Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Thank you to the students, parents and staff who represented St Joseph’s last Saturday at the ANZAC Day march. It was inspiring to see such a commitment from so many from our community as they took part representing our school in the wider community of Bardon and Ashgrove. Our students’ behaviour, as always, was exemplary and they shone as our St Joseph’s stars. On our Monday assembly we launched our STAR positive approach to behaviour, which you will hear more and more about this coming term. Today Mrs Jirasek and Miss Jordan have taken some of our Year 6 leaders to record our school song and STAR song which encourages our students to display safe, inclusive behaviours.

Our school Cross Country event was a huge success. Again the parental support as spectators added to this celebration of participation as our students demonstrated resilience, perseverance and encouraging sportsmanship as they cheered on their peers. It was a warm day and a long way for our students to run and I was very proud of their achievements. Special thanks to Mrs Lewis for her wonderful organisation.

This term our students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in interschool sport with a number of other local Catholic schools. The sports are AFL, Soccer, Netball and Touch Football. St Joseph’s is a school that promotes Health and Physical Education which is evident through our many in school sporting endeavours as well as our extra-curricular opportunities.

On Tuesday, Miss Jordan and a number of our staff supported our “Joey’s Junior Choir” with 60 students from our Prep to Year 2 classes who displayed tremendous enthusiasm as they participated. Last Thursday was our first afternoon of the “Expressive Arts” where our students from Years 4 to 6 engaged in all 5 areas of the Arts: Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Media Arts and Music. The students are very excited already about our Musical Celebration as they begin to prepare for this performance as they engage with the Australian Arts Curriculum subject. Mrs Zorzetto has done a wonderful job in preparing these learning opportunities for our students to shine creatively and expressively.

As I continue to complete sibling and new family enrolments for 2016 it is affirming to hear the very positive feedback from those seeking an education at our great school. St Joseph’s has excellent resources and offers high academic opportunities for all our students as well as a very rich Health & Physical Education Program, ARTS Program and Year 6 Leadership Program. This coming Tuesday (5th May) at 3.15pm, I am meeting with our current Year 3 parents to discuss the tremendous reward in your child remaining at St Joseph’s to complete their primary education. I am meeting with our current Year 4 parents the following Monday (11th May) at 3.15pm as well.

This term, Semester 1 Reports will be posted home on the last day of this term. “Evidence of Learning” will be sent home also to accompany this report. Parents need to ensure their correct postal address is on our school data base. Please contact our school office is you have changed address.

On Monday evening, I joined Mrs Busby and Mrs Johnson as we spoke to our Year 6 parents about the upcoming Canberra trip in the second last week of this term. This trip will be a highlight for our students as they actively investigate and engage with the Year 6 Curriculum Focus in History: Australia as a Nation.

The Year 6 curriculum moves from colonial Australia to the development of Australia as a nation, particularly after 1900. Students explore the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship over time. Students understand the significance of Australia’s British heritage, the Westminster system, and other models that influenced the development of Australia’s system of government. Students learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia and their contributions to Australia’s economic and social development. The key historical concepts for Year 6 are sources, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy and significance.

I am really looking forward to this opportunity to accompany the students as the itinerary is very impressive.

Yours in education
Fran
From the APRE
This has been another busy week here at St Joseph’s with much learning taking place. We started our week with a beautiful reflective prayer assembly led by our Year 2 classes centred on the ANZAC story. Once again our students were respectful and reverent as they listened and prayed for those who have given their lives so that we may live in peace. Next Monday our Year 1 classes will lead assembly focussing on RESPECT. All parents and families are welcome and invited to attend our weekly assemblies.

We also welcomed a visitor to our assembly on Monday, Mr Joseph Foley, who is the director of CARITAS Australia. Joseph was here to acknowledge the efforts of all our students in the recent Project Compassion campaign, which took place over the six weeks of Lent leading to Easter. This year we raised just over $1200 which, when added to our contributions over the last 5 or 6 years, comes to over $10000 raised here at St Joseph’s. Joseph expressed his gratitude on behalf of Caritas and shared some of the ways our contributions have been used. It was wonderful to hear that so many people have been able to benefit from the generosity of our community. Let’s keep it up.

On Tuesday our year 5 and 6 students celebrated the Eucharist together as they asked God to support them in their role as leaders. Servant Leadership was the theme of this very special mass and our school leaders are certainly proving they are wonderful role models to all our students. The readings and songs were selected specifically for this theme and were reflective of the message that Jesus is truly our model of Servant Leadership. Thank you to student and teachers for preparing so beautifully for this mass and a special Thank You to Fr Josen who shared a thought provoking homily asking us all to be shining lights in our community.

Year 4 will be celebrating mass together next Tuesday and as always we warmly welcome all parents to join with us in this special prayer time.

Tomorrow will be an exciting day for our Year 3 and some Year 4 and 5 students as they head off to the Lavalla Centre at Rosalie for their Reconciliation Retreat day. During the day the students will learn more about the sacrament of Reconciliation as well as meet other students from the other Jubilee Parish schools of St Ambrose’s and St Finbarr’s. We are all very excited about this big day out. Please keep all our candidates for Reconciliation in your prayers as they finalise their preparation ready for receiving the sacrament for the first time on Monday night.

