Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Thank you to our Leadership team for their attendance at last week’s Leadership Conference. Br David Hall challenged us to lead as Friends of a Compelling God in a God-conscious Ministry by working together in a Catholic School. He encourages us to Be Present, Listen, Search, Wait and Act. During this Lenten Season, may we be inspired by our Franciscan values of Humility, Care and Respect as we are present to each other, may we be encouraged to listen, search and wait before we rush into action, may we discern with the Ear of the Heart that St Benedict shared through his word. As per our “Relationships Policy” at St Joseph’s; parents and staff alike work together to build positive relationships based upon respect, openness, clarity in all communication and promote a climate of forgiveness when relationships break down. Therefore if you have a concern about your child’s education, the first point of call is your class teacher. As Parent/Teacher meetings are quickly approaching this will be an ideal time to build on these vital relationships and partnerships as together we support all students on their learning journey.

As a new Leadership team, we ask for your support as we look towards our future at St Joseph’s at Bardon. This year, we will as a school, participate in our External School Review in fourth term. This Review provides a unique opportunity once in every five years for school representatives to engage in a strategic conversation about school improvement with a focus on student learning. This conversation involves a panel of educators external to the school. This year we will reflect on our areas of success and strategically plan for our future as we continue to develop this Christ centred learning community where we strive for equity and excellence in education.

On Tuesday we celebrated our Years 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival. It was a glorious day in our warm QLD sunshine. A huge thank you to our wonderful Mrs Christie Lewis for her planning of such an organised sporting event. The students’ behaviour was exemplary, in particular, the impressive leadership demonstrated by our Year 6 students. Thank you to all the parents and friends who were able to come along and support on the day. It created such an atmosphere of positive reinforcement as our students participated and were encouraged to ‘have a go’ in the races. Special thanks also to our staff for their enthusiasm in assisting in a smooth running of the day. A highlight for me, was the colour team parade where that school spirit was so clearly evident. Another huge thank you to Mr Chris Hawley for supplying the starting equipment and his generosity in volunteering for the day. We look forward to this coming Monday’s assembly when we will find out the results of our carnival and Age Champions.

Yesterday, our professional learning community of teachers joined with 4 other Catholic sister schools in our area. St Ignatius at Toowong, generously hosted this opportunity where together: St Joseph’s, Mater Dei, Holy Family, Our Lady of the Rosary, along with St Ignatius’ teachers met in their respective year level teams to professionally engage in dialogue in the Australian Curriculum area of English. The focus for Years 1 to 6 was assessment in writing and the Prep teachers focussed on oral assessment. This positive collaboration between schools was very beneficial as together we can learn from the wisdom and experience of other school contexts. These POD meetings will continue throughout 2015 as we continue to focus on developing a common understanding and language of learning.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to come along to a Parent Education Evening on Monday 16th March at 7.00pm in our School Hall. Topic: “Digital Citizenship – It Takes a Village”. This one hour presentation introduces to parents the nine elements of Digital Citizenship. Parents will be informed about the importance of working in partnership with the school in giving students a common message about using technology appropriately and responsibly at school and at home. Presenter: Kate O’Neill is an experienced educator working with Brisbane Catholic Education as an Education Officer on the Curriculum Team. She has a particular interest in the area of Digital Citizenship and in working with teachers and students to promote safe and responsible practices in the classroom when using digital technologies. I strongly encourage you as parents to come along and listen to this presentation.

This coming Tuesday 10th March I will be attending the School Law Conference in Brisbane. I will be attending sessions on legal issues involving students and School Governance and duties. This will be another positive learning opportunity for my own professional growth and development. That evening at 6.30pm I will be offering another Volunteer Workshop prior to our monthly P&F meeting at 7.00pm in Room 16A (classroom to the left of the library).

Principal’s Welcome
From the APRE

Lent
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 is global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Each classroom has a Project Compassion Donation box for spare change and students will be encouraged to give what they can to this worthy organisation.

For more information, please visit http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

St Joseph’s Day
On Thursday 19th March we celebrate St Joseph’s Day! This is an important feast day in our Catholic calendar and Religious Life of our school. St Joseph is the person who was closest to Jesus and Mary. Joseph was a young Jew with all the emotions, struggles and trials of a Jewish man in the political hotspot of first century Palestine when he married Mary and accepted the role of father to Jesus. For this reason, St Joseph is often referred to as the “protector of families”.

To celebrate this important feast day a number of exciting things will be happening at our school:

- Mufti Day – for a gold coin donation, students can wear free dress. The gold coin will go into the classroom Project Compassion Box to support Caritas.
- Tuckshop Meal Deal – please see Flexischools for the tuckshop Meal Deal especially for St Joseph’s Day.
- Mass at 9:00am – all families and friends are welcome to join us for this Eucharistic celebration of our patron.

