Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

We began our second term together as a Christ centred learning community in prayer as Mrs Jirasek led our Resurrection Assembly. Both Fr Peter and Fr Josen were part of our gathering as well as a number of parents. “The Resurrection of Jesus” John 20: 1-9 was shared and in response we remembered that Easter is a time for new beginnings, new life and fresh starts. We reflect that together as we start a new term, we can think of how we can shine our light, especially as part of both the St Joseph’s School and Jubilee Parish community to be the light. We encouraged our students to be lights in their classroom and around school as they show Humility, Care and Respect.

Over the holiday break, the oval space was levelled for the long jump pit, block work was started on the oval for our new flag pole which will be installed in the next few weeks, the toilet wall in our Early Years playground was prepared for our Art project which will start next week, in our undercroft the columns and seating were repainted. We had major work completed on technology upgrades and maintenance. We had a PA system installed in our Tuckshop to be used in the undercroft space, big screen TV installed in our ARTs space as well as all ipads and devices reimaged and updated. This week our 36 new mac books arrived. St Joseph’s is an extremely well-resourced school in technology, where our students as a priority have digital tools at their finger-tips. We are now resourced with 5 ipads in each Prep and Year 1 classroom; 5 macbooks in each Years 2 and 3 classroom; our one to one program in Years 4 and 5; and a bank of 31 laptops for our Year 6 students. Our new technology will be rolled out in the coming weeks. We have banks of devices for use in our Library as well as Italian lessons. I would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of you, our parent community, for your incredible contribution as part of the P&F initiatives in supporting the purchase of some of these devices. The upgrade of our technology infrastructure was expensive but most necessary in ensuring we have high quality resources and the back up to support our student learning, these costs were funded through school funds.

Today we remembered and honoured those who fought and continue to fight to protect our freedom and our land. At our ANZAC assembly students prayed for peace; peace in our world, peace among people in our own country, peace in our families and peace in our own hearts. Representatives from each class laid their wreath in remembrance of those who did not come home to their families and friends; who died fighting for our freedom. I look forward to joining our school representatives and the wider Jubilee community this Saturday to partake in the Ashgrove ANZAC Day March and Service. Please refer to the correspondence that has been sent home.

Our Prep to Year 6 students will be competing in our Cross Country Carnival at Jubilee Park (Fletcher Parade) at Bardon. We will commence at 9.00am. Special thanks to Christie Lewis for her organising of this Carnival. We look forward to welcoming many spectators to this exciting event. Correspondence outlining this event has been sent home earlier. Please ensure your child does have their hat, sun cream, plenty of water and healthy snack for the much needed energy! Students are to wear their sports uniform or house colour shirt and shoes suitable for running.

Parents may have noticed the roped off section around our trees in the Early Years Playground. We have had a tree specialist out to look at these trees. I have decided it is necessary to give these trees a heavy cut back to ensure the area is safe for our students. If we were to experience a storm with heavy winds, I am concerned about the proximity to the classroom. Or if after a storm, branches weaken and possibly fall. This work will be done tomorrow whilst the students are at cross country.
This afternoon our students in Years 4 to 6 will participate in an ARTS afternoon from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. This Arts afternoon will occur every Thursday at this time. Students will be engaged in the five areas of the Arts: Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Media Arts in working towards the culminating celebration of our 2015 School Musical, “Aladdin Trouble”. I would like to acknowledge the incredible leadership and organisation of Mrs Zorzetto in being director of this performance. You will hear more exciting news in the coming months.

Date Flag: Musical Performances will be on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September.

We have many keen students in Prep to Year 2 who are excited about joining the “Joey’s Junior Choir”. The first rehearsal is this coming Tuesday at 8.00am in the classroom to the left of the library (the old Year 7 classroom). Many thanks to Miss Jordan and our Arts Curriculum Team for this leadership.

We congratulate both Amy and Ben on their wedding. It was truly a wonderful celebration and we wish them both a relaxing time on their honeymoon.

Best wishes
Fran

From the APRE

It is with great pleasure that I write for our newsletter today. I feel privileged to have been given this opportunity to be a part of the leadership team here at St Joseph’s. My first week has been so full of wonderful experiences. I have had the great pleasure of working with and getting to know students in other classes as well as meeting new parents as I move around the school.

Our week began with our Resurrection liturgy where we reflected on the Easter story and celebrated the great joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. Our whole school community has been challenged to be a light to the world, starting with their family and friends.

With this year being the Centenary of ANZAC Day (2014-2018) we commemorated the great sacrifice of our Defence Forces past and present, with a very special liturgy this morning. Our whole school community came together to listen, reflect and respond to the ANZAC message. I would like to acknowledge the great respect and reverence that all our students displayed during this important celebration of peace.

ANZAC Day march - As is the custom, St Joseph’s students and families are invited to march in the ANZAC Day march on Saturday morning. A note went home yesterday with information about the meeting place and time to assemble. Unfortunately we gave you the incorrect times and therefore another letter has been emailed to all families this morning with the correct times. Apologies for the confusion. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there representing St Joseph’s school.

