A letter from Fr Peter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

In one of our Jubilee families, today it is like a Good Friday. Perhaps a job has been lost, a career derailed, a serious illness has been diagnosed or a valued relationship has unravelling. It is a disaster; it feels like the end. As the situation unfolds other members of the family put aside their own lives and concerns and do what they can to help. Together, mum and dad, sister and brother bring healing, hope, forgiveness and resurrection to their life as a family. The love of our families transforms every tragic and desperate Good Friday into Easter.

In one of our Jubilee class rooms it is a Good Friday. The words and the sentences just don’t make sense. Everyone else can do it, everyone else can understand it! The young student is so frustrated that she just wants to quit. One of our tired, overworked teachers sees her student’s frustration and puts in some extra time and patiently works through the words and sentences with her young student. After a lot of hard work and patience the “lights come on”. A teacher’s caring and generous gift of time transforms this student’s Good Friday into Easter.

Something unexpected happens in our community that makes it feel like Good Friday. A sudden hail storm brings devastation, a flood washes away a lifetime of memories, a fire reduces a family home to ashes. In the midst of the despair, appearing out of nowhere, people come to lend a hand, share whatever they have, give whatever they can. And while nothing can take away the loss and suffering the generosity of others begins the transformation of this Good Friday into the promise of Easter.

Along our journey together there are many days that seem like Good Friday. These are the days when it feels as if the walls are closing in on us, we see no way out from under our burdens, our problems overwhelm us. It is very easy to find ourselves stuck in a Good Friday world!

Christ’s resurrection, however, powerfully reminds us that Good Friday is only part of the Easter story. By raising his Son from the dead God vindicates the gospel message that good will triumph over evil, love will conquer hatred, that the light of Christ’s resurrection will shatter the darkness of our journey.

This is the Good News we embrace here in Jubilee. As we live this holy of Holy Weeks let us never forget that Good Friday is not the end of the story. As a parish family we embrace the good news of Easter morning’s empty tomb – that is what transforms us – that is what is reflected in the lives we live and the hope we have.

As this first school term comes to an end, as we look beyond Good Friday, as we look forward to Easter Sunday and the school holidays that follow, may the blessings of the risen Christ be with you and yours this Easter,

Fr Peter Brannelly
Jubilee Parish Priest
### MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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**Say “No!” To Bullying Day**

All classes talked about and reflected on the Say “No!” to Bullying message last week. Students in 5B completed this tree with their teacher as a way of showing how they could be a good friend using the analogy of friendship being like that of a growing tree.

For a tree to grow strong and healthy, it needs a strong root system and a healthy trunk before it can grow a canopy of leaves and fruit. The root system represents the qualities that are important in friendships, the trunk represents the online context, and the canopy (crown) of leaves and fruit represents behaviours that are reasonable and ethical when online.
Principal’s Welcome

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to congratulate each and every one of our students on their achievements and success in learning. The feedback from our teachers and parents in relation to Term 1 interviews has been affirming and forward thinking as learning goals for Term 2 are set. Our students have truly let their lights shine as part of our Christ centred learning community.

Over these past two weeks I have been interviewing our 2016 Prep enrolments. It has been a delight to spend time with these children and their parents, and to hear their aspirations for their student’s primary schooling. It has also been a wonderful opportunity to also seek feedback about our school. The affirmations given again reinforce the unique place that is St Joseph’s School. We are blessed to have dedicated and professional teachers and support staff, supportive and collaborative parents in partnership with us and the gifts and talents of our students that we celebrate daily. This positive culture is evident with the number of families wishing to enrol in our school for 2016. As principal, I can proudly share with our enrolling families that St Joseph’s strives for equity and excellence and our Franciscan values of humility, care and respect are lived each day. Please ensure, if you have a child who you wish to enrol in Prep for 2016, please do so as soon as possible.

We wish Amy and Ben all the very best for their upcoming wedding on Saturday 18th April. Miss H will be taking the first 4 weeks of Term 2 as Long Service Leave. We thank and welcome Mrs Teresa Jirasek who will act as APRE whilst Amy is on leave. Teresa has been an APRE and held leadership positions over a number of years and her leadership experience is invaluable. Our school community are blessed to have her step up whilst Amy is away. Thank you to Mrs Bernadette Jones who will be the PG teacher for these 4 weeks.

