Dear Parents and Caregivers

2014 Numbers and Class Allocation
As we head into the end of the 2013 school year, it is critical that we have accurate information regarding the number of students who will be returning next year. Thank you to those families who have notified the school that your child will not be returning in 2014. If your child will not be returning and you have not yet informed the office please do so as soon as possible.

With students leaving for Independent Private Schools in Year 4, 5 and 6 we face complications in allocating class numbers and staffing in these classes as our enrolment numbers in these classes decrease considerably. Brisbane Catholic Education fund schools on a ratio of 1 teacher to 30 students in Year 3 to Year 7 and our staffing and class allocations are worked around this formula.

At this stage we are unsure as to what our class allocations for Year 4 to Year 7 will look like as we are still waiting to confirm definite numbers in these year levels. It is hoped that we will be able to give you more information early on in Term 4 regarding class allocations for Year 4 to Year 7 2014.

Parent Feedback
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we are asking for parent feedback in the following areas to assist us in planning for our School Actions for 2014.

- Mission and Religious Education (religious education program, Masses, Liturgies, outreach, religious life of the school)
- Learning and Teaching (quality teaching, Australian curriculum, numeracy, literacy, utilising information, communication and learning technologies to improve learning)
- Professional Practice and Collaborative Partnerships (partnerships with parish, parents and students: safe environment for students)
- Strategic Resourcing (aligning budget restraints with the annual goals, sustainable practices in place, contemporary learning approaches)

Considering these areas, we would like to hear what is working well at St Joseph’s and the areas for improvement. Your input will assist us in the development of our action plan for 2014 supporting our 4 year Renewal Plan.

Please take some time to give us your feedback by clicking on the link below. The survey will be opened until Wednesday 18th September.

CONFIRMATION/EUCHARIST
A number of our Year 4 students will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation this Friday evening and the Sacrament of Eucharist over the weekend. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue along their faith journey.

Tomorrow the students will attend a retreat day in preparation for the reception of these sacraments. At this day the children will have the privilege of meeting the Archbishop.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION OF OUR PARISH
From tomorrow, September 12th through to Sunday, September 14th Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be making an official Episcopal Visit to our Jubilee Parish. Not only will this be an opportunity for the Archbishop to ensure that parish records and legal requirements are being followed, but it gives him a chance to meet as many parishioners and parish groups as possible and get a sense of what is happening in the Jubilee Parish. Over these four days the Archbishop will be incredibly busy.

Thursday 12th September
The Archbishop will meet the 180 young boys and girls on the Confirmation/First Holy Communion retreat day at Lavalla. He will also inspect the new Centacare facility at Rosalie, the Atrium of the Good Shepherd, the Marist Brother’s community and other organizations before a combined meeting of the Pastoral, Finance and Schools Council members later that evening.

Friday 13th September

- 7:30am Meeting with the staff from St Joseph’s and a tour of the school.
- 8:50am Whole school liturgy at the Fr Ray Lyons centre ….ALL WELCOME
- 10am Whole school liturgy at the Bolton Centre, Newmarket.
- 10:30am Tour of St Ambrose’s school and meeting with staff
- 11:50am School liturgy at St Finbarr’s Church, Ashgrove.
- 12:20pm Tour of St Finbarr’s school and meeting with staff.
- 5pm Confirmation ceremony, St Brigid’s Church, Red Hill
- 6pm Gathering with the St Brigid’s choir
- 7pm Confirmation ceremony, St Brigid’s Church, Red Hill

Over the weekend the Archbishop will celebrate the First Holy Communion Masses at Rosalie (Saturday Vigil, 4:30pm) and Ashgrove (Sunday morning, 8:30am) and Red Hill (Sunday 10am).

EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND
Families are most welcome to use the Early Years Playground in the afternoon until 3:20pm, however we ask that at this time the playground be vacated for the use of Out of School Hours Care. Parents are responsible for the supervision of your children during the time that you are using the playground out of school hours.

Children under the age of 6 are NEVER permitted to use the senior adventure playground at any time during school or outside school hours. This is an important safety regulation which must be followed.

CHURCH CLEANING
The parish would appreciate some help to clean the church on Saturday morning at 9:30am so it is ready for First Eucharist on Sunday. If you are able to lend a helping hand your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely, Carolyn

Star Student of the Week - Jordan (1G)

Collection Notice
Our school has been selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability conducted by the Commonwealth Government.

The data will be collected as at 18 October 2013 and will include:
- Total number of school students
- Number of students with a disability by school level (primary/secondary)
- Number of disability types (physical, social, cognitive or sensory)
- Level of adjustment provided (none, supplementary, substantial, extensive)

NB—no student identifiers will be provided.

Should you not wish your child with a disability to be included in this count, please advise the school, in writing, by Friday 11 October 2013.

Further information can be found at the following website:
From The Acting APRE - Michelle Johnson

This week we devote our prayers to the people of Syria.

Last week, the Holy Father Pope Francis declared a day of prayer and fasting for peace, to be held on Saturday, September 7. He made the appeal in his weekly Angelus address.

"There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming," the Pope said. "Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace! I ask all the local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for this intention," he said.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has called this week a week of prayer for Syria.

Prayer for Syria

Almighty eternal God, source of all compassion,
the promise of your mercy and saving help fills our hearts with hope.