Invitation
We would like to extend a warm invitation to parents and friends of St Joseph’s to join us tomorrow morning in community prayer. Our Catching Fire prayer team will be leading a community prayer session focussing on the Rosary, in the church beginning at 8:00. We encourage you to come along to join our staff for this special occasion.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Teresa
Acting Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

Important Notice from Brisbane City Council
Brisbane City Council, Asphalt and Aggregates Branch
wishes to advise that preparation works including reconstruction of failed areas and profiling of the road surface at the above location are scheduled as follows:

Sunday 3 May 2015 7am to 5pm from Coopers Camp Road to Northam Avenue

With further preparation works scheduled for:
Tuesday 5 May to Wednesday 13 May 2015 - 9am to 3pm
weekdays only from Coopers Camp Road to Chiswick Road

A huge thankyou to Gavin Irving and family for preparing our Prep Wall. Mrs Heddy Shears, our Arts Specialists worked with our Prep students yesterday as they begin this exciting visual arts project.

Upcoming Events
(Please check our School Website calendar for latest events)

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ST JOSEPH’S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Thank you to the teachers and parents who assisted at the St Joseph’s Cross Country Carnival last week. A fabulous day was had by all, with all the boys and girls running with great enthusiasm and effort and gaining lots of points for their colour house team. Below are the placings from each race and the colour house champions.

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**Cross Country 2015 House Colour Trophy**

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**DISTRICT SPORTS**

Congratulations to Ellen G who has been selected in the North West District Girls Soccer team. Ellen will compete in the Regional Soccer Carnival in a few weeks – great work.

Congratulations also to the 10 students who represented St Joseph’s at the District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. Ella C, Siena D, Ella P, Claudia L, Lily A, Amy W, Libby H, George D, Oliver F and Benji C all ran fantastic amongst very tough competition from all State and Catholic Schools in our District. Special mention to Ella C for winning the 12 years Girls race and Claudia L coming 8th in the 11 years Girls race to both advance to the Regional Cross Country trials. Great effort boys and girls, St Joseph’s is very proud of you all.
**Joey’s Junior Choir**

On Tuesday morning, the Joey’s Junior Choir had their very first rehearsal. More than 60 children from Prep to Year 2 have nominated to be a part of this singing group!

At their first rehearsal, the children learnt how to warm their voices up before singing. They also practised two new songs.

Rehearsals will continue to take place on **Tuesday mornings at 8am in Room 16A (the “old” Year 7 room).**

Here we are singing along! (If you ask the teachers, I’m sure you’ll find they had fun, too!)

*Katie Jordan*

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**Aladdin Trouble” Musical 2015**

Rehearsals for our musical “Aladdin Trouble” have started. Last week the children were put into groups to start learning lines, songs, dances, preparing sets and generally getting the many things needed for the final production in Term 3.

The **Media/Art group** are in charge of advertising, preparing sets and props, taking photos and videos of all the groups for presentation on the night and many other jobs too numerous to mention.

The T-Shirts for the musical have been ordered and should be here any day.

**Calling for all sparkly junk jewellery and old/single socks**

At the moment we are asking parents, grandparents etc. to look in their jewellery boxes for junk jewellery they do not want any more, as this could be used for the scene of Aladdin’s Cave and for decorations of the front panels etc. Old lamps, metal teapots etc would be welcome as well.

We also need lots of socks for one of the scenes.

If any parents wish to help with preparing sets, costumes on a Thursday afternoon after 2pm please contact Jeanette Vanderzee or Rosemary Zorzetto.

Please check your newsletter every week for updates on what is happening in preparation for “Aladdin Trouble”.

*The Media/Art Group*

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**Community Prayer Invitation**

A warm invitation to parent and friends of St Joseph’s to join us tomorrow morning in community prayer. Our Catching Fire prayer team will be leading a community prayer session focussing on the Rosary, in the Church beginning at 8:00am
BPAY have advised the ADF, there is an email circulating, reporting to be from BPAY, advising that your payment has not been successful. This is a hoax email and the following action should be taken:

- This email is not from BPAY
- Do not open any attachments
- Delete the email from your inbox

Please note BPAY never sends out direct email communication to customers.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

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

4B – 87%
5B – 68%
4G – 48%

April's Star Class trophy will be awarded at the Monday assembly on 4th May. Why not give your class a chance to win by making an effort to actively travel to school on our Active School Travel day.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is getting bigger every week. We would like more parents to volunteer to help out, so let us know if you think you can give us a hand on any day.

There are 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 need to notify the coordinator of any changes, please text/call Danielle Heenan on 0402 089367 or email - danielle-heenan73@gmail.com.
- 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.

