Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Monday night we had the opportunity to welcome all of our families who have a child commencing in Prep for 2014. What an enjoyable experience it was to meet the parents and we look forward to meeting the children on Friday morning when they will meet teachers, school officers and other classmates in preparation for the 2014 school year.

School Renewal Achievements for 2013

With today’s newsletter, you will receive a copy of the school’s achievements for 2013 in relation to the strategic renewal plan for this year. Throughout 2013, we have continued to work on developing our broad strategic priorities from our School Renewal Plan. Our first priority focussed on the Religious Education and Mission of our school and this year we have spent a great deal of time exploring with our community the meaning behind our Vision, Mission and Logo. The 75th celebrations held throughout the year helped us to tell our story and gain a deeper understanding of our traditions. Our Student Behaviour Support Plan has been approved by BCE and our staff have been involved in a number of Spirituality workshops throughout the year.

Our second priority is Learning and Teaching. Work this year has been devoted towards the continued professional development for teachers with the Australian curriculum, in particular history and the cross curriculum priorities (Asian studies, Aboriginal & Torres Strait studies and sustainability). We have also focussed on imbedding ICTs into our learning environments through using the Learning Management (LIFE) across Years 3 and 4, while the introduction of ipads/interactive whiteboards has seen our Preps and Year 1s use ICT tools in their classrooms. Dr Sasha, our Guidance Counsellor has worked on streamlining our social skills outline across the school ensuring that resources are age and skill appropriate.

The third priority has been around Professional Practice and Collaborative Partnerships. Opportunities have occurred for the staff to share their professional practices and plan together throughout the year. Our staff goals have been aligned to our School Renewal Plan and leadership opportunities have been offered to staff as they have taken on various committee memberships achieving great results throughout the year. We have continued to build on strengthening relationships with other neighbouring schools through our teacher POD meetings each term and our school continues to support various sections of the community through a number of fundraising activities (SVDP, Caritas Catholic Campaign and Project Compassion).

Finally our last priority is Strategic Resourcing where it is evident that our funds have aligned with our School Renewal Plan and the P&F have supported the school financially to assist in the area of music, sport, airconditioning, oval assistance and other general areas. We have been working on a plan for the implementation of a 1:1 laptop program for our Year 4s in 2014, plans have been negotiated for our Year 6 & 7 leadership group for next year as we farewell our Year 7s from the primary school structure and the sustainability committee have been working hard to begin the implementation of our plan throughout the school.

I would encourage you to please take some time to read through the booklet where it highlights all that has occurred here at St Joseph’s this school year.

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT…..ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (near the hall)

It is a government safety regulation that Preps and Year 1 students are NOT permitted to use the Year 2-7 adventure playground equipment. The height of the equipment in this area is too high for this age group. The Prep and Year 1 students are not permitted to use this equipment during school and I ask that you keep safety for your child paramount and keep your younger children off this equipment.

Yours sincerely, Carolyn
‘It’s like flying a kite’

Last night we had our Preps 2014 Orientation evening for Parents and I began the evening with a prayer. I used part of a speech by Pope Francis that appears in our new Religious Education Guidelines about ‘knowing how to let children grow and go is like flying a kite’. I’d like to share it with everyone.

‘There’d come the moment when the kite would begin making a ‘figure 8’ and begin falling. In order to keep that from happening you mustn’t pull the string. The kids who knew more than us would scream “Give it some slack, it’s wobbling!”

Pope Francis then goes on to say that sometimes you need to give young people some slack because they are wavering. Give them time, set limits at the right moment and at times we need to be able to look the other way and let them learn from experience.

(2010)

Welcome to all our new Prep families as well as those families who are already much part of our school community.

Christmas Time Again!!!! --- St Vincent de Paul Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has sent things to school for this appeal. This year we are asking for a few different things than usual. We have been asked to make up little packs containing washers, soaps, hand creams etc. If you can help please send these to your child’s class or straight to the office.

