Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Yesterday, Mr Graeme Akers, Senior Education Officer Learning and Teaching Data, worked with our professional learning community to review, reflect and engage with our current school data. As a Christ centred learning community striving for equity and excellence this data provides essential information as we can assess trends over time and see where our learners are at on their educational journey at a particular point in time. This ongoing professional dialogue supports our identified goal to develop a common understanding and language of learning. Knowing our learners and exactly where they are at in their learning progression is at the centre of our work and thus using data to inform this is integral.

This coming Monday I will be attending the Leadership Forum where Lyn Sharratt, author of “Putting Faces on the Data: What Great Leaders Do!” will be addressing the Senior Leaders of Brisbane Catholic Education. Her research highlights the importance of the power of putting student faces on the data we have, so that we can use the information to drive up performance while remembering that each and every child needs to count and be counted.

Today our Year 4, 5 and 6 teaching team are engaged in professional learning with Monika Kern, an ICT and education specialist from Expanding Learning Horizons. Valuable time will be given for professional conversations around the purpose of 1:1 computer programs and the pedagogical approaches needed to ensure that devices are supporting and enhancing student’s access and engagement with the Australian Curriculum.

Next week we have a team of 7 professionals attending the upcoming International Gifted and Talented Conference. Following the conference, this team will meet and present back to our staff the key messages and strategies, thus building their capacity as leaders in learning.

I thank and acknowledge our teaching staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to their ongoing professional development and capacity building. We are certainly blessed to have such highly dedicated teaching and learning professionals here at St Joseph’s.

Thank you to the wonderful response of RSVPs we have had for our Parent Information Evening this coming Monday 16th March at 7.00pm. Our topic of “Digital Citizenship – It Takes a Village” will inform about the importance of working in partnership with the school in giving students a common message and language about using technology appropriately and responsibly both at school and at home.

The Principals of Ambrose Treacy and Marist College have both informed Brisbane Catholic Education that students offered a place in Year 4 or Year 5 in their educational facilities can now defer this placement until entry in Year 7. This option would mean that parents will be able to make a family decision to have their son continue in his current Brisbane Catholic Education school (St Joseph’s) until the end of the primary years (Year 6) with a place confirmed for Year 7. For further information or to discuss this further, please make contact with Ambrose Treacy or Marist College.

We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2016. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au or collected from the school office. Our enrolment policy can be viewed on our website. I would appreciate you bringing this information to the attention of any new families who may be interested in their children attending St Joseph’s next year. Please remember that all siblings are required to go through the usual enrolment process and submit an enrolment form. Below are the birth dates for Prep 2016 enrolments.

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Please ensure that all enrolment forms for Prep 2016 are returned to the office by 27th March 2015.
Other Curriculum Initiatives linked to our General Capabilities of ICT and Personal & Social:

Whole School Approach to Cybersafety - update
Prep and Year 1 students have been talking about different types of personal information and about the people we can trust to know this information. We have visited Hector’s World and learnt from Hector and his friends what types of information we should not share online. Parents of students in Prep and Year 1 are encouraged to follow this link to learn more about this program and to follow up the discussions we have been having at school about staying safe online.


The students in Years 4-6 have been discussing personal profiles and the best type of profile to stay safe online. This includes using a nickname, an avatar and a generic email if they have one. School emails, such as the one provided by Brisbane Catholic Education, help to identify us so should not be used in a profile. Listing our school and hobbies has also been identified as personal information that should not be shared online. Most importantly we have discussed the need to make sure Mum and Dad are aware and have given permission for us to set up a profile.

Parents of our older students please link here to learn more about the online safety program we are following at school. This includes a pdf you can download and print.

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Cyber%20issues/~/link.aspx?_id=C13677AA1BBF4D3CA225916DA073149F&_z=z

Say “No!” to Bullying Day - 20TH MARCH 2015
The National Day of Action against Bullying is held annually on the third Friday of March. It is an opportunity for the whole school community to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying.

The day is an initiative of the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group made up of all Australian education authorities. It is managed by the Queensland Government on behalf of Australia’s government, Catholic and independent school communities.

