Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will notice we have a red newsletter today. This is in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation Day for Daniel tomorrow. We ask that the children wear something red to show their support.

Notification was sent home yesterday in relation to our Early Years Play Space. There is a retaining wall that is showing signs of weakness and deterioration. For the safety of all our community we have sectioned off part of the Early Years Play Space: existing soccer field & chicken coop area, until we finalise the professional advice from an engineer. We will be co-ordinating a re-development plan to ensure this wall is appropriately repaired for the future. We will be making alternative arrangements in relation to duties and playtimes. Thank you for your support in advance.

Last week, I met with our new Councillor, Steve Toomey and a Brisbane City Council Representative. We are strategically planning in partnership to organise a safe drop off and pick up zone. The Brisbane City Council are looking at the possibility of 5 or 6 short term car park spaces along The Drive. Part of the redevelopment of the Early Years Playground (the location of the current chicken coop) will include an exit from this area to these new car parks. (Corner of the Drive & Cecil Road) In partnership, we are looking at the redevelopment along Rosewood Street for the construction of a lengthy drop off, pick up zone and additional car spaces.

Notification was emailed home yesterday from the Queensland Police. There have been numerous, increasing complaints from local residents in relation to the blocking of the flow of traffic along Cecil Road due to our existing pick up zone. We endeavour to ensure 4 staff members are on this duty daily to support students’ safety and speed in the efficiency of loading students into cars for this system to work effectively. Mrs Luscombe and I remain on duty until 3.20pm every day. Please note: your children are supervised. If some parents choose to delay their pick up time until 3.15pm would help the flow of this system. The continued support of our Active School Travel is essential as on these afternoons the difference in the volume of traffic and students needing to be load is significantly less. I would like to remind our community that your patience and understanding is essential as we do our very best daily to ensure the safety of our students as they are loaded into vehicles. Please do not move your vehicle unless instructed by one of our staff. We endeavour to load all vehicles before moving as students/staff are walking past vehicles. It is clear, the problem is recognised, we are moving forward and strategically finding a suitable, safe solution. I ask for you to please follow the directions as outlined by Queensland Police and acknowledge that supervision in this area is until 3.20pm. It we work together we can make this system work until a more suitable system is put into place. As part of our projected Master Plan, the timeline would be mid-way through Term 1, 2016.

Best wishes
Fran
From the APRE
Day for Daniel

Tomorrow our whole school community will recognise Day for Daniel. This week all classes have focussed on our STAR expectation to Stay Safe. When talking about safety, Brisbane Catholic Education and St. Joseph’s use the ‘Recognise – React – Report’ language with the children and this is displayed on posters throughout our whole school. The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum (endorsed by BCE) also builds on these terms. Parents and carers are encouraged to start a conversation about personal safety in the real and digital contexts with their students. There are some terrific resources on http://www.recognisereactreport.com.au which may help guide these conversations at home. Our week will culminate tomorrow with a WEAR RED day for a gold coin donation which will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Thank you to our Student Council for their leadership with this initiative this week.

Hats

As part of our school rule to Stay Safe, our students are expected to wear their school hat at all times when outside. As we come into the hotter months, sun safety is a particular focus and so it is timely to do a ‘hat check’. Please check your child’s hat is in good condition, named clearly and packed each day. There are many hats in our lost property box (outside 3G) which cannot be returned to the owners as they are not named. New school hats are available from Ashgrove West Drapery.

Active School Travel Competition

Our classes are currently competing to be the most active travellers on Wednesdays with a pizza party prize up for grabs. Our current leaders are:
P-2: 1G
3-6: 4B

The competition runs for a few more weeks, so get those feet walking and wheeling!

All Saints Feast Day

This Sunday, 1st November, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. We recognise and honour the saints as human beings transformed by the grace of God. They offer ‘real’ examples of how to be disciples of Christ. In the Gospel reading for the day, The Beatitudes, Matthew gives a summary of Jesus’ teaching that true happiness will be found in a relationship with God rather than in earthly goods. These are the ideals that have inspired the saints and hopefully inspire us to be people of gentleness, justice, peace and mercy. For us at St Joseph’s, we are called to be people of Humility, Care and Respect, in all our words and actions.

Upcoming Class Mass Times

As part of the Religious Life of our School our students and teachers lead Parish Mass on Tuesday mornings at 9am. Parents and Parishioners are most welcome to join the leadership team and class parent representatives after Mass for a Cuppa and Conversation.

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Our final Community Prayer will be held next Friday 6th November at 8am in the STAR room. Parents, Parishioners, students and staff are all welcome to join us for this sacred prayer time.

