Principal’s Report

Thought for the Week
Self-doubt is an inside job.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Friday schools across Australia are encouraged to be part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say ‘Bullying. No Way!’ It is a campaign to strengthen everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

The annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence occurs on the third Friday in March each year and is promoted across Australia.

The message is clear - we say no way to bullying in all shapes and forms including cyber bullying, physical violence and intimidation. There is no place for bullying or violence in, or outside, our school.

All members of St Joseph’s community are committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment which promotes personal growth and fosters positive self-esteem for all. We aim to maintain a setting in which everyone feels valued and respected and where individual differences are appreciated, understood and accepted. On Friday our teachers will spend time focusing on activities around this theme Against Bullying and Violence and children are able to wear an orange ribbon, orange socks, an orange band or a small orange token to acknowledge recognition of this day.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

God was certainly smiling on us last Thursday with the first fine day in weeks for our swimming carnival. What a great day we all had at the Newmarket Pool as our Year 3-7 competed in their swimming races for their colour teams. Congratulations to our winning team YELLOW and to our age champions. Well done!!

I would like to acknowledge our Year 7s and the leadership they showed on this day. They were fantastic organising their colour team, getting children ready for their races and assisting teachers with jobs when needed. Great work Year 7, you really showed great leadership qualities.

Thanks to our parents who volunteered their assistance throughout the day to help our carnival run smoothly. Without parent help our carnival would not have been so successful.

The children are also to be congratulated on their fabulous behaviour throughout the day. They were a credit to you and to our school.

A special thanks to Mrs Christie Lewis for the many hours dedicated to the preparation and organization of the day. Well done to all!!
DROP OFF AND PICK UP ISSUES
Schools always experience difficulties with traffic before and after school at peak pick up and drop off times. Particular procedures are therefore put in place to try and keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible. Unfortunately we have some parents who are not following these procedures and placing our students and staff safety at risk. You are asked to follow the procedures below:-

1) Please turn **left** only to enter the Church roundabout area and turn **left** only as you exit. There are parents turning right on both occasions.

2) If you are using the roundabout please **DO NOT** wait in the tennis car park. This is to be used for families who are parking and walking to collect their children. If you are early please wait in surrounding streets.

3) Keep neighbours’ driveways clear **AT ALL TIMES**.

4) **DO NOT** park on the footpath….this is illegal and endangers our students lives. There are some parents parking on the footpath at the roundabout area regularly.

5) **DO NOT** use the staff car park as a drop up or pick up point.

Since the beginning of school there have been a number of occasions where staff have approached parents and asked them to follow the correct procedures and have been verbally abused. This is not acceptable; staff are simply putting the safety of your children first. I have spoken with the local police and they are going to be driving by regularly.

ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATES 75 YEARS on our FEAST DAY
This coming Tuesday, 19th March we will begin celebrating our 75 years of education at St Joseph’s Bardon. Our day will begin with Mass at 9am, to which all our school community are invited to, followed by pastoral care activities, lunch together (sausage sizzle provided by our P&F) and then some olden games for the afternoon session. We also look forward to hearing many stories from grandparents and past students and to seeing the students dressed in olden day clothes.

Children will be able to buy some memorabilia (ranging from $2-$4) to remember the occasion. Please remember that the P&F will provide a sausage and an iceblock for first break. You might like to pack some extra snacks for your child for 2nd break.

DATE CHANGE FOR 75TH CELEBRATIONS
The Mass planned for Sunday 12th May will now be held on **Sunday 21 July at 8am** prior to the Fun Day which will begin at 9:30am.

THANK YOU
A big thanks to Mrs Danni Harden and Mrs Wendy Lamb for organizing the garden working bee on Saturday morning. There was a great turn out of parents and all jobs were able to be completed in a couple of hours. Thanks to all those families who were able to assist clean up the gardens and the chicken pen on Saturday. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

Happy Anniversary, Carolyn

**From the Garden**
A huge thank you to our hard working volunteers on Saturday. Our gardens look a treat and ready to be planted. The girls just love the nice, clean pen.

Many thanks to: David Larman, Justin Sheahan, Dean Sandstrom, Tony McGarvey, Anna Vella, Susan Santomauro, Michael Santomauro, Marc Alessandra.