Say “No!” to Bullying Day
On Friday 20th March our school will participate in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – we will be calling it Say “No!” to Bullying Day. We have registered our participation and on this day, all students will engage in focussed lessons around safety, positive relationships and bullying. Teachers will be drawing upon the Personal and Social Capability from the Australian Curriculum, the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum and our Australian Government’s Bullying No Way resources. For further information, please visit http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day

Year 2 Mass
On Tuesday our Year Two students gathered as a Christ centred learning community for Mass with Fr Josen. It was wonderful to also see so many parents, friends and parishioners join them for this celebration of Eucharist. The focus of the Mass was covenants and promises. A covenant is an agreement or promise between people, or God and His people, that binds one to the other. In their classes, the students have made a Class Covenant, outlining the way in which they promise and agree to work together throughout the school year.

Year 1 Mass
On Tuesday 10 March our Year One students and teachers will gather in the Church at 9:00am for Mass. We welcome families to join Year One for this celebration of Eucharist which will focus on how we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

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.

Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself. (Desiderius Erasmus)

Amy Heshusius
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 - 6

Second Hand Uniform Shop

This Friday 6 March from 8am
Everything $2

Please bring cash!
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

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**Updating Family Details**

Please ensure the school office has your up to date family details. Email any changes to pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

**Class Contact Lists**

Thank you to those families who have provided contact details for the P & F Class Contact Lists. The P & F have started collating this information so if you wish to be included on the list, please complete the following online form as a matter of priority: [https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c8feadc147013ed9a99f58c65c4e6670](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c8feadc147013ed9a99f58c65c4e6670)

**School Fees - Term 1**

Just a reminder that School Fees for Term 1 are due by Friday 20th March. If you are experiencing difficulty with payment, please contact Jan in the office.
Parent-Teacher Interviews March 2015

Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for Prep to Year 6 from Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March

Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration.

Bookings will be open from Monday 2nd March

For these interviews we are again using the internet-based booking system Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school’s home page: [http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au) and click on the Parent Teacher Online link available on the right hand menu.

- When the PTO page opens, click on Obtain PIN/Password, enter the primary email address that is registered with the school and you login details will be emailed to you. This email will also contain the link you will need to access the PTO login page.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians, not for couples.

- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.

- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings up to 7am of the day prior to your scheduled bookings.

- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.

- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office on 3369 3020 or by emailing Amanda Gardiner amanda.gardiner@bne.catholic.edu.au

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.
ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB

St Joseph’s Chess Club resumes for children in Prep - Year 6 in Term 2 and 3 only. It will be held on Thursday morning in the Library 7.20am – 8.15am and is facilitated by coaches from Gardiner Chess. The children are supervised by myself or Mrs Amanda Gardiner (T-L). The children are to come to the Library at 7.20am where they may leave their bags on the seats and the roll will be marked. At the conclusion of Chess Club the children are to move onto their designated area before school commences. The dates for Term 2 and 3 are:

Term 2: 30th April (Week 2) – 18th June (Week 9)

Term 3: 23rd July (Week 2) – 10th September (Week 9)

In Term 4 there will be an opportunity for children in St Joseph’s Chess Club to participate in the Brisbane Individual Age Chess Championships. A date and venue for this event is yet to be finalised.

If your child/ren wants to participate in the St Joseph’s Chess Club, please complete the attached enrolment form and permission slip. Both forms need to be returned to the Office by no later than Thursday, 2nd April.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.

Jane Robinson (St Joseph’s Chess Club Co-ordinator)

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ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB

I/we ___________________________________________________ give permission for my child/ren

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to participate in the St Joseph’s Chess Club run by Gardiner Chess on Thursday in the Library from 7.20am – 8.15am.

Please indicate which term/s your child/ren will participate.

Term 2   Term 3

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________
This form must be returned to the school office as soon as possible to enable your child/ren to start the program.

The cost is $86 per term, or $160 for both terms 2 and 3, including GST.

Since fees are required in advance for your child or children to take part in the program, we request that you pay by completing the payment form on the right.

Unless there are extended absences, where special allowance may be made on written request, we will require the full fee to be paid in advance. The fee is based upon a full class of students, and no allowance can be made for occasional absences.

Under no circumstances will the coach be allowed to accept payment.

Please include details of any medical, custodial, or other factors of which we need to be aware, on the back of this form.

My child ........................................ of ................................ school, has permission to participate in school chess until further notice. I authorize Gardiner Chess to seek emergency medical, hospital or ambulance assistance for my child if necessary.

Child’s Name: ........................................ Class: ............

Parents’ or Carers’ names .................................................................

Address: ............................................................................................

Suburb:.......................................... Postcode:.........................

Child’s Date of Birth .................................................................

Mobile:.............................................................................................

Email address ......................................................................................

Signed ........................................................................ Date ....................

Please indicate:

Payment for Term 2 only ($86) □

Payment for Terms 2 and 3 ($160) □

Payment can be made by cheque: payable to Gardiner Chess

□ Mastercard □ Visa

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Expiry date:____/____ Amount: $ ______ (include payment for goods)

Signed ........................................................................ Date .................

Chess goods to help your child learn chess

A tournament chess set
comprising pieces, roll-up board plus a good quality bag for only $25.

