A Message from Fr Peter

Dear Parents

The end of yet another school year quickly approaches but before the distractions and businesses of this time overwhelm us, I just wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your support and involvement in the life of our parish schools. St Joseph's Bardon, St Finbarr's Ashgrove and St Ambrose’s Newmarket all play a central part in the life and mission of our Jubilee Parish. Once again, this year, our parish schools were blessed with great leadership, committed educators and dedicated support staff, which are the essential ingredients required to make any educational campus a place of excellence, fulfilment and learning.

The end of the school year is also a time of transition. We farewell both Year Six and Year Seven students this year as they make the exciting transition to Secondary School. With their departure we also farewell many families who have been intimately involved in the life of our schools – ‘thank you’ for your generosity and example. Traditionally, the end of the school year is also time of change and transfer for our teachers and we acknowledge the significant contribution they have made to the life of our community.

In the midst of all the transitions we are also planning for a new year. Each year, in collaboration with the three schools and six church communities, we produce a parish diary which helps coordinate the many activities, events and celebrations of our diverse and energetic Jubilee Parish. One of the results of this process is our Jubilee Parish Calendar which contains the dates of the major celebrations, meetings and events of our community. This week your family will be given a Parish Calendar with the hope that it will help coordinate and connect us as we journey through 2015.

As this year quickly draws to a close, on behalf of Fr James and Fr Stanley, I want to wish you and yours every blessing for this time leading up to Christmas.

Fr Peter Brannelly
Parish Priest
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

It is hard to believe where this Term has gone let alone the year. We have twelve more school days left and in this time we have many things to finalise and many wonderful achievements to celebrate. We are particularly looking forward to celebrating the graduations next week with our Year 6 and 7 families. This is a wonderful time to reflect on the individual and collective stories created over the years.

I mirror the sentiments of Fr Peter in his letter that we are blessed with great leaders, teachers and support staff at St Joseph’s. Most importantly of course are you, the families of this community, who every day are intimately involved in making St Josephs a community of fulfilment, excellence and learning. As I am reading the initial drafts of the report cards, it is clearly evident the progress in learning and achievement of your children throughout the year – congratulations to all.

On Monday of this week you would have received the good news that Mrs. Fran Burke has been appointed Principal to St Josephs from the start of next year. Fran is a well-respected educator and leader in our Brisbane Catholic Education community and will bring many gifts and blessings in leading this wonderful community. We were able to congratulate her personally on Tuesday as she joined us for the day including being welcomed at the P&F AGM. Fran and I are scheduled to meet a number of times over the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the continuance of the learning and teaching programs scheduled for next year. I look forward when connecting with Fran over the coming years at leadership functions to hear of the many continued success stories at St Joseph’s.

As we continue to finalise staffing and student classes for next year, it is my intention that in next week’s newsletter we will be able to advise which teachers are on what year levels. The following Monday 1st the students going into years one to six will receive letters from their individual teachers. The placement of children in classes is done through a lengthy and considered process and I thank you in anticipation of your support for next year’s class teachers.

On Tuesday at the P&F AGM, we welcomed the new executive team for 2015 and congratulated the outgoing team on a job well done. It has been my pleasure to work with the current team, and I congratulate the new executive team; Cate Clifford (President); Erin Hancock (Vice President); Susan Santomauro (Treasurer); Nicole Scarcella and Denise Kerr (Secretary). Every blessing for your work next year.

Thank you also for your support of the ‘cans for candy canes’ initiative this year. Many schools now adopt an approach of not encouraging candy canes at school and to combine this with a social justice aspect is a true reflection of what our Catholic school communities can foster in young lives.

A reminder that tomorrow’s assembly will be the final Friday afternoon assembly for the year. Next Friday 28th there will be no afternoon assembly due to St Francis and sustainability day activities, and Friday 5th will be the final assembly commencing around 11:30 am. School finishes on Friday 5th at 12:00 pm.

Best wishes for the coming weeks and let’s hope some more gentle rain.

With Humility, Care and Respect

Kevin Billon
Acting Principal
From the APRE
Cans for Candy Canes
Just a reminder that on the night of the Christmas Carols (Monday 1st December) we will have a collection point for any canned goods you would like to donate for our Minnie Vinnie’s Appeal. Thank you for all the cans that have already come in. I have over four baskets full in my office and it keeps growing. The chapters of Bardon and Red Hill I’m sure will be overwhelmed.