Cheers from Mrs Harden and Mrs Lamb and the Year 2 Garden
Important Dates

Friday 15 March  
Bullying No Way Day

Tuesday 19 March
St Joseph’s Day celebrating 75 years

18-28 March
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during this week (late night 26 March)

Wednesday 20 March
Kilometre Club begins

Thursday 28 March
Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 24 April
St Joseph’s Cross Country

Wednesday 8 May
Mother’s Day Stall

Tuesday 14 May
NAPLAN Testing Yr 3, 5 & 7 (Language/Writing)

Wednesday 15 May
NAPLAN Testing Yr 3, 5 & 7 (Reading)

Thursday 16 May
NAPLAN Testing Yr 3, 5 & 7 (Numeracy)

Monday 27 May
School Photo Day

Wednesday 5 June
UNSW (Science)

Wednesday 31 July
UNSW (English)

Monday 12 August
Field Events for St Joseph’s (TBC)

Tuesday 13 August
Athletics Carnival (TBC)

Tuesday 13 August
UNSW (Maths)

Term Dates 2013

Term 1 - Wednesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March
Term 2 - Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
Term 3 - Monday 8 July - Friday 20 September
Term 4 - Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December (Pupil free day Monday 21 October)

From the APRE

Minnie Vinnies Easter Appeal
As well as raising mission money for children and communities across Australia and overseas, here at St Joseph’s we also help our local community through supporting the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We have an Easter Appeal, a winter Appeal and a Christmas Appeal. Please consider giving generously to all three of these appeals as we help contribute to making many lives in our local area just that little bit better.

Easter Appeal on now – donations of Easter eggs – small ones and egg carton size ones or even the odd bunny or two. We then wrap these up in small cellophane lots and they are hung on the doors of the needy with a special card and message from us. Last year we had over a hundred gift packs for distribution.

St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass – Plenty of room in our hall!!!!!
This Mass will be held on Tuesday 19th March in the Fr Ray Lyons Hall (our school hall) at 9.00am. This is a special Mass each year for the Patron of our school but this year it is extra special because it is also our 75th anniversary.

Following Mass there are many activities planned including a trip down memory lane and pastoral care groups.

Mr Robbo’s Walking School bus
This service departs each Wednesday morning at 8:15am during March from Bowman Park swings (closest to school). Over 40 passengers this week including parents. Kilometre Club starts next Wednesday but I will still pick up any other children from the same spot near the swings and we will join the Club.

Star Awards
Strive for equity
Take responsibility
Always be safe
Respect self and others

Congratulations to George (3B) – Last week’s ice block recipient

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
URGENT - Vacancy- School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St Joseph’s School Bardon. The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1.5 hours a day which comprises a morning and afternoon shift. Supervisors will work within a rostered environment.

The current rate of pay is $25.61 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 (Queensland Transport will assist with application)

Full training provided

A completed application should be returned to:
The Principal
St Joseph’s School Bardon
P O Box 2108
Ashgrove West, 4060

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

* Don't forget March 'Park N Stride' has commenced - every Wednesday in March. Meet Mr Robbo at the Bowman Park swings (closest to Bowman Parade) at 8.10 for a walk to school;
* AST surveys have commenced! All active travel to and from school on WEDNESDAYS will be counted – walking, public transport, scooters, cycles, car pooling;
* The first Star Class Award for active school travel will presented at the final Assembly of term for the class with the highest percentage of students who participate in active travel to and from school on active Wednesdays;
* AST Breakfast will take place in the tuckshop area from 8.15 am Wednesday 27 March 2013 – muffins, fruit, juice (please bring a cup) and a special giveaway;
* National Ride2School Day is Friday 22 March – another day to actively travel to school whether cycling, walking, scooter etc.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

The competitions for Science, English, Maths will be held again this year for students in Years 3 to 7 on the following dates:

Science  Wednesday 5th June
English  Wednesday 31st July
Mathematics  Tuesday 13th August

Cost per entry is $8.00 per subject per student. Parents wishing their child/ren to sit these competitions are requested to complete the form below and return form and money to the school office in a marked envelope.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS:  THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

University of New South Wales Competitions

I wish to enter my child into the following competitions:

Child’s Name _______________________________ Class _______________

☐ Science  ☐ English  ☐ Mathematics

Cost per subject is $8.00. Money enclosed $ _____________

Parent’s Signature __________________________

Please return to the school office by Thursday 28th March
Did you know this about our Australian Catholic organisations?