Amy Luscombe
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

From Year 6

Year 6’s school days at St Joseph’s are quickly coming to a close but we are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

A couple of weeks ago we took part in a first for St Joseph’s - a Literature Conference. We had 5 amazing authors/artists/illustrators/poets and storytellers visit us for the day and present workshops for us to participate in.

Last Tuesday we had an incursion with Reverse Garbage. This was a fantastic and fun activity that enhanced our learning about Technology and Sustainability, using recycled materials to present fashion designs on Melbourne Cup Day.

In English, we have been investigating persuasive genre and each student presented a persuasive speech. Two of our class members, Siena D’Arienzo and Lily Stiles were chosen to present their speeches last Tuesday night for the Annual Public Speaking competition. This was held at St Ignatius School, Toowong. Siena and Lily represented St Joseph’s proudly and their presentations were outstanding, filled with information, humour and even song.

This term we are working in groups to plan and present prayer liturgies, we would love you to join us if you can, see dates and times below.

Over the next six weeks, Miss De Bruin our school guidance counsellor will run a program called ‘Learn to Fly’. This program will help us with our transition from primary school to high school. Finally our class is filled with excitement as we begin planning and organising our graduation, class video and power point which in the future we will look back on with fond memories of our days at St Joseph’s.
I’ve been thinking, raising kids today is pretty tricky. Parents have a lot on their plates making sure they don’t mess us up on the way. Frankly, between you and me, I think that parents are on the wrong track in one particular area. I am speaking from the greatest source of weird information that parents invent on pushing even the youngest and of the most innocent children.

This of course is a peculiar tradition of nursery rhymes. Why of course do parents feel compelled to tell us rhymes that in many cases have no logic or educational value? Or worse, plant strange thoughts in our minds just prior to bedtime.

It is impossible, not to mention impractical for a woman old or not to live in a shoe!! And then to go and have more children than she can handle seems like the wrong message to send our children.

We seem to have a lot of pain in our nursery rhymes. Just ask Jack and Jill. A simple task of fetching a pale of water can result in severe head injuries.

There are so many mysteries to navigate through these seemingly harmless poems.

What about rock-a-bye baby? Who in their right mind puts a baby in the treetops for a nap, on a rickety branch? Honestly, we never heard what happened to this poor, unfortunate baby after it fell.

Who are they trying to fool, I’ll tell you who. The youngest and most impressionable members of our society.

Is this appropriate for children? You be the judge. I am just saying they are a little questionable. What about the old lady who swallowed a fly? Now really, do we want to be teaching our kids to be swallowing unhealthy animals and insects? That’s disgusting!!

Hickory Dickory Dare the pig flew up in the air. HELLO!! This is a physical impossibility.

And what message are our parents sending us? They apparently want us to foster physical fitness cheerfully. Let’s share a story on Jack be nimble Jack be quick by jumping over a lit candle. I think we are getting some mixed messages about fire here.

I’m sure you have all heard that there is a valid reason why we learn nursery rhymes as young children. We need to be conscious and reminded that there are a number of nursery rhymes that I have mentioned to you that can contribute to nightmares, create strange thoughts in the minds of children and develop a false sense of reality.
If Life Was a Musical – Siena D’Arienzo 6B

Sometimes life can get a little boring, and sometimes to break that boredom you want to break out in song, put on a sparkly outfit and create a tap dance number to express how you’re feeling. But then you wake up to reality and realise you can’t do that. And if you were to... you would be looked at in a way that really isn’t too kind and people would start to think you had some serious problems.

This is one of the issues I am faced with daily... but if life was a musical I wouldn’t have to worry about people judging me for breaking out in song or dance, or wearing crazy hats because everyone would!

Have you ever been to a musical at QPAC? If so you would know that every single one of the characters can sing, dance and act. However in the real world you’re lucky if you can even have one of these talents, let alone all three. But if life was a musical and everyone could sing and dance everyday would be entertaining.

It’s not accepted to go out in public wearing a musical theatre outfit with ruffles, sparkles, puffy hair and stage makeup. You just can’t. Been there done that. I once went out to Grill’d after a performance in full costume and stage makeup. People were laughing at me and giving me funny looks. If life was a musical I would have been ordering in song to the cashier who was dressed as the genie from Aladdin “Can I please have a simply grilled and a Queensland without any cheese”. You can wear whatever suits your character even if it is blue face paint and you won’t get judged for wearing it because everyone will look as ridiculous as you do.

We’ve all had that moment when you need to tell someone something but you’re absolutely clueless how to. In a musical this is answered immediately. If you haven’t figured out what I’m talking about dahh breaking out in song for example in high school musical 2 when Gabriella is fed up with Troy for putting up an act. She breaks into song singing how she has to go then Troy joins in too. Throughout this the instrumental is playing in the background. This is one of my favourite parts of the movie although it is unrealistic. But if life were a musical you could make up songs on the spot and the man at the table next to you would pull out his guitar and start playing the instrumental.

