Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

What a way to say *Farewell to Winter* and *Welcome to Spring!* ‘Thumbs Up’ to the P&F, the organising committee and support crew members for the wonderful community celebration last Sunday. Our prayers for fine weather were answered and the day was an enormous success due to the many families who were able to spend time together - music, laughing, face painting, tennis etc. Well done also to the junior and senior band for your opening ensemble – very impressive!

Preparation for next year is well under way. Next week I will be attending to some tasks with our Administration Team at Brisbane Catholic Education Head Office. One of the most important pieces of information to have as accurate as possible is the projected student enrolment numbers. At this stage, we anticipate a number of boys remaining in year 5 which is very pleasing. Accurate projected enrolment information is extremely important for budget planning and staffing, so I would encourage you to have a conversation with our office if you have confirmed plans for next year that we are not aware of. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Congratulations to our students and families making their Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday night and Holy Communion over the weekend. Best wishes for you all as you undertake this important step in your faith journey. We hope all the children enjoyed their retreat day today with the Parish and Jubilee schools.

This Friday is the official ‘School Officers’ Day’ in recognition of the important work that our school officers perform in the learning and well-being dimensions of the students’ life at school. We will acknowledge the fine work our school officers do as an important part of our Teaching Team more fully on *World Teachers Day* in October.

This coming week we have numerous initiatives that celebrate the many *Learning and Teaching* activities across the year levels: Book Week, Prep Garden Party, Author Visits, and Year 7 Debating. Thank you teachers for your leadership in providing a learning environment where our children are at the centre of the planning. Best wishes also to our Zone Athletic Team competing next week – we are all proud of your achievements.

One final quick reminder if you received an online survey for Michael Robertson’s APRE Appraisal - the closing date is this Friday 5th September. Your time in completing this survey is most appreciated and your feedback is highly valued.

This Sunday is an occasion to acknowledge, appreciate and celebrate the gifts our fathers bring into our lives. This special day provides children and families with the opportunity to shift the focus from the usual priorities of busy life to giving special attention to ‘dad’ by sharing precious time and/or giving gifts that show appreciation and love. May Father’s Day bring you endless appreciation of the greatest gifts we have in our lives - family.

Enjoy the warmer weather and blessings for all father figures in the community.

*With Humility, Care and Respect*

Kevin Billion
Acting Principal
From the APRE
Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation
Today over 200 children from around the parish came together at the Marist Lavalla Centre in Rosalie in preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Both Year Four classes attended and those who are not making the Sacraments still came along and joined in helping their classmates along their journey.

We will welcome Bishop Brian Finnegan to the day and then on Friday night Bishop Finnegan will ‘Confirm’ the children in two ceremonies—one at 5pm and then one at 7pm. The children will then make their Holy Communion at their nominated church over the weekend. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Any concerns or queries please contact Jenny Donnelly on 0402252009.

Year 1 Mass
On Tuesday the Year One classes helped bring in Spring with a Mass celebrating the Season of New Life. As we all entered the church we were greeted by Year One students handing out flowers they had made. We were also treated to a special recessional song that had lots of singing and actions. Well done Year One and what a great way to start my favourite season.

Date Claimers:
Thursday 4 September - Retreat Day Lavalla Centre
September 5/6/7 – Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Mass Dates Term 3
Week 10: Year 4

Michael Robertson
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

AUGUST STAR CLASS AWARD
Congratulations to 2B who received the Star Class Certificate for the Highest Number of Students Riding a Bike or Scooter to School. Well done!

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

- 7B - 65%
- 2B - 38%
- 3G - 33%

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is still going strong with 20-30 children each day. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Some important points to note:

Could you please drop your application off at the school office at least 24 hours before you wish your child(ren) to join the Walking School Bus.

If you have enrolled your children in the Walking School Bus, and need to notify the coordinator of any changes, please text/call or email Christine Brown as per the contact details below.

The Walking School Bus will not be cancelled due to rain, so please pack an umbrella or raincoat for your child.

If the Walking School Bus is cancelled due to an adverse weather event, you will be notified by text to pick your child(ren) up from the roundabout.

Our next Active School Travel committee meeting is coming up on Monday 15th September at 2pm. 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
LIBRARY NEWS
Next week is an exciting week for us at St Joseph’s. We are celebrating Book Week with the theme CONNECT TO READING.

On Monday we have a visiting local author Michael Gerard Bauer who will work with all Year 3-7 classes. He will be bringing copies of his latest series Eric Vale and these will be on sale for $15.00. Copies of his book Derek Danger Dale will also be available for $12.00. Could children please have the correct money in an envelope if they are purchasing. His books are on display in the Library to allow them to make a choice prior to Monday.