There is still a need for Christmas food items as well, so it would be great if you could throw something little into your trolleys and send that up to school as well. We are a very generous community here; it is much appreciated by those who benefit.

Masses for the next 4 weeks

Tuesday 13 Nov – Year 3 (9am)
Tuesday 20 Nov – Year 4 and 4/5 (9am)
Tuesday 27 Nov – Year 7 Graduation night
Tuesday 2 Dec – Whole school end of Year Mass 9am

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Our Star Student of the Week is Joshua (2W)!

Chooks as Pets

Thank you to those families who continue to care for “our girls” on the weekends. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated. As we move towards the long Christmas break and realising that our little flock are no longer “spring chickens”, we have decided that we will not keep them over the holidays. We would love to see them go to families who would enjoy having a productive pet. Although their egg laying days are numbered, they are great for disposing of vegetable scraps and providing manure for the garden. They don’t bark or need to be taken for a walk and kids love them! If you are wondering if you would like to keep chooks this would be a great opportunity to find out. Please contact the office, Danni Harden in Prep or Wendy Lamb (2W) for further details.
PRIORITY 1
MISSION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Goals:
- Implement policies, practices and programs to promote and nurture the purpose of Catholic schooling and the religious life of our school.
- To embrace and promote the St Joseph and Franciscan charisms in our Religious Education curriculum, spiritual and faith formation of staff and students.

Achievements:
- A focus on delivering lessons to students that has explored the meaning behind the school’s Vision and Mission, Franciscan values and school logo.
- History of our school has been a focus during this 75th year of celebrations. All members of the school community have been involved in this story.
- Class charter for the year developed on our values.
- Behaviour Support Plan completed and approved by BCEO.
- Staff have participated in spirituality sessions (Franciscan history, meditation, Catholic Church history).

PRIORITY 2
TEACHING AND LEARNING

Goals:
- Offer quality teaching and learning that promotes enhanced pedagogical practice that is framed within the Australian Curriculum and the BCEO Learning Framework and that is evidence based and data driven.
- The teaching and learning environment will be responsive to the changing structure of schooling and the students’ needs through whole school approach to pastoral care, protection of students, student behaviour support and other targeted programs.
- To be active participants in our digital society where staff and students will develop the capacities to utilise ICT to improve learning and teaching.

Achievements:
- Staff given the opportunity to explore the BCEO Learning/Teaching framework and use resources to assist their teaching/learning environment.
- Staff have explored and implemented contemporary pedagogical practices with a focus on the history KLA.
- Teachers have explored the Curriculum Cross Priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sustainability. These priorities have then been highlighted in teacher’s planning and student learning activities.
- Beginning to embed ICTs into our learning environments (BCEO, laptop, laptops). Teachers have participated in Web 2 tool sessions this year and digital literacy sessions. Students are using these tools in their learning.

PRIORITY 3
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Goals:
- Develop a comprehensive approach to staff well-being and professional development.
- Enhance professional practice by developing strong partnerships through consultation with parish, parents and wider community.

Achievements:
- Teacher professional goals are aligned with the School Renewal Plan and teacher goals have been reviewed with a colleague and the principal.
- An overview of the year was given to staff to enable them to be aware of the year ahead and expectations.
- A number of activities have been planned to promote staff well-being through social gatherings and opportunities to come together in prayer.
- We continue to build partnership with neighbouring schools meeting with them each term to discuss educational learnings and share professional practice.
- Strong connection exists with Catholic organisations (St Vincent De Paul Caritas, Catholic Campaign) as we support them in fundraising activities, Easter, Christmas and winter appeals.

PRIORITY 4
STRATEGIC RESOURCING

Goals:
- The Strategic renewal plan will be informed by stewardship and follow procedures that effectively manage resources in order to support equitably the professional learning needs of the staff, financial accessibility needs of families and the learning and teaching resources.
- Embed sustainable environmental practices into the organisational structures and processes of our school.

