Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Welcome to half way through the Term. The race that stops a nation certainly created an exciting few minutes for our community on Tuesday afternoon as we all watched the Melbourne Cup. Well done to the creative families and children who decorated hats and fascinators to add to the afternoon’s festivities. Those who received awards for their efforts will receive a treat on Monday’s tuckshop day. While these events are great fun for the children, I saw numerous classes linking this event with their maths curriculum; working on number, place value, probability and statistics. As always, my statistics of winning continued in fine form and the tradition continues of me donating to a worth recipient on staff. I hope you had better fortune with your work sweeps.

As we plan ahead for the final four weeks, there are numerous community events and dates worth noting. Many year levels and classes are also planning events which will continue to be communicated through emails and notes. Please keep in touch with your class teacher or the office if more information is required on the following. I look forward to being with you as we celebrate the many achievements of the year.

**Prep Orientation day:** 7\textsuperscript{th} November 9:00 am; welcome to the newest members of our community.

**Morning with Matthew Ames:** 11\textsuperscript{th} November 9:00 am; all parents and community members welcome.

**G20 Public Holiday:** 14\textsuperscript{th} November; school closed.

**Year 6 Graduation:** 25\textsuperscript{th} November commencing 6:30 pm; congratulations Year 6.

**Year 7 Graduation:** 26\textsuperscript{th} November commencing 6:30 pm; congratulations Year 7.

**2015 Teachers (Prep):** 17\textsuperscript{th} November, all prep children will receive individual letters in the post from their teachers for 2015.

**2015 Teachers (Years 1 - 6):** 1\textsuperscript{st} December; all children will receive individual letters from their teachers for 2015.

**Christmas Concert:** 1\textsuperscript{st} December; P&F BBQ and drinks commencing at 5:00 pm; 6:30 start.

**Whole School Mass:** 2\textsuperscript{nd} December 9:00 am; all community members welcome.

**Report Cards:** 2\textsuperscript{nd} December; children will bring reports cards home – congratulations to all.

**Final Day:** 5\textsuperscript{th} December; school finish at 12:00 pm

On behalf of the staff, our sincerest appreciation again to you all for the generous lunch and treats provided in recognition of our vocation as teachers on World Teachers Day. It was a wonderful day.

*With Humility, Care and Respect,*

Kevin Billon
Acting Principal
From the APRE

Every year we collect for the local St Vincent de Paul Chapters and every year we fill about two cars doing this. This year we are again asking for your help with this much needed activity that provides food for many needy families in our local community.

As part of this appeal we are having a ‘Cans for Candy Cane’ appeal asking that instead of your kids bringing in a class full of candy canes for each other they instead bring in cans for St Vinnies. The P&F are on board this year and we will be have a special collection point at our school Christmas Carols Night. There will also be a basket in the front office if you’d like to bring them in before this night.

Thank you again in anticipation for your support and we will welcome representatives from the Society to address us at a later assembly.

Prep Orientation Night

Last Monday night saw a lot of our current and new parents of 2015 Prep children gather in the church for an information evening. I would just like to share with you the prayer I began the night with. As teachers this time of year is very busy with reporting and end of year celebrations. As parents it is just as busy as we head into exam blocks and preparation for the holiday period. It is always great to stop and appreciate everything we all do for each other as well as the children.

Thank you for the children in our care. I know they are a gift from you. Daily I need your strength and wisdom to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart; let me be an example of your love and forgiveness. Thank you, Father, for the honour of being a parent and a teacher.

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

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.

Important Dates - Term 4

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Music News

The St Joseph’s Christmas Carols are on Monday 1st December, 2014 6.30pm in the hall with all Year levels performing a Christmas Carol.

The P & F have generously organized a barbie tea that you may purchase from 5.00pm – 6.00pm for a quick family dinner before the carols begin. Students to assemble in the hall in their year levels no later than 6.15pm.

