding."
**Frank (Parent, Year 2 & 3)**

"Volunteering at Tuckshop has been one of the highlights of my time at St Joseph’s. My children love to see me behind the counter on the days that I help and I enjoy the interaction with children and volunteers alike. I have been fortunate in that I have had the time to help out and I have enjoyed being able to contribute in this way to our wonderful school community. The flexibility of St Joey’s tuckshop is great in that there are a number of ways you can help if you can’t stay for the whole day. I have found lending a hand at tuckshop to be a fun, rewarding and social experience."
**Kerry (Parent Year 4 & 6)**

Nominating is easy, click the link, it takes just a few minutes!

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=6cbe26cc26f42cea6903d3af8a848eb