Achievements:
- Ongoing plan for the implementation of the 1:1 laptop program in Year 9.
- Planned the practicalities for the movement of Year 7 into secondary in 2015 (staffing, leadership roles, excursions, t-shirts).
- This year funding was directed towards a new roof for the hall building, fixing drainage to our oval, new portakabs for Prep, ipads, new laptops for teachers, teaching/learning resources to support the Australian Curriculum, security film for office and library doors, fixing the fire pump house, and general maintenance.
- The sustainability Committee lead us in implementing the Environmental Management Plan throughout the school.

Strategic Renewal Plan 2013

Achievements

St Joseph’s is a supportive community, inspired by the Franciscan values of humility, respect and care, striving towards equity and excellence.
**Important Dates**

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**Date Claimer for 2014**

Swimming Carnival (Yrs 2 - 7)
Thursday 27 February 2014

**School Fees**

Please note there is a printing error in the fee statements mailed to parents last week. The invoice shows “Term 3” at the top of the page, where it should read “Term 4”; the issue date however, is October. Apologies for the error.

**Queensland Health Measles Alert**

Measles is an acute, highly infectious illness caused by the measles virus. Measles can cause serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). It may also cause middle ear infection. Please find attached a copy of the Department of Health Time Out poster for your information.

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**Prep B**

Adeline for always demonstrating great enthusiasm for learning and for asking insightful questions. Well done Adeline!

**Prep G**

Rosezetta for having good writing and being a good friend who has a lovely smile.

**Prep W**

Aayan for really trying to project her voice during Show and Share.

**1B**

William for demonstrating wonderful independence and helping others to solve their problems. Thank you Will!

**1G**

Lila for making a great effort with her reading. Well done!

**1W**

Henry for always being a kind and helpful friend in our class always displaying the values of the Francisan 5!

**2B**

Jackson for participating in class discussions and showing respect to other classmates when they are talking.

**2G**

Tayla for displaying all the Franciscan values.
Michael for displaying all the Franciscan values.

**2W**

Callum for a hard working student who always cooperates with his teachers and classmates.

**3B**

Charlie for working hard in class.

**3G**

Charlie for increased motivation to do her best in class.

**3W**

Oscar for staying on task in all classroom activities, being thoughtful and respectful.

**4B**

Emilia for showing efficiency in her work habits and for showing care and concern for her peers.

**4W**

Siena for her enthusiastic participation in class discussions about catapults.

**4/5G**

Emme for your caring nature and the way you look after your friends.
Charlotte for hard work you have put into all classroom tasks. Well done!

**5B**

Matilda for great participation in class activities and attention to detail.

**6B**

Lillian for taking initiative in caring for the garden this week. The plants will be forever thankful for your watering each morning.

**7B**

Grace for always trying to do her best and for bringing a smile to the classroom.
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR
There is great excitement growing in the library amongst our staff and students as we prepare for this year’s Book Fair. The books have arrived and the first group of students will be through on Thursday to create their ‘wish lists’. We remind the students that these lists are not buy lists but wish lists and that whenever we make a wish, they only sometimes come true.

The Book Fair will run from Monday 11 November – Thursday 14 November. The opening times for the Book Fair are listed below:

Monday: 8:15 am – 3:00 pm  Parent Viewing Evening: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:15 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:15 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday: 8:15 am – 12 NOON

Parents are invited to attend the viewing evening on Monday night 7pm – 8:30pm where you can browse and buy. It is a great opportunity to begin the Christmas shopping. We hope to see many of you there.

LOANS
Our borrowing has now ceased for the year and most books are due back by the end of next week. We ask that you assist us with the returns process by returning all books to our library by Friday 15 November so that we can begin the large task of reshelving and resourcing for 2014.

Keep a look out for the ‘wish lists’ in your child’s bag and we hope to see you at the Book Fair next week.

