Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we celebrated Franciscan Day with our whole school Mass on Tuesday and a number of pastoral care activities which focussed on the Franciscan values and our school tradition and history. I thank our Acting APRE, Michelle Johnson, for the preparation of our Mass and thank our teachers for organising the pastoral care activities.

ALICE THE MUSICAL

Only one more sleep until the big opening night!!!!

Remember… “Don’t be late, late for this very important date”.

If the last few days are any indication, I am sure that these evenings will be energy filled and fun-packed. Our Year 3 to Year 7 children have been working hard for many months in the preparation for this production and are now ready to show their talent to the world.

We wish all our students the very best over the next two nights as they sing, dance and act for our school community. A special thanks to our dedicated staff for all the time they have devoted in the preparation and in particular to Mrs Rosemary Zorzetto who has shared her expertise with staff and students all year in the lead up to the production of the musical.

Enrolments, Staffing and Class Allocations for 2014

At this stage of the year we all start to get a little anxious about what is going to happen in 2014 in relation to classes, teachers and student placement.

As part of the Brisbane Catholic Education Graduate Process we will have a graduate placed here next year on staff. All graduates placed at this stage have received the highest possible rating and, as you know from our previous graduates, they are of high quality.

When our staffing has been finalised, hopefully by mid-November, we will be able to inform you of allocated teachers to classes for 2014.

Accurate enrolment numbers are critical to our staffing allocation and it is important that you inform the school if your child will not be returning to St Joseph’s in 2014. This allows me to have correct information for the composition of classes and staffing for next year. BCE allocate teachers to our schools on a ratio of 1 to 25 in Prep to Year 3 and 1 to 30 in Year 4 to 7.
As I mentioned last week, teachers will soon begin the process of allocating children to classes for next year. This is a challenging task taken very seriously by our staff and involves considering a wide range of factors relating to each child’s educational needs for e.g.

- The best learning combinations (what we know about the students) for each class
- The special learning needs for each student. Consideration for students with disabilities, learning difficulties, difficulties with a particular Learning Area and those who are gifted in a particular area
- Balance of learning styles including those independent learners, those who grasp concepts quickly and those who need additional time to grasp concepts
- Boy/girl ratio
- Combination of students that impact both positively and negatively on their ability to achieve the best possible outcomes
- Social/emotional considerations
- Twins, triplets – same/separate classes

Any educational concerns that you feel I need to be aware of before teachers begin this process are to be addressed to me in writing by Friday 25th October stating all relevant educational reasons. Information after this date will not be considered. I wish to stress that this is not an opportunity to select a specific teacher for next year or particular friendship groups for children. Please be aware that no promises can be made other than a commitment to consider carefully the information we receive. I ask you to trust the teachers’ judgement and professionalism in making a decision that is in each child’s best interest.

Once the class lists have been published and are sent home with the end of semester report in the last week of term, they are final and changes will not be made.

**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP/CYBER-SAFETY**

As a follow-up from the 1:1 laptop evening we held last term for our Year 3 parents, we held a Digital Citizenship/Cyber-safety evening last Thursday hosted by Michael Cini (BCE – Education Officer - IT), Paul Easton (BCE – Manager of ICT) and Melissa Graham (BCE - Education Officer – Student Behaviour Support). At this meeting, strategies for parents in teaching our children safe in an on-line environment were discussed. Below is the link to the presentation used on the evening, along with a number of helpful websites for parents.

- Think U Know (AFP) – http://thinkuknow.org.au

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**Michael Grose’s News Article** “Parenting when you don’t see instant success” is attached to this newsletter. Please remember that on Monday, 12th May 2014 at 7pm Michael will be speaking at a parent night here at St Joseph’s School.

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Yours sincerely,
Carolyn

Star Student of the Week - Kaleb (1W)
From The Acting APRE- Michelle Johnson

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of St Francis. It was lovely to see so many parents, friends and parishioners present and joining us at Mass. Students look forward to this week every year as it is a time we gather together and learn all about our history and spirituality. Below are some photos highlighting our Franciscan Mass.

Thanks and Praise

Thanks to Rob Fowler and Vince Hodge our devoted parishioners who have moved all chairs to the Hall in preparation for the musical.

Pastoral Care Group Quotes

Year 6 Kristen, “We had so much fun and it was lovely to help the younger students.”

Year 2 Lucia, “I loved making flowers using balloons.”

Year 1 Ruby, “I learnt to look after creation as St Francis did.”