Pastoral Care Groups Afternoon
Next Friday afternoon students from Years Prep – 7 will join together in their pastoral care groups to celebrate Nude Food Awareness and St Francis. St Francis was into sustainability and caring for our environment long before it was a hot topic amongst Schools and governing bodies. This will be in place of the assembly and students will be returned to their class for normal afternoon dismissal.

Active School Travel– Scooter Wednesday
Thanks to my trusty helpers big and small for another wonderful Scooter event. Wednesday saw the Year 2 classes given the opportunity to bring in their scooters and complete a safety program and fun scoot!

NEXT WEDNESDAY - YEAR 3 children can bring in their scooters!!!!

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

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**IMPORTANT - BOOK LISTS 2015**

The 2015 Book Lists are now available online at Campion Education www.campion.com.au For ordering please use the 4 digit code D9M9.

**ALL BOOKLISTS WILL BE ORDERED ONLINE - NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME.**

Please note: Year 2 will also require a handwriting text. This will be supplied by the school and invoiced on Term 1 fees

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Reminder - School Fees Term 4
School Fees for Term 4 are now overdue. Your prompt attention to this would be appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already settled their accounts.

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Piano/keyboard lessons at St Joseph’s in 2015
There will be a number of vacancies in 2015, so if any parents are interested in piano/keyboard lessons for their child, please phone Janice Oostenbroek for details phone: 3371 4543.

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**Important Dates - Term 4**

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PREP – YEAR 2 SWIMMING FUN DAY

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Dear Parents,

The P-2 Swimming Fun Day will be held on Thursday 27th November. The program for the day is on the back of this page. Please note this is an approximate time and if we are running ahead of schedule the races will continue as per the program order.

The children will be transported from school to Taylor Range Country Club by bus and return to school on the completion of their races. The Preps will leave school at 8.50am and the Year 1’s and 2’s will begin boarding the bus around 10.30am. The Preps will return to school at approximately 11.00am and the Year 1’s and 2’s at approximately 1.00pm.

Children are to come to school dressed in their swimmers (including sun shirt) with their sports uniform over the top and their thongs or flip flops as their shoes. If they are returning to school after the Carnival, they will need to bring their school bag and a swimming bag (it will be easier for them to find at the pool). If they will be picked up from the pool they only need to bring their swimming bag. In their school bag they need a change of dry clothes and for Preps some lunch. In their swimming bag they will need a towel, goggles, sunscreen, swim cap, 2 drink bottles of water, morning tea and lunch. It is VERY important that sunscreen is put on before sending your child to school. Children will also need their school hat as normal.

It is VERY important to note: Children will not be able to swim without a sun shirt and a cap. Please note a decision has been made that the wearing of swimming caps is mandatory in all Brisbane Catholic Education schools. This applies to both male and female students.

It is a very exciting and big day for the children and they love having their parents come and watch them. There is a $2 entry fee for all adults to the Taylor Range Country Club. Please pay at the front office as you enter the pool. If you are at the pool and you would like to take your child home with you when you leave please make sure you see the classroom teacher to have your child’s name marked off the roll. Could you also please return the following slip indicating if you will be taking your child home or they will be returning to school on the bus.

Please note there is limited parking near the main entrance to Taylor Range Country Club. An area will be clearly marked with cones to allow the bus to park and students to enter and exit the bus safely. Please do not move these cones and park in this area.

Other swimming pools in the complex are out of bounds for all students in Prep-Year 2 and the supervision of siblings is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian at the pool.

There will be a canteen operating at the pool for the use of parents only. The canteen is out of bounds for all Prep-Year 2 students.
Each child will be allocated 3 races and a relay to swim chosen by their swim teacher and classroom teacher. Your child will be notified of their races before the carnival.

**PROGRAM**

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We look forward to your support on the day.

Thanks

Christie Lewis
PE Teacher

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My son / daughter ___________________________ from class ___________

☐ Will be returning on the bus back to school after the Swimming Fun Day
☐ Will be taken home with me from the pool after the Swimming Fun Day

Signature - ___________________________ Date - ________________
Music News
Why teach music in schools:
“Success in society, of course, is predicated on success in school. Any music teacher or parent of a music student can call to mind anecdotes about effectiveness of music study in helping children become better students. Skills learned through the discipline of music, these stories commonly point out, transfer to study skills, communication skills, and cognitive skills useful in every part of the curriculum.” Music Education online.