Happy Reading,

Josephine Hill
Teacher Librarian

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/CHOIR NEWS

Instrumental Music Information Evening for continuing Year 4s and Year 5s, TONIGHT
At 7.00pm tonight, Wednesday November 6th, there is an information evening about the school's Instrumental Music Program in the school hall.
All continuing Year 4 families are asked to attend. Information will be given about the Instrumental Music Program, which is a part of the Year 5 curriculum - all students in Year 5 will learn a band instrument. The present Year 5 band will be performing. Please could all Junior Band members arrive no later than 6.30pm, for tuning in the music room. Band members should wear their striped uniform.

Music Soiree, Thursday November 14th
St Joseph's annual Music Soiree will be held in the school hall at 7.00pm on Thursday November 14th.
The Junior and Senior Bands will both be performing, as will the Year 5/6 Choir and selected piano, violin and guitar students. All performing students should wear their striped uniform and be at school by 6.30pm. Band students to assemble in the music room, please. The P&F will be serving refreshments in the hall from 6.00pm.

Linda Pendrith
Instrumental Music Teacher
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

WEDNESDAY SURVEYS
Congratulations to the winners of last week’s Wednesday Active Travel Survey.

- 4/5G - 58%
- 3W - 52%
- 3G - 51%

OCTOBER STAR CLASS AWARD
Congratulations to 2W who received the Certificate for the Highest Percentage of Scooters and Cyclists to and from school on Active Wednesdays during October.

2014 WALKING SCHOOL BUS
In past years, volunteers have operated a walking school bus every afternoon from school to Bowman Park. The bus has been very successful in past years, helping to alleviate traffic around the school and making parking and pick up at Bowman Park a lot easier. Mr Robertson has also operated a successful Park N Strike on various Wednesday mornings from Bowman Park to school.

We are calling for expressions of interest from anyone who would be interested in coordinating the Walking school Bus for 2014... Ideally we would like to operate the walking school bus each afternoon, however if not possible, we would like to operate the bus every Wednesday afternoon.

The coordinator would be responsible for taking student registrations, liaising with parents, organising other parent volunteer walkers and leading the school bus from school (including collecting Prep children and marking the roll at school and at pick up). The role could possibly be shared with another parent over the course of the week!

If anyone is interested, please contact Catherine Myers on 0422 000 321 or Catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au

Market Morning
Friday 8 November
8am to 8:40am
Jams, Relishes and other goodies!
**P&F Roster for next week**

**Tuckshop**
- Patty Cakes
- Belinda Di Michele
- Katie Flanagan
- Jodie Plumridge
- Pierina Curties
- Jasmine Douglas
- Aurora Bermudez Ortega
- Denise Christensen
- Louise Gaspar

**DON’T FORGET!!! ORDER FRIDAY, EAT MONDAY**

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**The P and F has a Facebook page called St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Parents & Friends Association, located at [https://www.facebook.com/joeyspandf?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/joeyspandf?ref=hl).**

If you are on Facebook we would love you to 'Like us' as this will be one more way that we will communicate P and F news to you.

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**Farewell for Liz Faulkner**

Many of us would know Liz Faulkner (Nita Year 6) from tuckshop this year. What many of us don’t know is that Liz is leaving St Joseph's at the end of this year after a very long association with the school. She was a student of our school, a teacher at the school and a school Mum several times over! She has been involved with numerous school activities over the years, including tuckshop (more than once!), fetes and netball.

A few of us thought it would be nice if there was an opportunity for anyone in the school community who has known Liz to farewell her. We have decided on a casual, stress free get together at “The Grove” (Waterworks Rd) – the downstairs bar area - on Wednesday 4th Dec, 7-9pm. Drop in briefly or stay for a while – no need to RSVP – just show up and purchase your own drinks/finger food from the bar as you wish.

Amanda Wakefield and the Year 6 Mums.

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**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
16 October 2013

Dear Parents

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of St Joseph’s School Bardon Parents and Friends Association will be held on **Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.00pm.**

St Joseph’s Parents and Friends have a proud history of assisting and supporting our children, teachers and others within our school community in varied ways. New enthusiasm and energy is always welcome and we urge you to get involved, this is your opportunity.