St Vincent de Paul Appeal

St Vincent de Paul is a charity our school always support in abundance, and this year is no different. In the lead up to Christmas we have been asked to gather shower gels, hand towels, body lotions, shortbreads and others special items as gifts for 70 elderly people living nearby. Additionally, we have been asked to donate items for a Christmas lunch for 30 homeless people. Non-perishable items such as Christmas pudding, tinned ham, jelly mixes and custard mix would be appreciated. If students could start to bring in items and collect them in their classrooms throughout the term until the last week of the term when we deliver them. Thanking you for your support in advance.
Important Dates

Thursday 10 October  Prep - Year 2 Swimming Lessons @ Taylor Range
Thursday 17 October  Musical @ 7pm
Friday 18 October  P&F IT/Social Media/On-Line Presence meeting @ 3pm (Library)
Friday 18 October  Musical @ 7pm
Monday 21 October  Pupil Free Day
Friday 25 October  World Teacher’s Day
Wednesday 30 October  Book Lists due back
Tuesday 12 November  P&F Meeting
Tuesday 26 November  Graduation
Tuesday 3 December  End of School Mass @ 9am
Friday 25 October  World Teacher’s Day
Monday 21 October  Prep Free Day
Tuesday 12 November  P&F Meeting
Tuesday 26 November  Graduation
Tuesday 3 December  End of School Mass @ 9am
Friday 6 December  School Finishes @ 12 noon

Term Dates 2013

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

Term Dates 2014

Term 1 - Wednesday 29 January - Friday 4 April
Term 2 - Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
Term 3 - Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
Term 4 - Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December

WANTED - GREENHOUSE
If you know of anyone wanting to part with a greenhouse, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Prep B  Jemima for demonstrating excellent reading and comprehension skills. Well done!
         Abigail for demonstrating excellent reading and comprehension skills. Well done!
Prep G  Zach for being confident at ‘Show and Share’ and being excellent at packing up the iPads.
Prep W  Harriet for demonstrating great cooperative skills during small group activities.
1B     Asher for working hard at every single task this week. You have made a wonderful start to the term Asher.
       Awesome job!
1G     Audrey for showing amazing courage and persistence with her swimming.
1W     Emily for showing great persistence in learning and understanding time in her maths lessons this week.
2B     Bella for showing respect in class by always doing the right thing and listening when others are talking.
2G     Max for always doing his best in class and being kind to others.
2W     Aibhe for always caring for and helping others. (selected by her classmates)
3B     James for showing care and respect towards others.
3G     Ioan for showing initiative and consideration in the classroom.
3W     Ashlie for singing like a ‘rock star’ during musical rehearsal.
4B     Will for greatly improved results in Maths.
4W     Lily for completing all school tasks with quiet determination in a thorough and careful manner.
4/5G   Grace and Chloe for always demonstrating humility, care and respect.
5B     Jaime for her cheerful smile and her very helpful nature.
6B     Brianna and Aurora for both creating and presenting a well planned and very entertaining public speech.
7B     Edwina for always listening and being a great friend who always puts others first.
       Nieve for being caring and willing to help others in our class.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

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

- 4B - 61%
- 2W - 54%
- 4/5G - 54%

Don’t forget Wednesday is our Active Travel Day.

STAR CLASS AWARD
The September Star Class Award, for the Highest Percentage of Active School Travellers (70%) from School during the month, was awarded to 7B. Congratulations!!
The AST Star Class award for October would be presented to the class with the largest number of children who travel to/from school by bike and scooter.

AST COMMITTEE MEETING
The next (and last for 2013) Committee Meeting will take place at 2.15 pm Monday 4 November in the office. If you are interested in coming along or joining the Committee, please contact Catherine Myers – Ph 0422 000 321 or email Catherine.myers@optusnet.com.au

MUSIC NEWS
Why teach Music in schools?
“Thus it would appear that music instruction provided by a music specialist in the middle elementary grades will have a positive influence on the students’ general reading achievement. Although less clear, the presence of a music specialist may also positively effect math achievement in these same students.” extract taken from ‘The Value of Music Education’ compiled and edited by Bruce Pearson.

School Musical
It is a very exciting time here at St Josephs with our school musical performances this Thursday and Friday nights, starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available now from the office but will also be available at the door on the night. A letter has been sent home to all students involved in the musical with details of times to arrive at school and what their costumes, makeup requirements are. Please make sure students have a water bottle with them for the performances at night, but please remember to collect them after the show. Students will be given cordial and biscuits at interval so there is no need for parents to purchase anything for them. If there are any students with special dietary needs, they may wish to bring their own snack.

The show should finish about 9.00pm each night. No students are to be picked up outside the school grounds – a parent needs to come into the school to collect their child – all children need to tell their supervising teacher that they are going. Year 3 children can be picked up from the Music or Italian room. Any child not picked up straight away will be at the Music or Italian rooms for safety.