St Josephs Expressive Arts Soiree:
Congratulations to all students who performed last Thursday night at the Expressive Arts Soiree in the hall. Your performances were excellent – well done to you all. Many thanks to all of our wonderful teachers and to the parents for their continued support and enthusiasm for the arts at St Josephs. Many thanks to our P & F for their continued support of the arts and for their organization of drinks and nibbles before the concert.

Christmas carols: Monday 1st December 6:30pm in the hall.
Don’t forget the Barbie tea available from 5.00 pm for the family to enjoy before we start our concert promptly at 6.30pm.
The Preps start our concert and are followed by the Year 1s, 2s, 3s, and so on. The concert should finish approximately at 7.30pm. Please all younger and older siblings to sit with parents and the St Josephs students sitting in their class rows. No thongs or crocs for our performers – for safety as they move up and down the stairs.

Stay tuned!
Rosemary Zorzetto (Music)

Brisbane Heat Ticket Offer
St Joseph’s has been given a great opportunity for the students and parents of St Joseph’s School to secure discounted Brisbane Heat Tickets this summer. Also, if the members of your school community use the following code when purchasing their own discount tickets and are amongst the top ‘ticket purchasers’ in the region, St Joseph’s could win a visit to the school by 6 of the Brisbane Heat players to conduct either game development activities or for a meet and greet with members of the school community.

The unique discount ticket code that St Joseph’s School has been granted is: SCBH12
Follow the instructions on the attached Brisbane Heat School Program Ticket Offer to purchase tickets.

St Joseph’s is going GREEN!
To celebrate Nude Food month and Franciscan Day, children are able to wear anything and everything green on Friday 28th November.

So show your support for sustainable practices and go green next Friday.
Children will be breaking up into their pastoral care groups for activities.
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YOU CAN BE THERE!

THE JOEY’S P&F PRE-CAROLS BBQ
MONDAY DECEMBER 1, FROM 5PM
(CAROLS START AT 6.30 & SAUSAGE SERVICE WILL CEASE)

• Hamburgers • Sausages-In-Bread • Bar • Christmassy Cordial
• Glow Sticks and other glowy items!
• Raffle to raise money for all-school music projects in 2015!

Please click https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=68a05ec1bf7044bbbc70081a029f6598 and let us know how many hamburgers / sausages-in-bread you think your tribe will devour. This will help with catering. Volunteers are needed on the BBQ and behind the bar – even 30 minutes makes for speedy service.

Please email stjoeyspfassociation@gmail.com if you can help.

REMEMBER, this year it’s cans, not candy canes, so if you haven’t sent some non-perishable food to class by then, bring it along and it’ll be packed and given to Vinnies so more families can enjoy a happy Christmas.
Our new club will be up and running (and throwing and jumping) in 2015.

Great for anyone who wants a little more sport in life – it’s all about participation, improvement, learning skills and having fun.

The program will run for 20 weeks from March 2.

**Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.**

The cost will be $100 per individual or $150 per family.

Interested?

It’s ESSENTIAL you register your interest so we can ensure the club is properly resourced with enough coaches and parent helpers.

No need to pay at this point, we just need an idea of numbers so please click on the link ...

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=03a5ff53040942cd9aeff8fad36f4752
ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB 2015

Born before 1 January 2008?

Is your daughter interested in playing Netball for the St Joseph’s Bardon Netball Club in 2015?

She will be allocated to a team by Week 3 of Term 1
She will learn footwork, ball handling skills and the rules of the game regardless of skill level
She will be required to train once a week
(either before or after school on school grounds)

She will then play in the Downey Park Netball Association (DPNA) Competition on a Saturday morning
1st Round is Saturday 21st March 2015

More importantly, she will gain the invaluable experience of participating in a team sport

Registrations open Wed 28th January 2015
8’s/9’s @ $210 per child and 10’s/11’s/12’s @ $250 per child
Uniform day Saturday 7th February 2015

If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact Chantelle Daveson (President of St Joseph’s Bardon Netball Club)
M – 0418 804 969 or chantelle@davesons.com
After a full year of online tuckshop, we are currently reviewing our needs and the possibility of choosing another online solution provider for 2015.