Please find a Nomination Form for the Management Committee and the Annual General Meeting Agenda attached.

Please complete a nomination form for one of the rewarding positions – President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Alternately please consider joining us as a General Committee Member. Nominations are to be returned to the school office by Friday 8th November 2013.

Regards

Anna Wu/Jen Davis
Secretary
ST JOSEPH’S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2014

I nominate ..............................................................................................................

As ...........................................................................................................................

(Nominate - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or
Committee Member)

For the St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends’
Association 2014.

PROPOSER

(Name) .......................................................................................................................

(Signed) ......................... Date .................................................................

SECONDER

(Name) .......................................................................................................................

(Signed) ......................... Date .................................................................

Note: This nomination MUST be lodged with the Secretary of the P & F
Association – Jen Davis/Anna Wu by Friday 8 November 2013. Forms can be
left in the School Office for collection by the Secretary.
ST JOSEPH’S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 12th November 2013

1. Welcome and Open Meeting – Steve McAuliffe

2. Opening Prayer

3. Attendance and Apologies

4. Acceptance of Business of the previous Annual General Meeting November 2012

5. Business / Action Items arising from the previous meeting

6. Principal’s Report Carolyn Hayes

7. President’s Report Steve McAuliffe

8. Treasurer’s Report Georgett Coleman
9. Correspondence

Jen Davis-Miles

10. Announcement of Life Membership of Parents and Friends

11. Election of Management Committee 2013

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
General Committee

The constitution requests that the Annual General Meeting elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

12. Recognition of Continuity of Auditor

13. General Business

14. Close Meeting
October 2013

Dear St. Joseph’s Supporter,

YOUR INVITATION to join the “2014 St Joseph’s Primary School Bardon P&F Business Directory”

We invite you to join a brand new initiative which will give your business great exposure to all members and friends of the St. Joseph's Community - the 2014 Business Directory. This initiative is open to all local businesses and advertisers who have a great message to share with our community.

If your business is interested in advertising in this Directory which is due to hit the printers on 30th November, 2013, ready for distribution by the beginning of the new school year, please complete the request form on the back of this letter ASAP.

The Directory will be A6 in size and printed full colour glossy paper. There are three size options for your advertisement – half, full or double page ads. There are also limited Premium position ads available - please contact me ASAP if you are interested in a Premium position, as there’s only a few of them!

Business Directories will be distributed as follows:
• Distributed to all St. Joseph’s Families and Staff
• Distributed to all Directory Advertisers
• Included in Enrolment Packages

BOOKING DEADLINE 30 NOVEMBER 2013

If you would like to advertise in the Directory, complete the request form and return via - fax (07) 3369 3020 or email to ametzdorf@hotmail.com. Your final proof needs to be provided in PDF format by 30th November, 2013.

Please contact me anytime with questions or queries on 0404 374 610 - simply leave a message and I'll call you back as soon as possible!

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to welcoming you to the very first St. Joseph’s Business Directory!

Regards,

Anna Wu
Secretary
St Joseph’s Primary School Bardon P&F
ST. JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL BARDON
P&F - BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Our Community - Local Guide

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Total: $ __________________

OR

Cheque
Made payable to: St. Joseph’s P&F Bardon
Postal Address: PO Box 2107 Ashgrove West Q 4060

OR

Direct Debit
BSB: 064 000
Account Number: 113 46675
Reference: St Joseph’s Primary School Bardon P&F

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY FAX TO (07) 3369 8437 OR EMAIL TO ametzdorf@hotmail.com

BOOKING DEADLINE: 30 November 2013

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School - 41 The Drive, Bardon, 4065
Telephone: (07) 3369 3020 | Fax: (07) 3369 8437
Crossing Supervisor Position
Mater Dei Primary School at Ashgrove West requires a Crossing Supervisor. If you are interested in applying, please phone Mater Dei on 3514 4100 or Road Safety on 3863 9873.