Tuesday we welcome illustrator Kerry Argent whose book One Woolly Wombat has been loved by a generation of young people. Other titles she has illustrated that you may be familiar with include India the Showstopper, Nighty Night and Wombat Divine. She will be working with our Prep-Year 2 classes.

Year 5 will be presenting their Book Week skits featuring some of this year’s shortlisted titles, in the hall from 12pm on Thursday.

Year 6 will be coming as Book Characters on Thursday and will be participating in some shared reading with the junior classes. They will also judge the teacher Colouring Competition.

On Friday it is the Year 7 students’ turn to dress up and they will be helping to judge the Decorate Your Door Competition as well as announcing winners of our school competitions and the winning books of the year at Assembly.

There will also be craft activities during lunch and a continuing show of the Year 6 visual literacy work completed this term. Please drop in to see what they have achieved!

Amanda Gardiner
Teacher Librarian

SPORT NEWS
Good luck to the 58 students attending the Zone Athletics Carnival next week. I will have a full team list and results in next week's newsletter. Good luck to all.

Congratulations to Lucy, Lily, Ellen, Claudia, Sienna and Amaya who competed in the Regional Athletics carnival last week. The six girls were part of the North West Region Team which includes all Catholic and State Schools in our area. They all performed very well with lots of PB's thrown, jumped and run on the day. We are very proud of your fantastic achievement, well done.

SCHOOL FEES
Reminder notices for Term 3 school fees will be sent home today. We would appreciate payment by Friday 12th September. If your account has been paid just recently, please disregard the reminder. Thank you.
Prep B  Milla for demonstrating an excellent knowledge of 3D shapes. Well done Milla!
Prep G  Mia for putting in an outstanding amount of work to learn her words. Keep up the great effort!
          Jed for always having a smile on your face and for being a great friend.
Prep W  Xander for showing great determination and persistence when completing tasks.
1B    Meg for being active in her learning and sharing some wonderful ideas.
1G    Jemima and Max for contributing wonderful ideas to their problem solving group work.
1W    Hugh for always presenting a well prepared Show and Share and speaking confidently in front of your peers.
          Harry for excellent work during Maths activities and using your doubles and near doubles to solve problems.
2B    Dominic for trying very hard this week to complete all his work on time. Keep up the good work.
2G    Ruby for excellent work and for always showing respect for others.
2W    Finny for great concentration and enthusiasm when completing our Nim’s Island dictionary activities.
          Max for great work on our animal report note taking.
3B    Fletcher for fantastic perseverance and attention to detail when editing.
3G    Flynn for continuing to show great enthusiasm in class and gaining strong results with your number facts.
3W    Elizabeth for approaching all activities with a positive attitude and giving 100% effort.
4B    Ioan for being a great friend to others and showing humility in his work.
          Charlie for participating enthusiastically in class discussions.
4W    Bella for her enthusiasm and hard work that you display every day.
5B    Ella for a conscientious work ethic and excellent class participation.
6B    Candice for her excellent work on her Geography/History assignment.
7B    Olivia for demonstrating responsibility by beginning and completing tasks promptly and with enthusiasm.

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ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

Club News

REMEMBER: Netball End of Year Presentation is on Sunday 14 September from 3:30pm – 5:00pm starting with a team picnic on the oval and then moving into the Hall for presentations at 4:15pm.

DATE CLAIMER: St Joseph’s Netball club AGM Monday 13 October @ 7:30pm in the Italian Room
NB. There was an error in the last newsletter and 7:30pm start is correct.

Team News

St Joseph’s 1 Gold U12 (Div 2)
We start with the first game of two possible on a beautiful sunny day perfect for finals netball.

St Joseph’s 1 vs The Gap 2 preliminary final (knockout)
This was the game which we had to win. This was the game that our girls were fired up to win as our last encounter with this team ended in a draw. The day was perfect, so all that stood between us and a final’s birth was this team of extremely tall and very well drilled and skilled young Gap girls. The game started well with possession and goals going with the centre pass and things then heated up when our girls came up flawless goal shooting by Isabelle and Brianna. The game kept this pattern but add to that defence you would not read about and we ended this game as winners and gained a spot in the grand final to be played soon after the finish of this game.
The score at the hooter - St Joeys 15, The Gap 10.

