Principal’s Welcome

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Welcome to the final newsletter for the year.

Our community festivities are well underway with our senior students celebrating their graduations on Tuesday and Wednesday night. A special acknowledgment must be extended to the parents for your incredible support of the school during your time with us. To all those who have journeyed and created memories with the children leaving us this year, on behalf of all involved, I thank you. These faces of the future will continue to create their own stories and we are blessed to have spent time with you. Best wishes for the adventures ahead.

We have been working hard to confirm both teacher and student placements for next year. The process is now finalised and I am pleased to announce the teaching teams for 2015. Thank you in anticipation of your support for these teachers.

Prep: Ms Katie Jordan, Mrs Teresa Jirasek, Mrs Sonya Teevan
Year 1: Mrs Sharron Dale, Ms Sam Lewis, Ms Kate Andresen
Year 2: Mrs Di Rose, Mrs Anne Gole, Mrs Jane Robinson and Mrs Meghan Bach
Year 3: Mrs Simone Bannan, Mr Mark Deegan, Ms Emma Russell
Year 4: Ms Lucy Walker, Mrs Melinda Brockhurst, Mrs Suzanne Toole
Year 5: Ms Eireen Lorenzo
Year 6: Mrs Louise Busby and Mrs Michelle Johnson

Congratulations and best wishes to our teachers leaving the community at the end of the year. As evident by the number of teachers at both graduations, their strong dedication and commitment to the students and families of St Joseph’s is a to be commended. Those who are leaving will be missed for their individual qualities, strengths and gifts they bring each day. We will acknowledge these fine teachers at our Mass on the 2nd and the final assembly on Friday 5th.

Some final week reminders:
1st December: Students receive letters from next year’s teachers
1st December 6:15 pm: Christmas concert
2nd December: Report cards go home
2nd December: 9:00 am School Mass
5th December: school finishes 12:00 pm

A reminder also that there is no assembly this Friday 28th due to St Francis Feast day and Go Green activities in the afternoon. Final assembly for the year will commence at 11:30 am on Friday 5th.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your generous support, open conversations, and precious time while I have been leading with you for Semester 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Acting Principal and I look forward to hearing of the many great St Joseph achievements in the coming years. Every blessing for you all in the years ahead – St Joseph’s is a wonderful community.

With humility, care and respect

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal
From the APRE
Thank you from Mr Robbo

As this is my last newsletter here at St Joey’s I would like to thank the school and parish for welcoming me here five years ago and allowing me to be part of this community. I have enjoyed five great years of teaching as well as my leadership role. I’ve had the privilege of working with a great staff and an amazing, energetic, hands on parent body. I could write paragraphs on all the incredible things I’ve been lucky enough to be part of since arriving from the country. I wish everyone a great Christmas break and I will no doubt catch up with many of you next year. Ciao.

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
This 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 again to my helpers on Wednesday – Mrs Brown and Mrs Quinn for a great scooter fest with the Year 3 classes. That is the end of our Wednesday Scooter program. Maybe next year?
Thanks to everyone who has been involved with me in the Active School Travel Program over the past few years. I have enjoyed coming up with new and exciting ways to encourage families to actively travel to school but in particular driving the Mr Robbo School Bus has been a real pleasure. Please continue to support the amazing job our parents do with the walking school bus and please let Chris Brown know if you can help out next year.

Graduations
A massive thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and delivery of the two graduations this week. I was lucky enough to be involved in the planning, set up, decorating and I also had a front row seat for both nights. They are an amazing group of students and no doubt they will drop back in every now and then to say hi.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

School Fees for 2015
School fees for 2015 have been finalised and are attached to the newsletter. Please note there has been no change to any fees or levies for next year.

The Term 1 2015 fee account will be forwarded in early February 2015.

Families are welcome to pay their fees by Eftpos, BPay (preferred), Credit Card, cheque, cash or Direct Debit. Families wishing to make payment by Direct Debit are requested to contact Jan in the office as soon as possible, and the appropriate form will be forwarded for completion.

There may be some additional charges on the Term 1 account, eg Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Student Diary, Headphones (for Prep children), however these have not yet been confirmed, but will be included in the Term 1, 2015 account.

Please contact Jan if you require further information.

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.

Guitar Lessons 2015
Enrolments for guitar lessons in 2015. Please contact E. Angel at angel.eleanor@gmail.com or call 0416 306 940.

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.
JUBILEE PARISH SCHOOLS

HOW YOUR FEES WORK FOR ST JOSEPH'S

Fees and levies cover:

Tuition Fee is used for administration costs for the general running of the school, such as rates, electricity, telephone, insurance, contract cleaning, security, salaries etc.