In life you sometimes know what’s going to happen next. Not too interesting right? But if life was a musical you’d never know what’s going to happen next and it leaves you hanging on the edge of your seat intrigued to the plot. They’re parts that make you cry with heartache, jump with joy and gasp with shock. Imagine how musical life would be.

Unfortunately for me life isn’t a musical and the closest I’m ever going to get to it being one is by auditioning for them. This is the real world even if that is sometimes hard to accept. But make sure you always remember, “Life is a cabaret old chum come to the cabaret.”
Day for Daniel

All staff and students will be recognising the Day for Daniel on October 30th by wearing RED and by participating in a series of Child Safety lessons throughout Week 4.

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum has been developed to support Queensland schools’ delivery of key safety messages to students in Prep to Year 9. The curriculum has been developed by a working group comprising: Bruce and Denise Morcombe; the Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian; officers from the Department of Education, Training and Employment; the Queensland Police Service; and the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services together with a network of advisors involved in researching child abuse and its prevention.

Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

The curriculum aligns with the DRAFT Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education (Version 6.0) content descriptions. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they are learning in class.

Parent information regarding Day For Daniel and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation has been placed on the Parent Portal. We encourage you to read this information and use it to help with conversations with your children about their safety.

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**STAR Awards 26 October**

WE ARE STARS
AT ST JOSEPH’S
WHEN WE SHOW
STAY SAFE
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
ACTIVELY LEARN
HUMILITY
CARE & RESPECT AS WE RESPECT SELF AND OTHERS
SENIOR students at St Joseph’s School, Bardon, boosted their literacy skills while attending the school’s inaugural Senior Literature Conference.

The literacy conference, organised by Teacher Librarian Amanda Gardiner, introduced the senior students to the imaginations of some of Australia and New Zealand’s best-known writers and illustrators.

Amanda said the Year 5 and 6 classes arrived at the school hall to a conference-like experience.

“They registered, received a name badge and a conference program plus a goodie bag filled with items donated by Scholastic, ResourceLink and the school’s Parents and Friends Association,” she said.

She said the students were treated to an inspiring opening keynote address by author Christine Bongers.

They then experienced a day of workshops presented by author Brian Falkner, author and poet Josh Donnellan, storyteller Jenni Cargill Strong and author and illustrator Angela Sunde.

During the workshops the special guests shared some insights with students about their jobs and how reading and literacy were important to success in the real world outside of school.

They also encouraged the students to read as much as possible and to engage with the books they read.

Student Claudia Legge said it was fun listening and learning about the authors.

The Year 5 student said she really enjoyed Brian’s workshop where he showed them the future when everybody would use their thoughts to control everything around them.

“He taught us how to improve our writing, to write from our own experiences and to ask ourselves the question: ‘what if?’”. Claudia said she came away from the daylong conference with some great ideas and was now contemplating a career as a writer herself.

Meanwhile Year 6 student Lily Stiles said she got some great tips on how to improve her creative writing and poetry writing skills.

Lily said she really enjoyed the workshop on how to find a good story plot.

“I didn’t realise how much effort went into coming up with a plot for a story,” she said.

Amanda said the day was fully catered and concluded with an address by Principal Fran Burke.

She said all the student feedback from the conference had been positive and many students said the day was an amazing experience.

“They commented that the visiting authors presented worthwhile and exciting workshops.

“It was a great start to what is going to be a yearly event for the school,” she said.
Music News
Why teach the Arts in school?
The Arts, because of their multi-modal delivery, offer a natural fit for different styles of learning. The arts nurture young people's cognitive, social and personal competencies. The Arts engage all five senses. The Arts offer opportunities to learn by seeing, thinking, moving, collaborating, problem solving, speaking, reading, writing, scripting, recording, shooting film/video, visually expressing, touching, molding, modeling, cutting, pasting, shaping, forming, presenting, responding, the list goes on.

Gillian Gardiner
Education Adviser, Australia Council for the Arts

Expressive Arts Soiree Thursday 12th November 6.00 pm for a prompt 7.00 pm start.
All parents and friends of St. Joseph’s are cordially invited to our annual Arts Soiree in the hall on Thursday 12th November for a wonderful concert featuring our talented students in the Year 3 and 5 choirs, the Year 4 band, Year 4/5 junior Band and the Senior Band, selected piano and guitar students and our fantastic string students. Refreshments will be available for purchase from 6.00 pm and during the interval. Many thanks to our Parents and friends association for making these available and for their ongoing support of the Music Department.
All students performing are to be in brown stripe dress uniform with correct shoes, socks and hair accessories. Come one, come all for this not-to-be-missed performance. Free entry.