I would like to thank at this stage, the Administration, all Teachers, School Officers, parents and students for their involvement with the musical this year. A special thank you to Justine Beirne and Marcia Perrie for their invaluable assistance throughout our production. It is a massive task that needs co-operation and flexibility by all and I thank you all for this. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience and I am so excited about our production. Enjoy everyone and a big thank you.

PERFORMANCES FOR TERM 4:
Soiree, Year 4 Band info night, Year 7 Graduation
Please check the newsletter for dates and information about these nights ahead in Term 4.

Stay tuned.

Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher
**P&F News**

**P&F Minutes, Agenda & Principal’s Report Available on Website**

On the Menu Bar, Click into About Us, Community, Parents and Friends, make your choice from the Menu, then download the appropriate file, press Ctrl and click into:

- P & F Minutes of Meeting: P & F Meeting Agenda: Principal’s Report:
- Fair News: P & F Constitution:

The Files will be uploaded to the site as the documents become available.

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### Tuckshop Roster for next week

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

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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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**P & F Expenditure**

At last week’s P & F meeting we approved on your behalf $15,000 worth of works to improve the edge of the school oval and hall walkway where no grass grows. There will be a concrete slab put in which will be covered by some rubber backed, sand filled artificial turf. This will take place in the first week of the next school holidays. Thanks to Peter Vella for sourcing contractors and overseeing this project.

We also approved $5,000 worth of wall painting for the hall, another $2,500 to the Music Department, $2,500 to the Sport Department and we decided to donate $2,000 to the Cancer Foundation charity, given the way our school has been touched by cancer over the last few years – hopefully we can do more in the future.

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**AGM**

Don’t forget about the AGM on November 12th where we can review the year and elect a committee for 2014. As always, ALL welcome – hope to see you there.

Cheers

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**To All the Mothers of St Joseph’s Primary, I would like to invite you to a Christmas St Joseph’s Mother’s Night.**

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself and tell you how this Mother’s night has all come about. My name is Catrina Daly and I have a son, George, in Year 2W. Two years ago (our first year at St Joseph’s), I organised a dinner for all the mums in our class to have a child free night out. Last year, I was approached by a couple of the mums suggesting that we do it again, so this time, as all the classes changed from Prep to Year 1, we thought we would organise for the whole year (Year 1) to get together. After the success of that night, we thought, why not organise a night out for ALL the mothers in the school, I am sure there is more than just our year that can do with a fun night out! Below you will find all the details, I look forward to hearing from you...

- **Date:** Saturday 16th November 2013
- **Time:** 6.00pm
- **Venue:** Gambaro Restaurant
  33 Caxton Street, Paddington
- **Cost:** $35 p/p (to be paid on the night)
- **Theme:** Christmas
- **RSVP:** Monday 11th November 2013 (via reply email – catrina@precisiongroup.com.au)
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
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
GREETING/CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS & DIARIES

Don’t miss out – Orders and payment due next week Wednesday 23rd October!!

Let’s get creative this week!

Surprise your family and friends with a high quality personalised card, calendar or diary featuring your child’s artwork or a treasured family photo.

The cards will feature St Joseph’s Bardon logo on the back. Art cards will also feature the artist’s name and age in their own handwriting.

Easy to follow instructions on the back of the art paper – use lots of strong bright colours and try to fully cover the art paper. Let your child’s creativity show you the joy of their imagination.

Calendars featuring artwork or photo

ONLY $12 each.

High quality cards in packs of 8 including red envelopes

ONLY $12 per pack

A5 Diaries only $16 each

The same artwork or photo can be used for calendars, cards or diaries. All original artwork is returned.

You submit your Digital photos online. The option of adding text to a photo make these cards distinctive.

The artwork with your order and payment are to be returned to class teacher by Wednesday 23rd October.

DON’T MISS OUT 1 WEEK TO SUBMIT!!

Delivery will be prior to the end of November.

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph’s P & F

Sue Donovan (Genevieve Moore 4W) 0412 835 265
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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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
Parenting when you don’t see instant results

The results of your parenting often don’t come until adulthood but you’ve got to keep doing your best in the meantime. That’s one of the great frustrations of being a parent.

There aren’t too many activities you do where it can take years to see the results.

_Parenting is one of them._

As your kids grow up, you put in a lot of groundwork teaching them how to behave, how to be confident, how to treat others well and so on. But you don’t always see the REAL results of all that effort until your kids are adults.

Nevertheless, you’ve got to keep doing the right thing regardless, even though it takes a lot of faith.