Archdiocesan Education Levy is provided by the Brisbane Catholic Education Office for the many services provided to schools that come under their jurisdiction. $20.00 of this amount is contributed to the Catholic Futures Fund for land purchase for future school development within the Archdiocese.

Building Fund Levy is used to finance significant loan repayments as part of our Master Plan. The on-going improving and refurbishing of the school environment is a necessary and a mandatory part of school life today to enable St Joseph’s to continue to offer quality education in a supportive learning environment. The level of contribution has been set at $720 per annum for 2015, as we continue to improve and “future-proof” our school in line with up to date learning and physical environments for our children in the 21st century.

Services Levy (per student) provides a budget to engage the many services required as part of school life, eg:
- Swimming tuition and travel costs
- Arts program
- Sport expenses and sports subscriptions
- Specialists visits
- Excursions

Resource and Maintenance Levy (per student) covers:
- Purchase of general resources and consumables for the whole school and classroom use, as well as purchase of library books.
- Payment of IT technician to maintain school network
- Purchase and update of hardware and software for our wireless computers and classrooms.
- Maintenance of buildings and grounds.
- Maintenance of air conditioners

Prep Levy of $450 per family is a contribution toward the salaries of school officers and resources for the Prep classes and is invoiced to Prep families only.
Dear Parents

This 2015 fee schedule has been developed in consultation with Father Peter Brannelly and the Principals of the Jubilee Catholic Primary Schools. It takes into account the priorities highlighted within our School Renewal Plan and the fee and levy recommendations from the Catholic Education Council for the 2015 school year. There will be no increase in school fees or levies for the 2015 year.

Commonwealth and State Governments provide Catholic Schools with approximately 84% of the average annual cost of educating a student. This is done by determining the average amount spent by government to fund a state school student then applying the percentage. Fundraising, donations and other income raised by state school communities are not taken into account when determining the amount.

Fees and levies charged by Catholic schools go towards making up the difference, and more importantly, to help ensure we can provide a high quality Catholic education for your child.

This pamphlet outlines our Fees and Levies Schedule for 2015.

We value you as a member of our community and the contributions you are making towards the success of St Joseph's, and therefore your child’s education.

Kevin Billiot
Acting Principal

Fr Peter Brannelly
Parish Priest

SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2015

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Payment of accounts:
Accounts are issued at the beginning of each term, and payment is due by the date shown on the account. Payment can be made by Eftpos, BPay, Credit Card, cheque or cash. Direct Debit facilities are also available – please enquire at the office. Families who are unable to meet their fee and levy payments by the due date are asked to contact the Finance Secretary. Families who are experiencing severe financial hardship are asked to contact the Principal for a confidential discussion and to make appropriate arrangements.
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.

Prep B Finnian C for working hard to complete his retell of a favourite Aboriginal Dreamtime story.
Prep G Jett C for being a caring friend and trying to help out your classmates. Great job!
Prep W Sam S for telling us about his favourite Christmas story with great enthusiasm

1B Michael C for being a kind and caring member of our class.
        Sophie H for going about her day with a beautiful smile.
1G Olivia C for showing great collaboration with her peers.
        Rosezetta Y for showing wonderful persistence with all areas of her learning.
1W Tyler F for a great Show and Share and for being a happy and friendly student.
        Amelia Coram for always being a happy and kind student. You are always willing to help when needed.
2G The whole class for working well all year.
2B Ava M, Charlotte R and Tom B for always being a thoughtful contributor to discussions. Your ideas are interesting and provide ‘food for thought’.
2W Tia K for showing a great improvement in bouncing back when things are difficult.
        Joseph W for showing persistence in completing all class activities.
        Max B for always being an active learner who tries his best.
3B Maddie S for showing everyone in 3B what it means to live with humility, care and respect every day.
3G Aibhe F for setting a wonderful example to her classmates and for writing an interesting book report.
3W Samantha F for showing great persistence and determination when problem solving.
4B Katie M and Genevieve S for always being an active learner throughout the whole year.
4W Imogen W and Tallulah C for being excellent peer tutors. Thank you for learning how to collaborate on My Site.
5B Caitlin G for having a positive attitude in all she does and for brightening our classroom everyday!
6B Taylor C for always staying focussed and for showing determination especially in Maths.
        Chloe B for always offering to help others and taking on responsibilities in a mature matter.
7B Aurora H for excellent work in the IT area. Aurora always shows persistence and creativity.

Weekend Chicken Farmers for 2015
As you are probably aware this old chook is finishing up at St Joseph’s at the end of the year. In order to assist the Sustainability Committee with a smooth transition to taking care of the chickens and so that they will continue to be a feature of the school’s sustainability programme I would like to get a roster organised for the first half of next year.