7:15 Assemble- Cnr Betheden Tce and Waterworks Rd, Ashgrove
7:30- March commences- walk to Stewart Rd Memorial Park
7:45-8:00- Service commences

Reconciliation- Please keep our Year 3 children and a few of our Year 4 and 5 students in your prayers over the next few weeks as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday 4 May. Next Friday, May 1, all Year 3 students and those Year 4 and 5 students who are involved in the program will be joining with the children from our other Jubilee Parish schools, St Ambrose’s and St Finbarr’s, to enjoy a retreat day together at the Lavalla Centre, Rosalie, as a step in their preparation for receiving this very important sacrament. They will listen and reflect on their own lives and how they can deepen their relationship with God.

Till next week

May God hold you in the palm of His hand

Teresa

Acting Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
ST JOSEPH’S CHESS CLUB

St Joseph’s Chess Club will commence next Thursday morning in the Library at 7.20am – 8.15am. The children are to meet Mrs Robinson on the seats outside the Library where the roll will be marked. St Joseph’s Chess Club will continue until Thursday, 18th June. The coaches from Gardiner Chess are Marcus Porter and Robin Wei.

Music News

Why teach music in schools
Gillian Gardiner
Education Adviser, Australia Council for the Arts

The purpose of art study is not to make artists out of our young people; it is to help them become complete human beings (York 2004).

Welcome to another exciting term of The Arts at St Josephs.

Choral festival News:
Our year 5 students will be attending their first all day rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd June at Our Lady of Fatima, Acacia Ridge. This rehearsal is where we meet up with the other 10 Catholic primary school choirs and rehearse the songs for our concert in Term 3. A travel permission note and information letter will be sent home closer to the date. Don’t forget to put the Choral Festival final concert date in your diaries and calendars: Tuesday 15th September at 7.00 pm at St Francis Xavier Primary School, Goodna.

‘Aladdin Trouble’
You are probably all aware that our musical this year is called ‘Aladdin Trouble’ – a children’s musical based on the stories of the Arabian Nights. We have been designing our logo for our musical t-shirts for this year with wonderful success. Students from each year level from Year 2 – 6 have designed a logo and the teachers and committee members have chosen our winning design. These will be presented on assembly next Monday morning. Such excitement!

Also we are including our Preps to Year 2’s in this production with the students singing a couple of the songs in the musical. More news about this inclusion and what it entails as the details come to hand.

Auditions for the major roles are still in progress and will be continuing throughout the first few weeks of rehearsals.

The Students from Year 4 – 6 will be rehearsing on a Thursday from 2 – 3. Some students will be involved in the Art and Media side of the production with some students singing and dancing in the chorus and some in the drama department. Each student will be assessed with the new Australian curriculum standards of making, performing and responding.

Dates for the Musical are: Thursday 3rd September, Friday 4th September at 7.00 pm in the school hall. Please mark your calendars and diaries for these important dates.

Stay tuned for more exciting happenings!

KM Club News

KM Club continued this week with our Wednesday session. Don’t forget our Sunday sessions kick off in earnest this Sunday, 26th April at 4pm at Bowman Park. Please be aware that parental supervision is required for these sessions and you should be present or have organised someone else to be responsible for your child/ren.

Marshals are needed along the creek course and on the oval, so please come forward and offer your assistance to ensure a safe running environment for the children. Those who had already offered assistance should have received a roster at the end of last term. Please see Mrs Brockhurst or Mrs Rose if you did not, but any assistance on Sunday will be most appreciated.

We still have outstanding joining fees so please send them in asap. Make sure it is clearly marked with name and grade. Please DO NOT hand in loose money. Yr 1B and Yr 2G won the prize for having everyone paid up by last term.

Until next week – Keep Smiling! Keep running!
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: ________________________________
The P&F is holding a Mother’s Day Stall on

**Friday 8th of May**
*(Prep’s stall on Thursday 7th May)*

Choose a lovely gift for Mum.

Gifts include:

- aprons & love-heart measuring cups
- gardening glove & shovel sets
- gorgeous handmade bead bookmarks
- notepads
- candles
- handmade crystal bracelets
- travel coffee mugs
- tea cups & saucers
- photo frames
- and lots more........

.........and a small selection of gifts for Grandma/Nanna too!

**Prices range from $1 - $10**

You can get several presents to make up a nice package for Mum for $10-20!
CUPCAKES AND CORDIAL FOR CANBERRA!!

$1.50 – CUPCAKE
$0.70 – CORDIAL
$2.00 – CUPCAKE & CORDIAL

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Mt Maria College Mitchelton

Your invitation to OPEN DAY

Monday | 4 May 2015
3.30pm - 7.00pm
54 Prospect Road, Mitchelton
www.mtmaria.com.au

Meet the Principal and tour the Campus

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Save the Date
Sunday
17th May 10am - 2pm

247 Simpsons Road, Bardon

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MT ST MICHAEL'S COLLAGE
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, August 1, 2015

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join Mt St Michael's Facebook page for updates
For any further details regarding this event email Sloane Poole-Warren at spoolewarren@msm.qld.edu.au or 3858 4947 or Jenny Kemp at jkemp@msm.qld.edu.au or 3858 4946