To purchase, please indicate here □

Note: Postage is included in these special prices

Chess Workbooks (by Sydney Academy of Chess)

- Book 1 (for beginners) $25
- Book 2 (a little more advanced) $25
- Books 1 & 2 for $45

These books are great for beginners, well-illustrated with easy to follow examples.

To purchase, please tick Book 1 □ &/or 2 □

Special deal - buy the set and both workbooks for only $65! □
Get set for the St Joseph’s Read-a-thon 2015

- Information letters and sponsorship forms were sent home this week (keep them somewhere safe until the end of the Read-a-thon). Please email linda_beckmann@hotmail.com if you haven’t received yours.
- Reading will commence this coming Monday, March 9th.
- Mothball will be writing a ‘diary of a read-a-thon’ while the reading is taking place. This can be read outside the library or at the round-about and will also appear on the St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association Facebook page (make sure you like us to see these)
- Have a look at our Read-a-thon video to get you in the mood for reading!
- To view the video, click on the following link http://youtu.be/LjPVtw9rzXE

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

NATIONAL DAY - NEXT FRIDAY 13 MARCH!
National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity for our school community to embrace a healthier start and try walking, riding or scooting to school.

If you have a bike to ride, why not ride it to school next Friday? Don’t forget, our bike racks are in front of the after care building near the staff car park.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is getting bigger every week. We would like more parents to volunteer to help out. For the Walking School Bus to be a success there needs to be at least two Parent Helpers on each day.

There are 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 need to notify the coordinator of any changes, please text/call Danielle Heenan on 0402 089367 or email - danielleheenan73@gmail.com.
- 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.

AST BREAKFAST - WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
We’ve got our Term 1 AST breakfast coming up on Wednesday 25th March to celebrate St Josephs Active School Travel efforts and the start of Kilometre Club.

The breakfast will take place in the undercroft and there will be muffins, juice and Active School Travel giveaways being handed out from the tuckshop.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 28TH APRIL
If you are interested in helping out, please come to our next committee meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 28th April (meet at the office) or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au
“WICKED” RAFFLE!

You could win 4 Adult tickets to see “Wicked” at 1pm on 19 April, 2015 at QPAC. VALUED AT $490!

The Winner will be drawn at the Hawaiian Disco on 20 March.

Raffle tickets are $10 for one, or $20 for three. (Not a bad investment for $490 in prize value!)

Add tickets to your order when you are buying your Disco tickets on http://www.flexischools.com.au. Or look out for ticket sellers at the Disco.

Proceeds will fund some great new initiatives in the Music Department this year.

For more information contact erinahancock@me.com

ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

- St Joseph’s Netball Management Meeting still proceeding 7.00 pm Monday 16th March in the Italian Room
- All teams should be now be in training!!
- The following teams are playing a trial game on Saturday 14th March 2015 in the Hall (in netball uniform):
  - 9:00am – 10:00 am: 10 Gold v 10 Brown
  - 10:00am – 11:00am: 8/9 Gold v 8/9 Brown
  - 11:00am – 12:00pm: 8/9 White v 8 Gold
- Please regularly check the Calendar of Events regularly at http://www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au/Contact%20Us/Pages/St-Joseph%27s-Netball-Club.aspx

TEEN 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’)
- 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
Year 6B students will be selling ice-cream cones to the Prep classes every Tuesday during first break.

All profits will go towards the Year 6B Canberra trip.

Thank you for supporting us.
ATTENTION

Year 6B students will be selling ice cream cones to Years 2 to 6 next Friday for $1 at the tuckshop.

All profits will go towards the Year 6B Canberra trip.

Thank you for supporting us.
Whole School ‘Hawaiian’ Disco

4:30 start time for Preps & Grade 1    5:30-7:30 Grades 2-6

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Tickets

Now available on the Flexischools website
http://www.flexischools.com.au
You can order tickets while you’re doing your next tuckshop order!

$20 for tickets   (becomes $15 for your 3/4/5th child!)
    - each child will get a ticket lanyard with 10 spots on it
      o this covers 10 ‘purchases’ on the night so it’s cashless for the kids!
        ▪ hotdog
        ▪ water
        ▪ soft drinks
        ▪ coloured hairspray
        ▪ temporary tattoo’s
        ▪ glow sticks & rings
        ▪ iceblock
        ▪ packet of chips

Brothers and sisters of St Joseph’s students are welcome to come too, but they need a ticket.

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Disco POSTER Competition!!!!

Meg Sutherland (P-2)
Sam Lewis (3-4)
Lily Beck (5-6)

are the winners of our Disco Poster Competition and receive a free ticket to the Disco!

Congratulations!!

We had so many wonderful entries, that we’ve decided to display all of the posters around the school. Thanks for your wonderful creativity!!
St Joey's Hawaiian Disco

Friday 20th March
4:30-7:30pm
Buy tickets on the tuckshop website
School Disco

Come to Joseph's

Where fun has no limits

DJ's

Food

Drinks
St Joey's Hawaiian Disco
Date Friday 20th of March
Time 4:30-7:30
Buy tickets on the tuckshop website