Hear the cries of the people of Syria;
bring healing to those suffering from the violence,
and comfort to those mourning the dead.
Empower and encourage Syria’s neighbours
in their care and welcome for refugees.
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,
and strengthen the resolve of those committed to peace.

O God of hope and Father of mercy,
your Holy Spirit inspires us to look beyond ourselves and our own needs.

Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence
and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria,
and fill us with hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Archbishop’s Liturgy this Friday along with those celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation over the weekend.

Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas

Parenting ideas magazine Issue 10 is available online through this link. Copy it and paste it into your browser.


You might find some of the articles useful: - Making Children’s Birthdays Special, Autism Spectrum, Two Homes… One Heart and the Nightmare of Adolescent sleep.
**Important Dates**

**Thursday** 12 September  
Retreat Day at Lavalla Centre, Rosalie

**Friday** 13 September  
Archbishop visits St Joseph's

**Friday** 13 September  
Italian Incursion - "Spectacular Spettacolo"

**Friday** 13 September  
Confirmation Night (2 sessions), St Bridgid's Red Hill

**Sat/Sun** 14/15 September  
First Eucharist Celebrations

**Thursday** 17 October  
Musical @ 7pm

**Friday** 18 October  
Musical @ 7pm

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**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

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**FATHERS DAY STALL - LAST CALL FOR IOU’S!!!!**

We still have a number of IOU’s outstanding from the Fathers Day Stall. If your child came home with an IOU) please return the money to the class teacher or the office as soon as possible.

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**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE**

Congratulations to the following classes who topped the school in last week’s Active Wednesday Survey:

- 2W (56%)
- 4B (55%)

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**Student of the Week**

Prep B  Isabelle for showing improvement in her listening skills at group time. Well done!

Prep G  Ella for showing great reading with blending her sounds to make words.

Prep W  Sophie for coming to school every day this week with a beautiful, bright, big smile.

1B  Charlotte for brilliant work in all of her writing tasks this week - way to go!

1G  Dominic for an excellent effort remembering his doubles facts and rainbow facts.

1W  Kaleb for making some great choices and remaining focussed on his work.

2B  Vincent for finding a lovely lengthy list of wonderful WOW words in his regular reading.

2G  Emily for always being a kind, caring and helpful class member.

2W  Sofia for putting extra effort into all homework tasks.

3B  Charlie for always trying his best and persevering with tasks even though they are challenging.

3G  Eve for a positive role model for fellow group members.

3W  Imogene for completing her work to the best of her ability and being a caring friend.

4B  James for showing such keen interest and effort in his Science Marine project.

4W  Lucinda for always displaying enthusiasm for learning and working to the best of her ability.

4/5G  On Camp

5B  On Camp

6B  On Camp

7B  Edwina for always displaying persistence and good efforts in all tasks.
St Joseph’s Club

Are you interested in growing things?
Do you like learning about how seeds develop into delicious vegies or beautiful flowers?

Are you in Years 3, 4 or 5?

St Joseph’s is going to have a Garden club that will be held every Monday or Thursday at lunchtime. It will be run by Mrs Harden, Mr Deegan, Mrs Dale, Mr Grosjean and some Mums.

Numbers are limited so please fill out the form below if you are interested.

_____________________________________________________________________________________

I give permission for _______________________________ from ___________________ class
to participate in the Garden club.

Signed ____________________________
Name _____________________________

SPORTS NEWS

ZONE ATHLETICS
Congratulations to the 66 students who participated in Zone Athletics this week. The students have been training hard with the help of Mrs Brockhurst, Miss Russell and Mrs Gett and looking forward to a fun day with the other Catholic Schools in our area. A special big thank you to the boys and girls who competed in older age groups and demonstrated great team work in supporting our School. More results will follow in next week’s newsletter.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the kids in PE class at the moment as the whole school participates in Jump Rope for Heart. The level of skipping has improved so much and the kids are really learning some great tricks and improving their fitness. In each class lesson, the students have participated in a ‘Jump Off’ to find one skipper who will represent their class this Friday at assembly in ‘The Great St Joseph’s Skip Off’. Each representative will start at an allocated time depending on their Year level and attempt to win a special prize for their whole class. There might even be some teachers skipping as well!! The class representatives are listed below.

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Assembly will start at 2.30pm.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART MONEY AND FORMS
Could you please start to finalise your fundraising by sending in your forms and money for Jump Rope for Heart by the end of this Term. Please send your money in a zip lock bag with your name clearly marked and your fundraising form with names and amounts attached to the bag. Online fundraisers do not need to return anything
P&F News

P&F Minute, 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:

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RACE DAY 2013
The Race Day on Saturday was another great success with 73 of St Joey’s parents stepping out in style at Eagle Farm! A big thanks to Cath McAuliffe for organising the whole event including an improved position this year, plenty of food and even a bus to take us all back to Iceworks! Even though no-one retired on their winnings, a fun day was had by all - so thanks to everyone who came along. Below are some shots from the day.

MUSICAL BBQ – help required
Your P & F will be running a BBQ on both nights of the Musical (Thursday 17th and Friday 18th October). We need some more helpers so please email Barney at mcauliffe@bcntrading.com if you can lend a hand.

Cheers
Barney


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.
The Gap Health and Racquet Club

Player of the Week is Tristan

"Congratulations on another terrific week at tennis Tristan. You continue to work hard and improve each lesson and should be proud of your efforts. Keep up the good work"

Declan Pearce (Head Tennis Professional)