Say “No!” to Bullying Day will be held at our school and nationally on the 20th March. All classes, Prep – Year 6, will have an educational focus around positive relationships, keeping safe and bullying for the day. All students will be engaged in the first of three targeted lessons using resources from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation Curriculum, the Personal and Social Capability from the Australian Curriculum and the Australian Government’s Bullying No Way. The students will also complete a combined activity that will bring our learning community together with a common understanding and language.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say “NO!” to bullying and to strengthen existing everyday messages about what bullying is and that it is not okay at any time. Over 1450 schools across Australia have already registered for this day. That means our 395 students at St Joseph’s are participating with over 680,000 students Australia wide!

For further information about this day, please see: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html

Numerous thanks to Amanda Gardiner for her incredible organisation, planning and leadership of these two above initiatives that will truly benefit our students.

Best wishes
Fran

Important Dates
Please check our school website for the most recent dates
Events listed below are current as at publication

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From the APRE

**Caritas: Project Compassion**

As part of our whole school prayer at assembly this week, Year 5 reminded us of our commitment to support the Catholic organisation Caritas. During the Lenten Season, Caritas run Project Compassion. Each classroom has a Project Compassion Donation box for spare change and students are encouraged to give what they can to this worthy Catholic organisation. Prep G proudly shared with me last week their very heavy money box which contained over $40. Prep G have been so inspired and called to take action by the Project Compassion stories that they are making plans for a special Crazy Sock Day for their fellow Prep classes to help raise additional money. More information about this initiative will come home to Prep families soon.

**St Joseph’s Day**

This 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. As a Catholic school, we take St Joseph as an excellent role model for family values and personal integrity. St Joseph showed us the importance of working hard in our everyday lives; in the way that he cared for his family, did his work as a carpenter and followed his Jewish religion.

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

- **Muffin 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.
- **Pastoral Care Groups** – students will be grouped vertically and work with a new teacher and friends for the middle session. In this session they will learn the story of St Joseph and complete some activities based on themes from his life.
- **Prayer Assembly 2:40pm** – we will gather in the Hall for reflection and prayer to conclude our day. Families are most welcome to join us for this sacred prayer time.

**Please note, there will be no swimming lessons on this day.**

**Say “No!” to Bullying Day**

This 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 the first of three focussed lessons around safety, positive relationships and bullying. The second and third lessons will be presented by the end of Term One. 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. This day will be a terrific lead-in to the Parent Workshop “Digital Citizenship – It Takes a Village” on Monday 16th March at 7pm in the Hall. We acknowledge and thank our wonderful Teacher Librarian Mrs Amanda Gardiner for her leadership and co-ordination of this day.

**Year 1 Mass**

On Tuesday our Year One students gathered as a Christ centred learning community for Mass with Fr Josen. Again, it was wonderful to also see so many parents, friends and parishioners join and sit with the students for this celebration of Eucharist. The focus of the Mass was Discipleship and following in the footsteps of Jesus. As we entered the Church we were reminded of the different ways we can follow Jesus with footstep cards made by the students leading up the aisle.

**Prep Mass**

On Tuesday 24th March our Prep students and teachers will gather in the Church at 9:00am for Mass. We welcome families join Prep for their first celebration of Eucharist as a year level. We encourage parents and family members to sit with their student at these Class Masses as it is important for our students to see the adults in their lives pray and participate in Eucharistic celebrations.

**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.

*I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars.*  
Og Mandino

Amy Heshusius  
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

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**Parent Teacher Online Booking System**

Dear Parents

Our Parent Teacher Interview online system relies on the use of the email registered against the main family contact. It does not work with alternative emails. It is very important that you notify the school when your circumstances change, such as a change in the main contact and also when email addresses change. PTO is an external source and therefore not linked to our database, so can only use the data available at the time of upload.

Amanda Gardiner  
Teacher Librarian
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 grow 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 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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Kilometre Club News

We’re only one week away from our first Kilometre Club session for 2015.

**Start times for next Wednesday 18 March are:**
* Bowman Park (Years 2-7), 7.40am
* School oval (Prep and year 1), 7.45am.

# Please make sure breakfast is NOT eaten right before coming along to run. Eat early or bring along something suitable to eat after the session, rather than running on a full tummy.