I was reminded about this when speaking to a mother recently whose son had struggled at school all his life. She’d put so much of her emotional and physical energy into helping him learn, jollying him along and nursing him through the many ups and downs that only struggling kids seem to experience.

Her son, now a teenager, was about to give up trying. And I could see that his mother felt like giving up too!

She asked: _“When do you stop being a child’s coach and cheer leader?”_

The answer, of course, is that you can’t!

She knew that but, like her son, she needed some encouragement to keep going.

We all do from time to time.

That’s why it useful to remind yourself that parenting is a _long-term activity._

_The Einstein Factor_

All parents should be aware of the Einstein Factor. Albert Einstein was one of the preeminent scientists and thinkers of the 20th century, yet he maintained that he was no smarter than anyone else. He believed he _just stayed on problems longer_ than most people.

In the same way, there are some children with whom you just have to stay on the job longer than you would with others.

- If you have a _shy_ or _socially-challenged_ child you might have to stay on the job until adulthood, when she finally finds her own way of building a network of friends and colleagues. Until then, it’s all about _supporting, coaching and cajoling._

- If you have an _ADHD-type_ child you might have to keep on the job longer to keep him out of trouble. You may not see the results until his mid-20s when all that energy goes into starting up his own business or doing something absolutely amazing. In the meantime, _explain, teach and be firm!_

- If you have a _late bloomer_ you probably have to keep him interested in learning until he learns the practical skills needed to succeed in the workplace or in business, just as many kids who struggle at school end up doing. In the meantime, _encourage, scaffold and model learning._

We all want instant results in whatever we do. Parenting is no different, except that instant results are rare!
That doesn’t make it any easier when you don’t see results for the effort you put in. But you’ve got to keep on doing the right things, and making the best choices for your kids. In other words, you need to bring the Einstein Factor into your parenting. To help do this:

1. Get support and feedback from your partner, or a colleague. Feedback fires you up.

2. Keep building the skills and knowledge that will help your kids be successful or overcome individual challenges. Kids get lifelong learning from parents more than school.

3. Be around people who fire you up and energize you. It’s no coincidence that great parents hang out together. Support keeps you grounded.

Small hinges swing big doors

A former parenting mentor used to say, “Small hinges swing big doors”. He meant that it’s the little things done by parents on a regular basis that make the biggest difference to kids.

You’ve just got to choose the right actions and keep doing them ... day after day. Have faith that the results will come ... eventually!

NOTE: Get your Kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Kit when you subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s FREE weekly parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au
Brigidine College, Indooroopilly invites you to Visitation Day on Monday 28 or Tuesday 29 October 9.30-10.30am.
Enjoy a guided tour of the College with a Senior student followed by morning tea with the Principal.
Phone 3870 7225 to secure a booking or obtain an enrolment pack.

Brigidine College is an independent Catholic girls’ secondary school - Strong in academic achievements; Gentle in the tradition of the Brigidine Sisters.

Limited places are available for Year 7 and 8 2015.
Enrol now for year 7 2017.
Parents are advised to lodge applications early to avoid disappointment.

Get Ready Week—October 14—20 and a free Neighbourhood Watch Drop-In Session
Get Ready Week – October 14-20
The Premier recently launched a new ‘Get Ready Queensland’ campaign which is encouraging Queenslanders to take action and do something now to be better prepared for storm and cyclone season. The campaign will be in focus in the week beginning 14 October and it carries this key message, “If you do a little, we all accomplish a lot.” It is vital that we all prepare properly for potential natural disasters in our local area, to minimise the effects and to ensure those affected can get their lives back to normal as quickly as possible after a disaster. Download the Get Ready ideas pack (http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/files/Get-Ready-Ideas-Pack-v1-1.pdf) for some tips on what you could do to make yourself, your family, friends and community, more resilient. You can also read the Get Ready Queensland preparedness guide here (http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/) for some more tips and information.

Neighbourhood Watch Drop-in Session
Based on feedback from residents, Saxon Rice MP has partnered with local Crime Prevention Officers to host a free Neighbourhood Watch Drop-In Session on Tuesday 22 October. Everyone is invited to come along and learn more about what Neighbourhood Watch is all about. This is a great opportunity to also meet like-minded neighbours and chat with residents who are already involved in Neighbourhood Watch.

Date: Tuesday 22 October
Time: Drop in between 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Location: Milton State School outdoor assembly area (facing Gregory Park)

Vacancies - Ashgrove West Preschool
Ashgrove West Preschool Centre currently has vacancies for children born between 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010 for 2014. Children will attend from 8.30am to 2.40pm and we have After Hours care for people requiring care for their child up until 5.30pm. Please contact us on 3366 1212