St Josephs Christmas Carols Friday 20th November 4.30 – 6.30 pm
Our Joey’s Junior choir, Year 3 Choir and Year 5 Choir will be leading some of the Christmas carols featured in this year’s carols. Please refer to the P & F advertisement in this newsletter for information about this night.

Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher

Sporting Schools GymFun Program
Congratulations to the boys and girls who returned the enrolment form for the free GymFun Program in the hall on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Enrolment for this has now closed and confirmation has been sent home today to successful participants. We hope you enjoy the 4 week ‘taste’ of gymnastics offered by Mitchelton Youth Group.

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.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE - 1 WEEK DOWN, 3 TO GO!!

If your class is the best active travel class for the 4 weeks of the challenge, you will win yourselves a PIZZA PARTY!!

Congratulations to 1G from the Junior Comp and 4B from the Senior Comp for taking the early lead in the challenge. Full results are shown below. EVERY CLASS IS IN WITH A CHANCE. You just need to make an effort to actively travel to school on Walking Wheeling Wednesdays.

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Congratulations to Grade 6 for leading by example. They organised to meet at Bowman Park as a group to walk into school for Wednesday's active school travel.

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.

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 COMMITTEE MEETING – DATE TBA

The meetings are held at 2pm on one Wednesday per term (meet at the office), and we would love to see you there. For more information please contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au
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.stjosephsdbardon.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

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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.

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Secondhand Uniform Shop last open for 2015!
Friday 30th October 8-9am.
ST JOSEPH’S P & F and MEL NOONAN CREATIVE
FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2015
(20 minute sessions from 8am - bookings essential)

Only $30 for a portrait sitting and print and the money is returned to the P&F as fundraising!

CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING,
GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMORIES THIS YEAR!
(LIMITED SPOTS - BOOK NOW)

Book a spot today for our family portrait day. For just $30 you will have a portrait session with local award-winning family photographer Mel Noonan. Mel specialises in and has captured many families and children and with a wealth of experience and passion for what she creates, Mel knows how to extract the most difficult of smiles and make your family portrait sitting an enjoyable one.

Your entire $30 session fee will be donated to the school for fundraising purposes and you will also receive a complimentary 8x12 inch print of your family shot. Please contact Mel at mel@melnoonancreative.com.au or on 0403077272 to book in your session at this very special price and help to raise funds to give back to your children at the same time.

Inclusions:
- 20 minute session to capture family/siblings/individual/couple photos
  (Indoor studio setting in the hall or outdoor on the oval weather permitting)
- 8x12 inch print of the family photo
  (can be exchanged for smaller sizes at no charge)

Optional Extras Package available for just $220 including:
- 5-10 artistically edited digital files
  (depends on family size and amount of images captured on the day)
- 2 additional 8x12 inch prints
- 3 additional 5x7 inch prints
St Joseph’s P&F – Building community, supporting our school

Take a moment to review some of the activities of the P&F in Term 3 and beginning of Term 4. When you do, I am sure you will be inspired at the enthusiasm and sense of community these activities reflect.

Every one of our activities has required careful management, organisation and delivery from parent volunteers. Many, many thanks are due to all our convenors and volunteers. Some are listed below, but there are many more and I sincerely thank every one of you who have contributed to building our community and supporting our school.

Activities

Outdoor Movie Night Jason C and team with support of the Year 6 girls.
Dad’s Night Barney Mc A.
Mother’s and Father’s Day Stall Danielle R and Bianca K
State of Origin Meal Deal Beck G and the Tuckshop volunteers
Grant Submission – Tennis Courts Louise F
Athletics Carnival Canteen Andrew and Carolyn K and team
Trivia Night Nerine P, Angus P and team, including the Grannies
Canteen for the Musical Erin H and supporters
Wine and Cheese Night- Book Week P&F Executive
Keys Café Launch, Market Day Andrew and Carolyn K and Baristas
World Teacher’s Day Nic S, Beck G and team
International World Food Day Beck G and Tuckshop volunteers
Race Day Cath McA
I Want a BFF, Parent Info Night P&F Executive

We look forward to:
AGM 10th November
Expressive Arts Soiree, 12th November
November and the P&F Christmas Carols 20th November

Together we are making a significant financial and pastoral contribution to our children’s school lives.

Regards

Cate Clifford
P&F President

St Joseph’s Parents and Friends Association
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
The Drive
Bardon 4064
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

Applications close Monday 30 October 2015.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE
Semester 2, 2015
• Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
• Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.
Late applications cannot be accepted.