All children have a simple costume requirement – please see below. All times are approximate only,

6.30pm  Prep: normal / Christmas clothes
6.45pm  Year 1: normal/Christmas clothes
6.55pm  Year 2: Beach gear, board shorts, zinc, caps, floaties?
7.05pm  Year 3: outback gear, check shirts with rolled up sleeves, pants, boots, hat
7.10pm  Year 4: normal/Christmas clothes
7.15pm  Year 5: normal clothes with Santa hats
7.20pm  Year 6: normal clothes with Santa hats or Christmas accessories
7.25pm  Year 7: normal clothes with Santa hats or Christmas accessories

Wednesday 5th November: Our Year 4 Instrumental information night was held in the hall. Many thanks to all Year 5 students who performed at this night so the 2015 Year 5’s could see the instruments that they may be playing next year. Thank you to Mrs Pendrith for all of her efforts for our instrumental program. Thank you also to our wonderful P & F for their support throughout this year.

Thursday 6th November Year 6 Nursing Home visit: The Year 6 students are visiting two local nursing homes to perform a Christmas concert today. The students will sing as a choir but also perform instrumental, vocal and dance routines for the resident’s enjoyment. This is a wonderful way of giving back to the community that our school resides in. Well done Year 6.

Thursday 13th November is our St Josephs Arts Soiree in the hall. All are invited to attend to see performances from our Junior and Senior Band, our Year 3 and Year 5 Choir, our talented guitarists and piano players. Many thanks to all our instrumental teachers here at St Josephs for their dedication and commitment to our students. Drinks are available from 6.00 – 7.00pm with a prompt concert start at 7.00pm. This night should finish at approximately 8.30 pm.

Keep tuned!

Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher

Open invitation to all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of St Joseph's
ST JOSEPH'S IS HOSTING A CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR......

WHEN:  Week 6 Monday 10th November to Monday the 17th November
WHERE:  Library
TIME:  8am – 4pm every day + late night on the 12th (see below)

Before and after school, lunch time.

Parents please feel free to drop in anytime during the day to make your purchases.

Please note: The Book Fair will be open late on Wednesday the 12th November from 4.30 to 7pm to allow parents and grandparents unable to attend through the day the chance to view and purchase books.

Ordering online with your credit card is easy. Information regarding how to do this will come home this week. The link to the Carnival website can be accessed here. http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au/
Year 6 Talent Show

Dear Teachers, Parents and Students

As you may already know, Year 6 will be holding a Talent Show in the hall on the 3rd of December, Week 9 morning session (was planned for Thursday 4th but changed).

Year 6 will be performing a number of acts in front of the school.

This show is being held for St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas Appeal and every student who attends is highly encouraged to bring a can on non-perishable food which will be collected from your classroom on Tuesday the 2nd December.

Thank you!
From the Talent Show Group - Patrick, Rinka, Kate, Larnie, India and Jaime

It’s Nude Food Month at St Joseph’s!

For the month of November, we are participating in a nude food challenge.

Well done to 3G who won this week. 60% of lunch boxes were nude.

Remember try to use reusable containers rather than plastic wrap for the month of November.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the two Year 5 girls teams who have qualified for the T20 Blast Cricket Regional Final at Caboolture tomorrow. The teams will play against 10 other schools from Brisbane North and Sunshine Coast with the top 2 teams selected to play at the GABBA in the State final. We wish them all the best.

Prep – Year 7 have been enjoying in PE lessons the fabulous tennis equipment St Joseph’s has received through the Tennis Australia Grant we won earlier in the year. If your child would like a free Hot Shots t-shirt through the program please go to the link below and complete the details. Your child is part of the St Joseph’s School Program and the t-shirt will be sent to the school and handed out in PE lessons.

The Gap Health and Racquet

Player of the Week: Harriet Moore

“Congratulations to Harriet. Harriet always comes to tennis with such enthusiasm which has helped to her to improve her groundstrokes and rallying. Well done Harriet”
Lloyd Davies (Coach)
**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

**OCTBER STAR CLASS AWARD**
The October Star Class Certificate went to 7B with the **Highest Percentage of Students Walking to School** during the month. Well done 7B!

**NOVEMBER IS SCOOTER MONTH**
On the second and third Wednesdays in November we will be having scooter-related activities, including obstacle courses and musical scooter games, in the undercroft during the school breaks. Stay tuned for more details, and get ready to bring your scooter to school and join in the fun.