We are looking for 5 - 10 families to go on a roster to care for the chickens on the weekend. This entails letting them out in the morning, giving them food and water and locking them in for the night. The bonus is that there should be some fresh eggs for you to enjoy. I will draw up a roster, allocating each family a specific weekend of the month eg. first weekend. Sharing with another family works well as one can do Saturday, the other Sunday and you can always cover for each other on weekends away. I will email these out before Christmas. Thank you to all those families who have helped in caring for our lovely girls.

Wendy Lamb
Music News

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. All younger and older siblings are to sit with parents and the St Josephs students sit in their class rows. No thongs or crocs for our performers – for safety as they move up and down the stairs.

Merry Christmas to all!
Rosemary Zorzetto (Music)

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Georgia D and Abbey P who have made the Queensland Swim Titles to be held in December. Georgia will be competing in the individual 100m Breaststroke and Freestyle and Medley Relays and Abbey will also swim in the Freestyle and Medley Relays. We are very proud of their efforts and wish them all the best.

District Swimming
The North West District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 13th February 2015 at Samford Pool. This Carnival is open to boys and girls turning 10 years and above in 2015. During the first week of school next year I will be asking for nomination times for all 50m and 100m stroke events. If your child is interested in nominating for this event, it is strongly recommended that they be training throughout the Christmas holidays as this Carnival is very competitive.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

NOVEMBER IS SCOOTER MONTH
Grade 2 and 3 students had their turn joining in the scooter obstacle courses and musical scooter games during the last couple of weeks. Lots of fun was had and everyone got an Active School Travel prize for participating.

The November Star Class award will go to the class with the highest number of Active School Travellers getting to school on their scooter!

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

7B – 75%
6B - 62%
3G - 50%

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: PARENT HELPERS FOR 2015
The Active School Travel committee would like to continue the Walking School Bus into the 2015 school year, and we are starting to plan for it now.
We need parents who can help us out with the bus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays next year. If you can be at the school before 3pm for the walk down to Bowman Park we would love to hear from you. We already have some volunteers, but would love to get enough parents so that a roster can be set up to spread the load.
If you think you can help, even once a month, please give Christine Brown a call on the number below.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to guarantee the return of the Walking School Bus next year.
If you are interested in being involved, contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Sustainability

Nude Food Month
Tomorrow is the last day for Nude Food November. Let’s put in a big effort to have no packaging in our lunch boxes and keep this going into December and the New Year. We will be announcing the winners of the Nude Food Mascot Competition when we gather for Pastoral Care.
Our catering Angels!!

To Lisa, Kerry, all the Year 5 parents and anyone else who so kindly gave up their time and baking talents to help organise and cater for our Year 6 and 7 graduations. You guys are true angels, we greatly appreciate all the time and effort you put into our nights to make the post Mass celebrations so beautiful and run so perfectly. You guys are wonderful and on behalf of all the Year 6 and 7 students and parents we truly thank you. How can we back up this next year for you guys??? It was truly remarkable!! Thank you so much again to you all!! We are so grateful. X

Nicky Alati (Issys mum Year 7B)

Thank you to all the wonderful Year 5 parents who catered for the Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday evening. Also to Anna Kerwick who organised the cakes, decorations and set up. The families and students of Year 6 are very grateful for all the work put into the supper. It was a great success! A heartfelt thank you from the students of 6B and myself.

Kind Regards,
Eireen Lorenzo

Instrumental Music News
Congratulations to the following wind players who all received As (Honours) for their recent AMEB exams. Georgia D (Grade 1 Clarinet), Grace Z (Grade 2 Saxophone for Leisure), Abigail D (Grade 1 Trumpet), Ava K (Grade 2 Euphonium and special mention to Gabrielle T who received an A+ (High Distinction) for her Grade 1 Flute exam.

Well done to all these students.

Linda Pendrith
Instrumental Teacher

P&F News
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.

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.
TAKE YOUR MARKS

FOR THE JOEYS
ATHLETICS CLUB!

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 ...

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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.
**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

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**The Gap Health and Racquet Club**

Player of the Week: Jack Eckersley

Jack has improved a lot this term and has become much more consistent compared to last term. Jack will definitely be moving up to Orange level next year. Congratulations Jack”

Sanjeev Tikaram (Senior Coach)

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**The Iona Passion Play - AUDITIONS**  
**Easter 2015**

Experience Easter as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play. All are welcome – you can involve the whole family! Plenty of speaking, non-speaking and support roles available.

**Sunday Dec 7th @ 2pm** (Wynnum West)

If interested please contact Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

The Iona Passion Play greatly appreciates your community’s support and please keep the Play in your prayers.

Regards

Veronica Kirn  
Secretary