In light of this possibility, please refrain from depositing into your e-Wallet funds that won’t be used up by the last 2014 tuckshop day on Monday 1 December 2014.

If you have already done so, use the link below to let us know, so we can work with you to migrate balance amounts of a reasonable size across to any new system we implement.

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CANCELLATION POLICY & HOW TO CANCEL YOUR ORDER ONLINE

If you need to cancel tuckshop for any reason, including for a sick/absent child, then you need to do the following steps.

You need to do this if you wish to obtain a refund for the order you have cancelled.

- Please cancel the order online in your account before 7.30am on the day of Tuckshop.
- Go to "My Account" then "Tuckshop Order History by Student".
- Choose the "Cancel Order" option (only available on any undelivered orders).

If you do not cancel your order online in the system by 7.30am of tuckshop day then it is likely that we have already begun preparing the perishable food in your order or we have already paid for the food from our suppliers.

Please note that we cannot "hold over" orders until the next week or a future tuckshop date due to system limitations and the many issues that it then causes on tuckshop day for our volunteers.

Contact the Tuckshop Team https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=b6bbbc36d27c48c590bd44a10b4e09e7
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.

Dear families

Thank you to everyone who came along to the P&F AGM last night. It was a lovely night, and a great opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the many who contributed to the P&F’s efforts this year.

Please take the time to read my President's report, attached to the newsletter. It outlines the ways in which the P&F supported the school in 2014, and importantly, how your P&F dollars were spent.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation of the outgoing Executive Committee: Cate Clifford, Georgett Coleman, Nicole Scarcella and Anna Wu, and congratulations to the Executive Committee for 2015: Cate Clifford (President), Erin Hancock (Vice President), Susan Downes (Treasurer), Nicole Scarcella and Denise Kerr (co-secretaries).

Lastly, I wish to thank you all for the opportunity to serve you as President and look forward to a wonderful 2015, as humble and loyal P&F servant.

Kind regards

Bess Howard
Outgoing President

St Joseph’s Netball Date Claimers

Wednesday 28th January 2015 - 2015 Registrations Open online
Friday 6th February 2015 – Netball Competitive Shooting (U11 and 12’s) Clinic from 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Saturday 7th February 2015 – NETBALL UNIFORM BUYING DAY (8:30am – 10:30am)
Saturday 7th February 2015 - Competitive Skills Day for U11 (9:00am – 12:00pm) and U12 (1:00pm – 4:00pm)
Sunday 15th February 2015 – Grading Day for U11 and U12

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 at www.stjosephsbardon.qld.edu.au – see the link for TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS (under ‘Quick Links’)

OR
Please contact Catherine Myers on 0422 000 321 or catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au for bookings or any other queries regarding court hire.
St Joseph’s P&F Association  
President’s Report 2014

It is with great pleasure that I present my report to you for 2014, outlining a year of contribution to this wonderful school and its people - our children, the staff, and the parent community.

At the start of the year, the P&F, much like any organisation, revisited its objectives and core values. As the P&F exists to support the school financially and logistically, we embrace the school’s Franciscan values of humility, care and respect. This is evident in our more pastoral functions, such as care and concern, but it also means that we only undertake events that are inclusive, and accessible to every family at the school.

The P&F performs many roles and functions. Please indulge me while I acknowledge the contribution of many people who have helped fulfill them:

**Pastoral Care**

One of the most important functions of the P&F is how we look after one another. The Care and Concern group, currently comprising around 30 volunteers, has done a wonderful job in assisting families in need of a bit of extra support. Particular thanks go to Glenda Hawley and Catherine Hargreaves for coordinating the support and of course, the volunteers themselves.

Another pastoral function was the introduction this year of the Big Buddy program. In the same way prep children are paired with an older child to transition them to school life, we’ve paired each new family to the school with an existing family. They were there to make the family feel welcome, field questions or otherwise be a friendly face in the playground. We’re grateful to Jen Davis-Miles, who has already started this process for next year.

**Fundraising**

The P&F is funded by the P&F levy, and by fundraising throughout the year. Our focus was on fundraising activities which minimised the workload on families - raising money whilst fun! This year, our fundraising efforts totaled around $39,500.