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEYS**
Congratulations to the winners of last week’s Wednesday Active Travel Survey.
- 6B – 80%
- 7B - 69%
- 2W - 33%

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**
2014 has been a great year for our Walking School Bus from school to Bowman Park. It gets bigger every month with 30-40 children each day, and more parent helpers coming along to lend a hand.
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.
For this to happen, we need some parents who can volunteer to lead or assist with the bus on one or two days a week next year. No administration duties are required, but we need people who can commit to being at the school at 2:50pm for the walk down to Bowman Park. If we get enough parents willing to commit, then a roster can be set up to spread the load. If you think you can help, please give Christine Brown a call on the number below and/or come to the next AST committee meeting. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to guarantee the return of the Walking School Bus next year.

If you are interested in being involved, we would love to have you join us at the meeting, or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

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**We need someone to take care of us over the Christmas holidays.**

Are you interested in collecting and enjoying freshly laid eggs over some of the Christmas school holidays?

Our chooks are looking for some families to help with “chicken sitting “.

If you are able to help, even if only for a few days, please contact Wendy Lamb with the dates that you are available.

wlamb@bne.catholic.edu.au
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.

Tea & Tissues Morning Tea
The P&F will once again be hosting morning tea for new Prep parents on the first day of the new school year in 2015. We are looking for some helpers who can bake and/or serve for the morning. If anyone is interested please contact Michele & Linda at linda beckmann@hotmail.com

Date: from 9am Wednesday 28th January

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 School Tea Towels 2014
Our whole school community has had their portraits added to a tea towel to commemorate the 2014 school year!

A wonderful present for families and a great way to remember all teachers and students at our school.

One tea towel= $12
Three tea towels= $30
Five tea towels= $45

Orders extended until Monday 10th November!!!

Payment is to be made either through the Tuckshop online system or left in the Locked P&F letterbox outside the library. Please enclose money with child’s name, class and amount of tea towels on the envelope.

For further enquiries please contact Sara Wenck on sjwenck@mac.com
ST JOSEPH’S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 18th November 2014

1. Welcome and Open Meeting Bess Howard
2. Opening Prayer Cate Clifford
3. Attendance and Apologies Nicole Scarcella
4. Acceptance of Business of the previous Annual General Meeting November 2013
5. A/Principal’s Report Kevin Billion
6. President’s Report Bess Howard
7. Treasurer’s Report Georgett Coleman
8. Correspondence Nicole Scarcella
9. Announcement of Life Membership of Parents and Friends
10. Election of Executive Management Committee and General Committee for 2015
    President
    Vice President
    Secretary
    Treasurer
    General Committee
    The constitution requests that the Annual General Meeting elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
11. Recognition of Continuity of Auditor
12. General Business
13. Close Meeting
Jubilee Parish Pot-Luck Dinner

All Jubilee parishioners are invited:

When: 7pm, Friday, 7th November
Where: St Finbarr’s Church Hall, Ashgrove
Cost: A “note” donation

Bring: BYO drinks and a savoury dish, side dish (rice, vegetables etc), or dessert to share. Please bring your dish ready to serve (hot or cold) with appropriate serving utensils.

It will be a great opportunity to get together with your fellow parishioners and also raise some money towards the parish Refugee Support project and Blind Eye Ministries (a grass-roots Catholic ministry devoted to journeying with the most vulnerable in our society). Put together a table of eight, or let us seat you with others from your local community – a great way to meet new people. RSVP to Millie at the Parish Office on 3369 5351 and let her know what dish you plan to bring. Be quick – numbers strictly limited!

CAROLS 2014
Bowman Park, Bardon
Sunday 7th December
5:00pm-7:30pm

Bardon State School Choir and Band
Live Nativity
National Service Memorial Pipes and Drums Band
Family Entertainment and Fireworks Finale!!!

BYO rug or chair and your best singing voice

Bring family and friends and enjoy this spectacular free event!!!

In case of wet weather the Carol will be held at Bardon State School’s underground area.

For more info visit www.bardonanglican.org.au

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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
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.