On Monday, a team of eight of our teaching staff came together to further explore and professionally discuss the Personal and Social General Capability from the Australian Curriculum. Vital to ensuring a whole school approach to developing this General Capability with all of our students, is to review our current Anti-Bullying Policy, School Behaviour Policy, revise our whole school approach to behaviour and develop a common language of STAR (our school expectations), review our Step Plan, create a “Rocket” Room for time out to take responsibility and think about choices made and finally to develop a scope and sequence of our social and emotional program encompassing the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum. This professional team will ensure that from Prep to Year 6, we have a transparent and clear approach to support students’ well-being, healthy lifestyle choices, positive relationship skills and strategies, safety and strength of character and confidence to make right choices.

An overview of their plan is below:

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School operates within the Archdiocese of Brisbane and as such is responsible for the dedication to Brisbane Catholic Education’s Mission to “Teach, Challenge and Transform.” Willingly accepting this responsibility, St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School aims to have a “Christ centred community, focused on the Franciscan values of Humility, Care and Respect.”

Our school aims to establish an environment where we are STARS who show Humility, Care and Respect as we:

- Stay safe
- Take responsibility
- Actively learn
- Respect self and others

Our school community believe that in developing a consistent, proactive approach both to educating our students about behaviour choices and managing these choices, that we are most able to positively influence the fulfilment of our mission and the achievement of the aims and goals of our school community. Here at St Joseph’s we have a Personal and Social Capability Team (PSCT) to support these aims and goals. Part of the team’s role is to revisit and refine our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies in Term 1 and these will be relaunched to our school community in Term 2 of 2015.

Our school believes that educating students about behavioural choices needs to be proactive and this will done through the implementation of ‘Program Achieve’ (A Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum) in conjunction with the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum. The PSCT have developed a scope and sequence from P to 6 outlining the sequence the learning activities which will promote the development of the social and emotional capabilities of our students that lead to success in school and life, emotional wellbeing, and positive relationships with others and the community. As we target the Personal and Social Capability, as embedded within all areas of the Australian Curriculum, you will notice the students next term beginning to use the STAR language. Each student will have a Personal and Social Capability book for recording their learning in this area.

A huge thank you to the P&F community for their fundraising efforts in Term 1 through the Disco, Readathon and St Joseph’s Day Meal Deal. All monies raised will come back to our school for the purchase of more ICT devices for classrooms.

We look forward to Term 2 which commences on Monday 20th April. We will begin our term with Prayer Assembly in the hall at 8:35am with a focus on the Resurrection of Christ, the Easter season and a fresh start for a new term.

Best wishes for a safe and happy term break.

Fran
From the APRE
Caritas: Project Compassion
Our Project Compassion appeal concludes today. Thank you for your generous support during the Lenten Season.

Holy Week
This week we gathered each morning as a Christ-centred learning community to prayerfully retell and reflect upon the story of the last week of Jesus’ life. Throughout the week, we have listened to the Gospel to hear the stories of: Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the Last Supper when Jesus shared a Eucharistic meal with His friends, Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus’ betrayal by Judas and arrest, and finally Jesus’ crucifixion. After the school holiday break, our first whole school assembly will have a celebratory tone as we know the next part of the story is Jesus’ resurrection.

‘Holy Week’ is the term we give the Paschal Triduum, a three-day observance beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday (today) with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and ending on Saturday evening with the Easter Vigil. Purple is usually associated with Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Sunday, the liturgical season of Easter begins and this lasts for 50 days. Readings during Easter focus on Jesus’ teaching after the Resurrection. The festive colours used during the Easter season are white and gold. The Alleluia, sung or said, returns to welcome the Gospel during Mass.

Community Prayer
Aligned with our school Vision to be a Christ centred learning community, from Term 2 we will be offering the opportunity for all of our St Joseph’s family to participate in Community Prayer on the first Friday of the month at 8:00am in the Church. Currently our school staff meet weekly on Friday mornings to pray together. Opening this prayer experience to our students, their families and our parishioners will be a positive way to continue building great relationships across all spheres of our school. Our first Community Prayer will be held on Friday 1 May at 8:00am in the Church. The focus of this prayer will be the Rosary. Please feel most welcome to join us for this time and to bring your Rosary beads with you.

ANZAC Day
Alongside our other Jubilee Catholic Parish schools, we have been invited to attend an ANZAC Day march starting in the St Finbarr’s School carpark and progressing to Stewart Place Memorial on Saturday 25th April. Further information will be available in our first week back at school for Term 2.