**Expenditure**

The P&F have ongoing financial commitments to the school made year after year, and other more strategic spends, which are made each year in consultation with the Principal (and aligned with the School Renewal Plan). Our ongoing commitments include:

- $2,000 for the school instrumental program;
- $5,000 towards our sports program;
- $2,000 bursary to help families within our school community who might need assistance to pay school fees.; and
- $2,000 to charity. $500 Hear and Say (the charity of choice for our Trivia night winners. We received a wonderful email from Dimity Dornan from Hear and Say, who asked that we pass on their thanks to the entire Joeys community); $500 to the Matthew Ames Foundation (Matthew spoke to our year 6 and 7 students and
parents and was an inspiration); and $1000 to St Vincent de Paul. We’ve also tried to increase the practical support we give to SVDP, encouraging kids to bring in food donations for Christmas hampers, instead of candy canes for each other. Whilst embracing this, I also think my kids think we’ve canceled Christmas! With the help of Linda Beckman, we’re also investigating ways of more meaningful engagement with SVDP next year.

This year, are our strategic spends have included:
- $14,457 renovating the tuckshop (I note here that our tuckshop profits for the year will total around the same amount). The tuckshop was built eight years ago, when it served far fewer families and it had become inadequate for current needs. Also, now that the tuckshop has been granted a Food Licence, improvements were needed to be fully compliant. Michael Coulson oversaw the project and very generously, waived any fee for his services.
- A contribution of around $12,000 for new fleet of teacher laptops. This amount will be matched by the school. The old laptops will be reallocated back into classrooms (significantly increasing the laptops ratios, particularly in yr 6). An exact amount will given, once an audit of the current laptops is undertaken, and new ones are purchased in January.
- Around $14,000 for a new sprinkler system for the oval. This is a great spend, as it builds on the infrastructure work funded by the P&F last year.

Some other expenses to note -
- $100 donation to Fr Peter for the Duhig Memorial, in celebration of his silver jubilee;
- Purchase of new tennis nets (approx $300);
- Contribution to the garden adjacent to the Church. Our heartfelt thanks to Rob Fowler for all his hard work on the garden (approx $300).

I note here that this will leave the P&F with around $40,000 in available funds at the start of next year. With a couple of spending priorities already identified for next year (broadening the instrumental program and setting up the athletics club, amongst others), it will be important that we are able meet obligations, as they arise.

**Tuckshop**
This year, we were blessed with the most wonderful volunteer tuckshop convenor, Rebecca Gibbons. Beck has worked tirelessly to cook nutritious home cooked meals, and has made volunteering for tuckshop a lovely experience. She also oversaw the granting of a Food Licence to the tuckshop for the first time. Thanks also to Jackie Beauchamp for coordinating the implementation of the online ordering system, and to all the parent volunteers.

**Sport**
The P&F plays an important role in supporting the sporting life of the school:
- In 2014 St Joseph’s Bardon Netball Club had 99 girls participate in the DPNA competition in 11 teams. Thanks to everyone involved in netball, particularly
President Chantelle Davison and executive committee, Nicky Alati, Liz Destefanie, Jo Devenish-Meares, Catherine Myers, Sharyn Price, Vanessa O’Sullivan and Sandra Weidinger. Many parents contribute to the success of Joey's netball, including coaches, umpires and managers. Your efforts are so much appreciated, especially by the happy little netballers on Saturday mornings!

- Walking School Bus. Chris Brown and her parent helpers do a great job, walking up to 30 kids down to Bowman Park after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Chris also does a great job in organising the Active School Travel activities. Many thanks to Michael Robinson for Mr Robbo’s Wednesday morning walking buses.

- The St Joseph’s Athletics Club. Thank you to Kathryn Gett for developing the idea of the Club, with the help of Chris Brown and Kerry Allesandra. We’re looking forward to seeing the Club take shape in 2015.

- Many thanks to Christie Lewis for producing the Sports Handbook, a great resource for parents and for working to increase options for lunchtime sport.

- Thank you to everyone involved in Kilometre Club, especially Bern Skelly and Wendy Lamb. Thanks also to the Hawleys for organising the breakfast, and all the teachers and parents who volunteered for the sessions.

- Thanks to Andrew Keogh for coordinating the Athletics Day BBQ, and for all volunteers.