- Largest provider of trained personnel for the Third World
- Caritas Australia raised $43m for the poor in 2012
- Catholic Mission raised $18m for the poor in 2012
- Cathnews.com is the most visited religious website in the country

Kilometre Club News

25 years of Kilometre Club and 225 children registered!

Information letter and calendars have been sent home today with the eldest child in the family. Please take time to read the letter and go through the code of conduct with your child/ren.

Start date for Kilometre Club is Wed 20 March. Only one week to go so get your running shoes on!

We would welcome more helpers around the oval and with the Preps and Grade 1s on Wednesday mornings. Please leave names at the office or see Wendy Lamb.

**** Please note that Zone 4 swimmers should NOT attend the first Kilometre Club session ****
P & F Funding:
At last night’s P & F meeting, your association signed off on the following payments:

- $39,855 in IT purchases such as slate computers, I Pads, Whiteboards
- $3,268 in band folders and instruments for our Music department
- $2,988 to update the school hall sound system so it can be heard internally and externally
- $1800 for the now completed long jump pit on the oval
- We will be investing in an EFTPOS machine to assist with ticketing etc

Tuckshop Roster 18 March
Tuckshop  Patty Cakes
Annemaree Carroll  Cath Murphy
Dianne Legge  Sacha Russo
Lesley Eckersley  Erin Hancock
Colleen Barry
Erin Hancock

Netball News
The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in the Italian room at school. All managers, coaches, umpires and new families are invited to attend.

P & F Calendar 2013

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If you would like to contact the P&F, please feel welcome to email Barney McAuliffe (P&F President)
mcauliffe@bcmtrading.com

MOTHERS DAY STALL
This year the P & F will again be operating a Mothers’ Day Stall on Wednesday 8 May - there will be gifts from 50c - $4 available (and a limited range of gifts for grandma/nanna). More information will follow closer to the date.

We are again seeking donations of raffle prizes and assistance with the stall on the day. If you can help, please contact Catherine Myers (0422 000 321) or Kerry Alessandra (0418 730 217)
You Can Purchase 75th Anniversary Memorabilia!

To celebrate being part of the St Joseph’s school community, you can purchase a range of 75th Anniversary memorabilia.

Golf umbrellas, great for any school event or carnival (!), emblazoned with the new school crest will be available for pre-order at the terrific price of $30.

Pens, bag tags/key rings for the kids, along with tea towels & St Joseph’s Celebration wine, for the grownups, will be available for sale at all 75th Anniversary events throughout the year.

To pre-order your fabulous St Joseph’s golf umbrella, return this form with cash in an envelope to the office.

Family Name _____________________________________________

Eldest Student ____________________ Class ___________________

Quantity of umbrellas _____________

($30 per umbrella)
BABY GOODS REQUIRED
Are you looking for a new home for your “Surplus to Requirement” baby clothes/furniture/equipment?

The Jubilee Parish are assisting a young expectant couple who are needing clothes, furniture and all the equipment that a baby requires.

If you would like your “no longer required” baby goods to find a new home with this family, please contact Therese Beavis at tbeavis@bne.catholic.edu.au

Children’s Liturgy Sunday Mass at 0800
Thanks to all the parents who help with liturgy each Sunday Mass. The number of children has been quite large recently and hopefully will continue after Reconciliation.

We love having all children up to the age of 8 or 9. Although the older children are encouraged to stay in Mass, sometimes they come to help with the smaller children.

If you have a child under the age of 4 they are very welcome to come along, but please consider that they may need some help to walk up and down the stairs. With our large numbers we have had some falls, resulting in skinned knees.

If you would like to help out, please contact: Glenda Hawley at cghawley@gmail.com

Earth Hour: Saturday 23rd March 8:30pm. Join millions around the world in switching off your lights and unnecessary power.

On the eve of Palm Sunday take the time to reflect on Christ’s actions: Jesus surrendered all power and trusted in the Father. Are we addicted to the consumption of electricity? Does it have power over us? What do our Ecological footprints say about us who are trying to follow in Christ’s footprints?

The Gap Health and Racquet Club player of the week is - Candice for her excellent enthusiasm on court, as well as showing improvements to her ground strokes and serve. Well done Candice!

Palm Sunday
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.