As a school community, we will gather on our oval on Thursday 23 April at 10:15am for a short prayer and memorial service. Families are most welcome to join us for this prayer service.

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself. Tecumseh

Amy Heshusius
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

KM Club News!

Wow, Our first washout, hopefully our last.

As District Cross Country trials were to be held yesterday at KM Club we will now be holding them on SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AT 4PM. This will be run by Mrs Lewis, Mrs Brockhurst and Mrs Rose but parents are most welcome to come and assist. Others are still welcome to come and have a practice run for St Joseph’s Cross Country which is on Friday 24th April. We will sign this off in your folders, so bring them.

In the meantime keep those kilometres ticking over during the holidays. Remember to record all kilometre run using half or whole kilometres and have an adult sign.

SO - After Easter!!

District trials on Sunday 19th April @ 4pm, parent supervision welcome
First Wednesday session, 22nd April @ 7.40am, parent supervision required
First Sunday sessions starting on the 26th April @ 4pm, parental supervision required. Marshals are needed along the creek course and on the oval on Sundays, so please come forward and offer your assistance to ensure a safe running environment for the children.

CONGRATULATIONS to 2G and 1B for having all their fees paid by the end of term 1. Remember to send in your joining fee. Make sure it is clearly marked with name and grade. Please DO NOT hand in loose money.

Until next term – Keep Smiling! Keep running!
St Joseph’s Cross Country Carnival

Students Involved – Prep to Year 6

When – Friday 24th April, Friday week 1, Term 2 (weather permitting)

Where – JUBILEE PARK (Fletcher Parade, Bardon)

When - 9:00am - 11.30am

Important points to remember

- Wear sports uniform or house colour shirt and shoes suitable for running
- Bring hat, sunscreen, snacks, FULL water bottle (maybe a change of shoes and socks)
- Please drop your child to Jubilee Park by 9am. The children will be bussed back to school after their race
- Children needing PUFFERS should have these in their pockets at all times.
- Parents please take note of the area marked by cones when parking at the park as it is designated for the bus picking up the kids
- If you are able to assist on the day with course marshalling please contact the school on pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au

It is an expectation that all children will take part in this school event. However, if your child will not be taking part due to illness, injury or fitness concerns please forward a note to your child’s teacher, so that race recorders can be notified.

Please note that the times listed are approximate only.

9:00am - 2km - Senior girls / boys (born 2004 & 2003)
9:30am - 500m - Year 1 boys then Year 1 girls (ALL Year 1 students)
9:50am - 500m - Prep boys then Prep girls (ALL Prep students)
10:10am - 1km - Junior boys then girls (born 2007 & 2008, no Year 1s)
10.40am - 1.5km - Intermediate boys then girls (born 2006 & 2005)

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO CLASS TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL.

My child ___________________________ Class _________ has permission to take part in the school cross country at Jubilee Park on Friday 24th April. I understand that I am responsible for dropping my child at Jubilee Park by 9am and give permission for them to return to school by bus.

Parent signature ____________________________ Date __________

Emergency Contact Details ____________________________
Joey’s Junior Choir

Commencing Term 2, children from Prep to Year 2 are welcome to join the “Joey’s Junior Choir” - a singing group specifically for children in the Early Years.

Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday mornings at 8am in Room 16A.

The first rehearsal will take place in Week 2 - Tuesday, 28th April. This will serve as a little “trial” and information session to see if this is something the children would like to be involved with.

We request that you please tear off and complete the form below to indicate if your child will be attending the first rehearsal. Please return this to your child’s class teacher. A more formal commitment to attend ongoing Tuesday rehearsals will be required if the children are keen to join the choir. If you have any specific questions regarding the choir, please see Miss. Jordan (Prep W).

Happy singing!

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My child _____________________________ in class _______________ will attend the Joey’s Junior Choir first rehearsal on Tuesday, 28th April at 8am.

Signed: ______________________________________________
We had a big Active School Travel Week last week at St Joseph’s.

MONDAY ASSEMBLY 23rd MARCH – AST PERFORMERS!
We had the fabulous Active School Travel performers – Roadstar, Red and Green visit our school for morning assembly and put on a great show.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 4B, our first Active School Travel winners for the year! 4B had the “Highest Percentage of Active School Travellers” in Term 1 and were awarded with a certificate and the Star Class Trophy at Monday’s assembly.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
All the Walking School Bus children were very excited to receive Active School Travel slap bands and balloons as rewards for joining us for the walk from school to Bowman Park every week. Well done everyone.