COMING SOON – NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event encouraging all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school on Friday 22nd May.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 26TH MAY
If you are interested in helping out, please come to our next committee meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 26th May (meet at the office) or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Music News
Why Teach Music in Schools:
It Raises your IQ
Surprisingly, though music is primarily an emotional art form, music training actually provides bigger gains in academic IQ than emotional IQ. Numerous studies have found that musicians generally boast higher IQs than non-musicians. And while these lessons don't necessarily guarantee you'll be smarter than the schlub who didn't learn music, they definitely made you smarter than you would have been without them.

Aladdin Trouble News
Congratulations to all our students on their great designs for our Musical t-shirt. The design has been chosen and results will soon be presented at an assembly. There were finalists in this quest and each finalist will be recognized. Stay tuned!

Our Musical rehearsals started with lots of enthusiasm last Thursday with auditions happening in the drama group, creative students choreographing steps in the chorus group and lots of organization and discussion in our art and media group. Many thanks to all of our teachers who are guiding the students through the creative processes for our production.

We are in need of old odd socks and old, not-needed jewellery for our musical. If you have any available we would appreciate your donation. Please put into a plastic bag with musical written on the front and drop off at the office. Many thanks.

Our Year 3 choir are fantastic!! They are singing up a storm and a concert is on the way. Please stay tuned for the date of this presentation.

Stay tuned!
Rosemary Zorzetto (Music)
Mother’s Day Raffle

Tickets $1 each - drawing raffle at assembly Mon 11 May

Prizes:
- Bag of sports gear & podiatry consultation ($200 value from Shoes Feet Gear)
- Pest Treatment voucher ($120 value from Cure-All Pest Control)
- $100 catering voucher (from Roll’d 410 Queen St)
- Statement crystal necklace ($90 value from String of Beads)
- $50 Dumpling Envy voucher at Eat Street Markets
- Movie Double pass (from Palace Cinema’s at The Barracks)
- And some lovely Mothers Day gift packs.....

Thanks to these wonderful local businesses for donating prizes:

- Shoes Feet Gear
- Rôll’d VIETNAMESE
- CureAll Pest Control
- String of Beads
- Palace Cinemas
- Phil’s Dumpling Envy
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!
**DAD’S NIGHT 2015**

It’s that time of year again where the Dads of St Josephs get to catch up with old friends and hopefully make some new ones at the infamous Dad’s Night!

This year will be held at Iceworks on Friday 29th May from 6.30pm. Cost is $25 (payable on entry) which includes a great selection of food and also a small contribution to the P & F Association.

Make sure you spread the word and check your mates know about it!

Please RSVP as soon as you can to Barney McAuliffe at mcauliffe@bcmtrading.com or 0400 090 822.

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop Sale**

There will be a Uniform Shop sale next Friday 8 May at 8am.

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The P&F are happy to share with you all our monthly meeting agenda a week prior to our meetings in the school newsletter. The P&F are hoping that this will give you all the opportunity to view the month’s agenda items. We encourage you also to provide any suggestions/feedback to the Committee on the agenda items. This is also a fantastic opportunity to invite you to come along to our meetings if there is a particular agenda item that might interest you.

If you have any suggestions/feedback for our future agendas please email Nicole Scarcella on n.scarcella1@optusnet.com.au or call on 0413 180 083.

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**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:

- Online at www.stjosepbsardon.qld.edu.au – see the link for TENNIS COURT BOOKINGS (under ‘Quick Links’)

**OR**

- Email – stjoeystennis@gmail.com

The calendar of tennis court bookings can be found at:
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=stjoeystennis%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia/Brisbane
Hi All

For the last 2 years I have been involved with a group called CanToo which is a foundation that raises money for Cancer research. Since its inception the participants have raised over $14,000,000 which has gone directly to you Australian researchers in the field.

I am currently training with CanToo with the aim of running the half marathon at the Gold Coast in July and therefore have pledged to raise a minimum of $1250 during my training. Of course the more I can raise the better because the aim is to rid this world of the horrible disease of Cancer.

To raise the funds my wonderful husband has helped make solid timber cutting boards which I am selling at bargain prices. They are available in a variety of timbers and three size ranges:

- Small (approximately 30cm X 30cm) $20
- Medium (approximately 30cm X 40cm) $30
- Large (approximately 45cm X 40 – 45 cm) $40

Please consider purchasing one or more of these boards. They are solid timber and will last a life time.

I have about 60 in stock at the moment and carry a range with me wherever I travel. I have some in my classroom and in my car.

Cash payment is great or you can make a payment directly to my fundraising page prior to collecting your chosen board/boards. The link to my page is below just include your name and what size board/boards you have chosen in the comment section.

If you would prefer, you can simply make a donation which would be most gratefully accepted. All donations are tax deductible and you can print your own receipt from the fundraising page. Once again the link is below. Just click on it and follow the instructions.


Thank you in advance of your support.

Suzanne Toole
Yr 4 Teacher

ST JOSEPH’S NETBALL CLUB

Thank you to all the Under 11 and 12 girls who participated in our Drills, Skills and Game Play during the holidays. Round 3 is this Saturday at Downey Park for all SJNC teams – Good luck!!!!