St Joseph’s 1 vs Aspley GRAND FINAL
Well this was always going to be a tough ask for our girls after giving their all in a knockout game an hour prior to the start of this game. But in true Joey’s spirit, this didn’t deter our girls. The game started and it was full of thrills and a few spills. For a coach to see her nine girls all playing with grit, teamwork, and determination, it’s no wonder coach had to shed a little tear (hard to admit that one) They never ever, ever gave up - even in the third and fourth quarters when the fatigue and heat really set in, our girls kept on fighting and slowly clawed their way back into the game. Unfortunately the game ran away from us with a final score of 27-19, Aspley winning a hard fought but fair and well umpired game. To my girls Brianna, Kate, Bridget, Lillian, Ruth, Ruby, Georgia, Isabelle, our reserve Chloe, and Lannie (who was unable to play in the finals but was there in spirit) you have shown yourselves, your parents, all the spectators on the day and me, your very proud coach, how incredibly mature you all are - in the way you dealt with your defeat. In my eyes you guys are winners and I couldn’t be more proud of you. It’s the end of the season and an era, but the beginning of many sporting opportunities for you all. Good luck and remember - Go Joeys! Nicky. X

St Joseph's 2 U12 Brown (Div 5) v Valleys
After two rain-soaked Saturdays we finally got to play the semi-finals on 29 August. After first quarter jitters settled, every member of the team brought their A game, playing beautifully and dominating the court. It was a tough game, matching goal for goal - we were one up at half time, even at the end of the third quarter, and then narrowly pipped in the final quarter. Coach Abbey and all the parents and family members watching were incredibly proud of your skills, teamwork and attitude right up to and after the final hooter. Congratulations to every team member on a wonderful season and a fantastic semi-final performance. St Joseph's 5 - Valleys 6

St Joseph's 5 – U11 White (Div 5) v Valleys GRAND FINAL
Grand final day dawned clear and sunny and the team came well rested to the court after a two-week break due to weather. All Hallow’s were the team to beat all season but surprised St Joeys by failing to secure a finals berth in the earlier Semi Final play off. St Joeys took to the court with determination and focus and the crowd at both ends was in good cheer by the end of the second quarter. The girls fought hard for possession and kept up their signature defensive play but in the final quarter Valleys had one more surprise in store - coming back to take the win the Grand Final 8-4.

Congratulations go to a team who truly understand the meaning of working together. Every girl really did give of their best and maintained an exemplary standard of fair play throughout the season. Well done St Joeys's White.
Date: Saturday 11th October 2014

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Gambaro Restaurant
33 Caxton Street, Paddington

Cost: $37.50 p/p

Tickets: Available until Monday 6th October 2014

Theme: Oktoberfest

Details: A glass of champagne on arrival and a selection of canapes will be served during the evening. There will be no formal sit down meal, it will be very casual standing around chatting, drinking and laughing (child free).
ST JOSEPH'S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 9 September 2014

1. Welcome and Open Meeting  Bess Howard
2. Opening Prayer  Nicole Scarcella
3. Attendance and Apologies
4. Acceptance of Business of the previous General Meeting held on 6 August 2014
5. Business / Action Items arising from the previous meeting
6. A/Principal’s Report  Kevin Billion
7. President’s Report  Bess Howard
8. Treasurer’s Report  Georgett Coleman
9. Correspondence  Nicole Scarcella
10. St Vincent’s de Paul community service  Bess Howard
11. Extra-Curricular Activities Co-coordinators  Kevin Billion
12. Parent Interest Support Groups
   a) Tuck-shop  Jackie Beauchamp
   b) Tennis Courts/electronic tennis court booking system  Catherine Myers
   c) Active School Travel / Road Safety  Christine Brown
   d) Music
   e) Uniform Sub Committee  Clarissa Turner/Carolyn Keogh
   f) Care and Concern  Glenda Hawley
   g) Sport
13. General Business
   • Teacher’s Day  Nicole Scarcella
   • Big Buddies and Prep welcome  Cate Clifford
   • Father’s Day Stall  Danielle Raward
   • St Joseph’s Business Directory update  Bess Howard
   • Alternative photography company update  Kevin Billion
   • Selling handballs at school for the children  Kym Woods
14. Close Meeting
Dear Families

Thank you everyone who came to say Bye Bye to winter on Sunday - Spring sprang early! We had a lovely afternoon in the sunshine - had a bite to eat, a glass of something and listened to some great music by some very talented (very) local artists. It was particularly good to have some of our wonderful teachers, Mr Billion, Fr Stanley and Fr James with us.

**Particular thanks go to:**

**Entertainment:** Thank you to Nick, Henry and Sam Weinert, Richard Watkins and Phil Smith for such great live music. Thanks also to Michael Coulson, the roadie, and to Cate Clifford for coordinating the entertainment. Thank you to the junior and senior bands for their lovely performances and for Linda Pendrith for preparing them.