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH - AST BREAKFAST!
We also had our Term 1 AST breakfast on to celebrate St Joseph’s Active School Travel efforts.

It was good to see so many children enjoying the breakfast muffins, juice and fruit and lining up for their Active School Travel reward. Thank you to all our enthusiastic helpers, especially Lea Gamble from Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel programme who dropped in to give us a hand.

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

- 4B – 100%
- 3B – 71%
- 3G/3W – 65%

Next Committee Meeting 2pm on Tuesday 28th April - Contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Chicken Helpers
We are looking for families who can help care for our school chooks. Are you able to help during the week and/or over the weekend and would you like some lovely free range eggs?

Monday to Friday Care
Putting the chooks away in the afternoon/evening. Topping up their food bowl and refreshing their water.

Weekend Care
Letting the chooks out in the morning and topping up their food bowl and refreshing their water. Putting the chooks away in the afternoon/evening.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Sonya Teevan s.teevan@bne.catholic.edu.au or Katie Andresen k.andresen@bne.catholic.edu.au

Joey’s Read-a-thon 2015 summary
Thank you to all those children who read heaps and supported the Read-a-thon. In total 55% of students from the school participated and they have received their gift this week.

The class which raised the most money was 3B and each child who participated from this class had an extra entry into the major prize draw.

The major prize winners were drawn by Mrs Gardiner and the lucky students were Lachlan McGeever 4B, Christina Hayter 6B, Lucia Sandstrom 4W and Tia Koscharsky 3B.

Arabella Timbs 1B and Gabrielle Cule 6B won the Kate Hunter books.

The total fundraising amounted to $13,838 which was a tremendous effort and all of this will be spent on new Mac book computers which should reach the classrooms by week 2 of next term!

If you have any feedback or complaints or questions about the prizes please contact linda_beckmann@hotmail.com
A note from the P&F President

Before term one draws to an end, I want to especially acknowledge two vital P&F services that speak right to the heart of what it is to be a caring community: Tuckshop and Care and Concern.

The contribution that these two services make to the wellbeing and cohesiveness of our school community is immense, and a credit to our parent convenors:

- Rebecca G - with technology assistance from Jackie B - works with a brigade of volunteer parents, grandparents and supporters to deliver Tuckshop services each week. Volunteers print labels and do the banking. Together they bake, prepare and serve fresh and nutritious food for our children. It is great fun for the kids, and it makes the chore of getting the family out of the house on Mondays just that bit easier; and

- Cath H - who, as the Convenor of the Care and Concern group, ably works with parent volunteers to ensure our community supports each other in times of significant family need.

A parent helped by the 'silent' volunteers of the Care and Concern group last year said:

"I had had an operation, was unwell, overwhelmed, and was unable to drive. My Husband usually worked long hours, and had he done all the cooking, shopping, lunches, washing, caring and drop-offs, our family time over those long weeks would have been non-existent. As it turned out, the help we received during this stressful time was life-changing, and I will be forever grateful."

As for Tuckshop: anyone walking past the Tuckshop on any Monday morning will be well aware that volunteering for tuckshop is loads of fun! And it is a truly great way to meet other parents.

Most of our volunteers are working parents, and these days we even get the odd Dad, with the online roster allowing parents (or Grandparents) to plan in advance for a date and time that fits in with their diary commitments.

I encourage all to have a look at our roster by clicking on the following link. Just one or two mornings a year would be a great help.
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=6cbcf26cc26f42cea6901d3af8a848eb

In Term Two we can look forward to -

- Our outdoor movie night
- Dads' night
- The Mothers' Day stall
- Our State of Origin Tuckshop meal deal; and
- The St Vincent de Paul sleep out activities evening

Volunteering, be it a lot or a little, helps our children in so many ways. Please think about any capacity you might have to help our other volunteers. It may be for just an hour or two a year. It all helps!

I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing Easter break!

Ciao
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Tropfest is coming to St Joseph’s!

As part of the P&F’s Family Movie Night event in May, short film creations from some of our students will be a highlight. Short films will be themed “Shine Your Light” and will appear on the big movie screen under the stars on our school oval.