# Remember to send along a change of shoes and socks.

# Send your joining fee ($15 (individual)/$30 (family)) along to the first session.
   Have it in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name and grade.

# Make sure your folder is organised and bring it along to every session.
   Place it in the basket when you arrive.

* Use a plain manila folder (no pockets, sleeves or plastic folders)

**Calendar on the right side and code on the left.**
* Clearly mark with name and grade.
* These sheets will be sent home on Friday (13th March) for those who have returned their forms.

Make sure to read the information sent home previously.

Happy running!
St Joseph’s Feast Day
Thursday 19th March

Mass at 9am in our Church

Mufti Day
Please bring a **gold coin** donation for Caritas: Project Compassion.
(Students must have covered shoulders, a hat and enclosed shoes)

Meal Deal from Tuckshop
*first break only*
http://www.flexischools.com.au
(ordering closes 7:30am, 19th March)

Prayer Assembly in the Hall at 2:40pm
ST JOSEPH’S 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the St Joseph’s Years 3-7 Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. Despite the very hot day, the boys and girls all swam with enthusiasm and speed and a great day was had by all. A special thank you to these people:

✓ The wonderful Year 6 leaders who went to so much effort with their fabulous Colour House mascots and were a constant encouragement and help to all the boys and girls in their colour house team.
✓ The Mums and Dads who helped out on the day – without your help the Carnival would not have run so smoothly so thank you for your time and effort.
✓ A special thank you to Chris Hawley for his great skills as Race Starter and providing the wireless stop watches – your support is greatly appreciated.
✓ The teachers who all worked very hard throughout the day to enable the Carnival to run so efficiently.

The overall scores and Age Champion Results can be found below.

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The St Joseph’s team for the Zone Swimming Carnival will be selected this week and more information will be sent home to the boys and girls in the team. This Carnival is for boys and girls 9 years and above and will be held at the Chandler Swimming Pool on Wednesday 18th March competing against other Catholic Schools in the North West District.
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)

ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB

I/we ___________________________________________________ give permission for my child/ren

I/we ___________________________________________________ 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 .........................

PAYMENT FOR CHESS TUITION [+ CHESS GOODS IF REQUIRED]:

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! □
Joey’s Readathon 2015

- Hope you are all enjoying your daily reading!
- Do you still know where your sponsorship form is? You’ll need this to send in at the end of the read-a-thon. Just use the below email if you need a replacement.
- Remember to ask around & get some help with the sponsorship from family & friends
- Great prizes on offer including iPad minis, Booktopia vouchers & our own Kate Hunter is generously offering a signed copy of her book “A Curry with Murray” and a set of her “Mosquito Advertising” books
- Keep an eye out for Mothball’s diary of a read-a-thon around the school and on the St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association Facebook page.
- We are working on an option to pay via the tuckshop flexi school system, more information soon
- If you have any queries please contact linda_beckmann@hotmail.com

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAY SURVEYS

Congratulations to the winners of last week’s Wednesday Active Travel Survey.
4B – 87%
2W and 3G – 30%
3B – 25%

The winner of the Star Class trophy for the best Term 1 Active School Travel results will be awarded at the Monday assembly on 23rd March. Why not give your class a chance to win by making an effort to actively travel to school on our Active School Travel day next Wednesday.

Check out this fantastic chart put together by the Preppies last week. It’s great to see them thinking about how they travel to school each day. Well done everybody!

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY - THIS 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 on Friday? Don’t forget, our bike racks are in front of the aftercare building near the staff car park.

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 rewards being handed out from the tuckshop.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS - EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is a great way to reduce the traffic congestion around the school at pick up time. We would like more parents to volunteer to help out, so please let us know if you think you can give us a hand. Even one day a month would make a difference.

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

Help! We need palm fronds for our Palm Sunday Liturgies! If you can help by contributing any – no matter how few – we would love to hear from you. Please phone Therese Beavis on 3366 4103 or email mtbah@optusnet.com.au Thank you.
Year 6B students will be selling ice-cream cones to the Prep and Year 1 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.
P&F News

“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

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:

Online 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

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