**Sponsorship:** Thanks to some generous families who have pitched in to cover some of our costs, and to businesses that have kindly contributed - Merlo (Wilkinson Family), QffS (Peberdy Family), Pinnacle Practice (Fuchs Family), String of Beads (Raward Family), Property Searchers (McGeever Family), 8020 Consulting (Horton Family), Zippy.com.au (Doyle Family), Brisbane Broncos and The Gap Health & Racquet. Thanks also to Milton state school for lending us your stage.

**Bar:** Thanks to Justin Sheahan and Liam Walsh for taking on the bar, once again doing a wonderful job, and to all their bar staff. Thanks also to Carolyn Keogh for sorting soft drinks.

**BBQ:** Julia and Matthew Horton did a great job on the BBQ. Huge thank you to Mike Peberdy for donating so much of the BBQ supplies. Thanks to the Horton, and the BBQ staff, who all pitched in to cover all other costs of the BBQ.

**Coffee Shop:** Huge thank you to James Wilkinson for donating fabulous Merlo coffee and his barista skills on the day. Thanks also to Lisa Quinn and Kerry Alessandra who ran (and decorated) the coffee shop so beautifully and to their beaut bakers.

**Hot Chips:** Thanks to our resident hot chip ladies - Suzi Meehan and Jodie Mackay. It was a bitter sweet day for Suz - it was her last hurrah on the hot chips. The P & F thanks her for all her years on the deep fryer.

**Rides:** Thanks Michelle Fitzgerald (who didn't know what she was getting herself into!) and Erin Hancock (who did), for organising the rides.

**Lob-a-choc:** Thank you Velia D'Arienzo for rolling out the old favourite!

**Face painting:** Thank you Jen Davis-Miles and Anna Wu for organising the wonderful face paints and tattoos - the kids loved it! Thank you also to those families who kindly sponsored the professional face painters.

**Treasury:** Thank you Chantelle Davison and Sophia Cole for again manning the treasury and sorting cash. Much appreciated!

**Thank you!!:** The talented Michelle Brown for the cute graphics, Kate Hunter for doing a wonderful job as MC all day and keeping us in line, Simon Anderson for sorting electrics, Therese Beavis for WHS, Sam Cowlishaw and Michael Thorpe for manning the first aid and Ann-Louise Coulson and Catherine Hargreaves for letter box dropping our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who gave an hour or four, baked, did bins, or gave of your valuable time in any way.

Lastly, the biggest thank you to the wonderful Kelly Beasley for helping coordinate the day - a big job done in her usual unflappable way.

We did have some BBQ leftovers - thank you to Sarah Hore for taking them over to Rosie's. Although the focus was on enjoying the day with our kids, around $11,000 was raised for the P&F (I'll confirm total next week).
The Gap Health and Racquet Club Player of the Week: Matisse

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Lloyd Davies (Coach)

Sunday Liturgy Helpers

We are looking for some new mums/dads to take liturgy classes on the 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month. No experience required, just need a Blue Card (or equivalent – Parish can help to attain) and be able to prepare a short 15 minute session based on the weekly gospel. Depending on the age group it can be a chat, or puzzle/colouring activity. Resources are available. If you are interested, please contact Glenda Hawley on cghawley@gmail.com

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.

Community News

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There’s no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960’s and 70’s who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family’s head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn’t deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don’t enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:

2. **Spend time with your sons**
   A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like Superman. Ironically, he may give him mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That’s when boys turn off their dads.

3. **Don’t whip out on discipline**
   Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going into bed. Then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children’s behaviour.

4. **Treat your daughters well**
   There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5. **Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent**
   Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It’s part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the ‘old run, young run syndrome’. He’s right. It’s a type of rite of passage that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son’s life.

6. **Support your partner**
   Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

7. **Change as your child changes**
   Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They’re kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. Being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children will help all they need to know about parenting.

GIRLS, GET INTO THE T20 ACTION

SUPER FUN, SOCIAL AND ACTIVE
IT'S CRICKET AND IT'S A BLAST!

YOUR NEAREST MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE:

Girls Only T20 BLAST Valley DCC

First 64 Girls to Register Receive the program FREE! Program costs $99.00
When: 6pm Friday 24th October (Program runs for 8 weeks)
What: First night is a ‘Come and Try’ night
Where: Bowman Park, Simpsons Rd, Bardon, 4060

Contact: Wayne Smith 0411 516 659 or w.smith@valleycricket.org.au
Register by heading to www.valleycricket.org.au. Click the menu heading ‘T20 Blast Registration Girls’ a new page will open. Click the green ‘Register’ button and click ‘Get Started’.

SIGN UP AT T20BLAST.COM.AU