The Family Movie Night will feature popular children’s and family movies nominated by the students via ballot.

Alongside the exceptional entertainment, P&F will be running a bar, offering a variety of gourmet delicacies for the adults, hotdogs for the kids and movie treats such as popcorn and candy. We will keep you updated with more news about the P&F Family Movie Night in next term’s school newsletters.

It’s going to be a great night of entertainment for all the family!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 23 May 2015
4.30pm - 9.30pm
St Joseph’s School Oval
ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

HOLIDAY SKILL, DRILL and PLAY (11’s and 12’s only)
Due to numbers, we are proceeding with the following ONE (1) Holiday clinic only:

DATE: Thursday 16th April 2015
TIME: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
PLACE: School Hall
WHAT TO BRING: Training gear, water bottle and light snack
COST: A smile and thank you to the Coaches and Umpires on the day
RSVP: chantelle@davesons.com asap

SJNC End of Year Afternoon Tea on the Grass and Presentation is confirmed for Sunday 30th August 2015 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Team News – Round 2

St Joseph’s 1 – U12 Gold (Div 2) v The Gap 27
With much more pleasant conditions this week the girls came out strongly against a tall team from The Gap. We again saw very tight defence straight up, which really limited the opposition’s ability to score goals. Lovely teamwork saw the ball smoothly transported down the centre court by Isabel, Lily and Ella to our goal circle. Siena and Claudia, our shooters, were on the money with their shooting this week and the opposition were not given a look in all day! A strong win to Joey’s.

St Joseph’s 2 - The Gap 5

St Joseph’s 3 – U11 Gold (Div 2) v Pine Hills 18
It was another tough game against some strong opponents for our team, but the girls showed good persistence and enthusiasm throughout the game. A greatly improved effort in collecting rebounds paid off and the team’s good ball passing skills and team work came together nicely in the final quarter.

St Joseph’s 4 – U10 Blue vs Raiders 22
This week found us very evenly matched, but our girls were up to the challenge. A couple of early goals set the scene, and our marvellous defenders ensured that our leading margin was maintained throughout the rest of the game. Intercepts were well supported by the girls playing mid-court to bring the ball quickly down to our goal circle. Unfortunately, the Raiders defenders thwarted many attempts by our shooters to position themselves close to the goal - but the girls made many valiant attempts from mid-range nonetheless. A tight game, but in the end it was another win for our girls - a great way to finish up before the Easter break!

St Joseph’s 5 - U10 Orange v Valleys 29
We had a bit of a slow start to the game and the Valleys scored some quick goals in the first quarter. The girls fought back though, and the next 3 quarters were very tight. Our defence worked hard, and often kept the ball out of the goal circle. Our attacking plays need a little work and the phrase "like bees to a honeypot" was an accurate description. With a little bit of work on getting in to open space, and getting in front of our opponents, our girls could be unbeatable!

St Joseph’s 6 - U8/9 Red v Cannons
The girls enjoyed a fun game against Cannon’s on Saturday displaying their enthusiasm throughout. All the players are showing excellent improvement in their defending skills and knowledge of the rules. It was great to see the smooth flow of the ball up and down the court. It’s looking to be an excellent season! Well done girls, enjoy your Easter break.

St Joseph’s 7 – U8/9 Green v Arana 17
The girls had another great week. Great teamwork against a tough team, with a goal in the first 10 minutes. Every quarter saw the team improve with their intercepts, even with the rain coming down in the last quarter. Their St Joey’s team spirit saw them defending and attacking with enthusiasm right up to the last whistle. A big thanks to our wonderful dedicated coach, Hami. The girls can’t wait to get back to Downey Park next term.

St Joseph’s 8 – U8/9 Maroon v Arana 20
Up against some strong defence in the first quarter, the girls quickly pulled together as a team and persisted in getting the ball down their end. The second and third quarters saw much of the action in Arana’s circle but this did not deter the Joey’s girls, displaying tenacious defence and very impressive intercepts along the way! The game ended on a high with a goal scored by both teams - smiles all round!

St Joseph’s 9 -U8/9 Purple v Cannons 21
Our little netballers were looking hungry on the court this Saturday. For some players this was due to thinking about the team’s post game milkshake, but for others there was a budding desire to WIN. While one of these groups was a little more disappointed than the other at the end of the match, all of the players showed amazing growth from their last game. Keep up the good work team.