Music
Eight years ago, the P&F made a significant investment in the purchase of musical instruments and commencement of the instrumental program, where every year 5 child was given an instrument, and tuition for the year. Joeys was amongst the first primary schools to do this. The fruits of that program were evident last Thursday night at the soirée, where junior and senior bands performed beautifully. This year, Erin Hancock took on responsibility of the music parent interest group, acting as liaison with the school and looking at ways to enhance opportunities for music at school in 2015.

Thank you to Rosemary Zorzetto, Linda Pendrith and the instrumental teachers for the time and energy they put into music at Joeys.

Social
The P&F have hosted many functions this year. Many thanks to all involved in (my attempts to be brief inadequately acknowledges their contribution and in turn, our gratitude...):

- Tea and Tissues morning tea for new prep families, organised by Anna Wu and her band of helpers.

- Welcome BBQ, organised by Julia and Matthew Horton and all the other volunteers.

- the Show Tunes Trivia Night. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the night, most especially Kate Hunter, Amanda Wakefield and Anne Fuchs. The night raised $11,614 for the P&F.

- Dad's night. Once again, Barney MacAuliffe did a wonderful job organising the night, with $2,185 raised. Thanks too to the Gambaro family for hosting the night, and for contributing the wonderful auction prize.
• The prep mum's dinner, was a huge success. Special thanks to Jen Davis-Miles for organising.
• The Bye Bye Winter BBQ was a great day - families got together over a burger, drinks and some great live music, courtesy of amongst others, our own Weirnet Family. There are too many people to thank, but most particularly, thank you to the wonderful Kelly Beasley, for helping coordinate the day, to the generous families and business that kindly contributed and to Liam Walsh and Justin Sheahan, for once again manning the bar. Although the focus was on enjoying the day with our kids, $10,830 was raised for the P&F.
• Thanks to Cath and Barney McAuliffe for organising the annual Joey’s Race Day at Doomben and to Iceworks for hosting drinks afterwards.
• Thank you to all involved in catering supper and manning the bar for the the musical soiree (an amount was raised, yet to be calculated).
• Thanks to everyone involved with the prep orientation morning tea, especially Ange Richardson and Katie Deal, for coordinating.
• Thank you to the parents who assisted with the morning tea for Matthew Ames, particularly Kerry Allesandra.
• In anticipation, thank you for everyone involved in Christmas Carols.

Other
• This year has seen the introduction of more online processes, including online tuck shop, ride armband and t-towel ordering, tennis bookings, rsvps for catering for events etc, which reduces the man hours required for these tasks. Thank you to our resident IT guru, Jackie Beauchamp. Jack gave so much of her time, and expertise, and we’re hugely grateful.
• Mothers’ and Fathers' Day Stalls - Danielle Raward and Bianca Koscharsky did a wonderful job coordinating the Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day Stalls. We’re all very grateful to them, and to their helpers.
• Uniform Shop - Thank you Clarissa Turner and Carolyn Keogh for running the second hand uniform shop.
• Thank you to the Grants committee, for researching and preparing grant applications.
• Thank you to Nick Herron for sourcing the fridges for the School Hall, and to Cate Clifford for coordinating. These fridges were kindly donated by David Thompson from ALH Group.
• Thank you to the Herron family, who have taken responsibility for tennis court bookings over the past few years and to Catherine Myers, for taking over. Catherine’s done a great job, and has introduced online bookings.
• Italian Day - thank you Mrs Vanderzee! The kids had a great day and the parents are so appreciative of your hard work (and all the other teachers). Thanks too to the parents who helped out.
• Sara Wenck did a great job, reviving the St Joseph’s T-Towels, an old favourite (profit yet to be calculated).
• Thank you to Frank Fuchs for organising the World Cup footy tipping competition and donating the trophy. The comp raised $500 for the P&F.
• Thank you to Manish Singh from the Brisbane Mindfulness Centre, for running an introductory course for parents.
**Class reps**

Class reps play an important role in our school community. From a pastoral care perspective, they help to identify needs within the parent body, and action that through Care and Concern. Class reps also do a great job, organising social events, and passing on P&F related information to the class.

**Staff**

We are blessed at St Joseph’s to have such wonderful, dedicated teachers. We were grateful to have had the opportunity to show our them how valued and appreciated they are on World Teachers Day. Thank you to all parents involved most especially Rebecca Gibbons, for cooking the most wonderful lunch. Mrs Beavis said it was the best lasagna she's ever had! Thank you also to Nicole Scarcella, for coordinating.

Thank you to Carolyn Hayes, our Principal, for her leadership in the first half of the year. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes went with Carolyn, as she took the second half of the year to be with her family through her father’s illness.

We were very blessed to have Kevin Billion as Acting Principal for terms 3 and 4. Kevin’s leadership, warmth and humour have been much appreciated by students, parents and staff, and we wish Kevin all the very best.

**Committee**

My most heartfelt thanks go to the Executive Committee this year: Cate Clifford (VP), Georgett Coleman (Treasurer) and Nicole Scarcella and Anna Wu (co-secretaries). These wonderful women have been so selflessly giving of their time and expertise, and it has been an honour to work with them. To the committee members, all 29 of you, thank you! You’ve all brought great insights and enthusiasm to the committee. In particular, I would like to thank Barney Macauliffe, as outgoing President for his friendship, advice, humour and grounded perspective.

Lastly, on a personal note, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve you as President. Through the presidency, I received many gifts - such as new friendships with lovely people, and a deeper insight and appreciation of the complexities of school life. It’s also given me a renewed appreciation of faith based education. I was reminded of this by Matthew Ames, who spoke at the school last week. He said that by embedding values in the curriculum and daily life of our kids, we invite and challenge them to make the world a better place. That makes me immensely proud to be part of the St Joseph’s family and excited about what we can achieve together in 2015.
Jubilee Christmas Pageant
St Mary Magdalene’s, Bardon

Baby Jesus lying in the hay, Mary and Joseph, the stable, the Angels, the donkey - these are all facets of Christmas that appeal to the minds and the hearts of children. Being a part of the Christmas Pageant allows children to fully appreciate the real Spirit of Christmas. [*Christmas Present is made of memories of Christmas Past*] Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Fr Ray Lyons Centre. The Service will begin at 4.00pm with the Christmas Pageant and Carols, followed by Mass at 4.30. Children of all ages can be involved. Costumes are basic (no sewing required).

**Rehearsals will be held on:**

- **Monday, 15th December, 9.00am**
- **Thursday, 18th December, 9.00am**

If you can't make it to both, then make the one that suits you, but please let me know of your intentions. Anyone acting in a major speaking role will be required at ALL rehearsals.

**Dress Rehearsal will be at 9.00am on Monday 22nd December (essential).**

Anyone interested please contact Therese Beavis on 33664103/leave message or email on mtbah@optusnet.com.au

The Gap Health and Racquet Club
Player of the Week: Hugh T
“Great movement this week and keep up the great attitude.”
Andy MacPhail (Coach)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Christmas Lights
Grounds open to the public

**From 7 - 8pm**

**On FRIDAY 12TH - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

168 FERNBERG RD, PADDINGTON

No vehicle access, pedestrian access only.
THIS CHRISTMAS, BRING CANS,

NOT CANDY CANES

Because nothing tastes as good as generosity feels.

This year, we’re encouraging Joey’s families to send cans of food to school instead of bringing candy canes during those crazy, Christmassy final weeks! It’s an opportunity for our children to remember how fortunate they are, and to be involved in giving to people who need our support. The cans will be collected at our school Christmas Carols on the evening of Monday December 1.

Donations will be packed into hampers and given to local St Vincent de Paul groups.

We’re hoping to hand over lots of lovely non-perishable food – things that are a little special, not just tins of spaghetti Oops that’ve been rusting away at the back of the pantry! Maybe some salmon, or ham … maybe a tin of shortbread?

Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.
EXCLUSIVE BRISBANE HEAT TICKET OFFER
Buy a silver ticket to any Heat home game for the price of a bronze.

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Sunday 28th December @ 6:10pm VS Thursday 4th January @ 6:10pm

Sunday 11th January @ 6:10pm VS Thursday 22nd January @ 6:40pm

Step 2
Enter your unique code and click the tick.

Step 3
Choose seats you would like to purchase by clicking on the blue seats in the location of your choice, and selecting the ticket type (i.e. adult / junior / concession / family).

The interactive seat map will change to only allow you access to purchase silver seating at Bronze prices in the areas that are coloured blue.

*Please note in order to purchase these tickets you will need to use your existing MyTicketmaster log on or register.