Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

This week, I met with many of our current Year 3 parents and on Monday 11th May will meet with our current Year 4 parents to discuss their children remaining at St Joseph’s for their final primary years. It was a very positive conversation. This feedback further reiterates the incredible offerings that St Joseph’s has, not only as a high quality education facility with very capable professionals engaging the students to reach high standards, but the diverse and vast extra-curricular activities. When we do start to reflect the list becomes very long:

- Equity & excellence in classroom evidenced by our school data
- Our values and Catholic ethos of Franciscan spirituality of Humility, Care and Respect with strong links to our Jubilee Parish community, partnership with the Parish Run Sacramental Program, Mini Vinnies, Pastoral Care Networks, liturgies and masses
- Collaborative partnership and engagement of active parent Involvement
- Whole School Positive Behaviour for Learning: Class Covenants, “STAR” behaviours, “STAR” awards, Rocket Room to support students in responsible thinking, Year 6 Peer Mediators & Buddies to support
- Technology resourcing: interactive whiteboards; smart boards; data projectors; access to iPads; macbooks; Robotics program for Year 3 in Semester 2 in partnership with the University of Queensland (2015, 2016 and 2017); one to one laptop program in Years 4 to 6
- Health & Physical Education Program: access to HPE specialist 3 days per week; annual participation in interschool sport & Gala Days for Years 3 to 6; access to extra-curricular opportunities such as “Athletics club”; “KM club”; “Netball club”; access to Development Officers: Sporting Schools Grant for Semester 2; whole school sporting carnivals; opportunities to represent the school at Zone, District and Regional events; participation in QC Netball Cup.
- Comprehensive ARTS program: Prep to Year 2 “Joey’s Junior Choir”; Year 3 Choir, Year 5 Choir; Instrumental Music program in Year 5 with instruments provided; Junior Band; Senior Band; access to ARTs specialist 2 days per week; whole school Musical bi-annually; access to instrumental music teachers; Visual Arts Specialist Projects visible in our school environment; participation in interschool Choral Festival; participation in external Band competition; representation at musical events in the local community and at Brisbane Catholic Education week
- Extra-Curricular opportunities: Minecraft Club, Gardening Club, Chess Club, participation in the Tournament of the Minds, participation in the Young ICT Explorers Competition, co-ordination of external competitions
- Language Specialisation in Italian from Prep to Year 6 and bi-annual “Italian Day” celebration of learning
- Excellent facilities and school resourcing to maximize student achievement
- Student engagement with Teacher/Librarian 3 days per week who works with students in the areas of Literature, Technology, Digital Citizenship and Cybersafety
- Inclusive Education Support Specialist who works 4 days a week with a team of School Officers and Guidance Counsellor to partner teachers to support all learners on their progression of learning
- Year 6 Leadership Program where all students are recognised as school leaders. This legacy is evidenced through their leadership of Service Groups, whole school assemblies, major sporting events such as Cross Country Carnival, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival; Buddy Program with Prep students and representation of our school in wider community events.
- School Camps in Year 4 and 5 and our week long Canberra trip in Year 6

I would also like to promote a new school leadership program we will be implementing in the playground at St Joseph’s Bardon. ‘Peer Mediation’ is a program that targets conflict resolution and mediation skills at the student level. The ‘Peer Mediation’ program will train Year 6 leaders with mediation skills, allowing them to help younger students in the playground to resolve conflict, peacefully and through negotiation. All students benefit in developing their negotiation and problem solving skills as well as become more self-aware. Strategies used within the playground are age appropriate and confidence building, allowing students to use in the real world. On a roster basis, the Year 6 students will be present and visible in our play areas to help and support students in a mentoring, coaching buddy role. Their purpose is to positively support students to display our STAR behaviours and assist with conflict/resolution in a positive manner.
From the APRE

I would like to begin today by congratulating all of our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, on Monday evening. It was a beautiful experience to witness families coming together to celebrate God’s forgiving love. After spending last Friday together with students from our other Jubilee Parish schools, everyone was prepared and excited about the wonderful experience of receiving forgiveness and starting anew.

This weekend we celebrate and give thanks for mothers. Mother’s Day is a time to enjoy the love and example of all mothers. Last Tuesday our Year 4 classes came together to celebrate mass, where they acknowledged the example, love, joy, fun, friendship, leadership and hugs of their mothers. A special “Thank You” to Fr Peter who led our Eucharistic celebration and shared a beautiful homily with us all. Next week our Year 2 classes will lead Mass and as usual all families are welcome to join us.

Our Preps will be leading our assembly next week with a very special Liturgy focussed around mothers. We warmly invite all mothers, grandmothers and friends to join us for this special occasion on Monday 11 May at 8:35 in our school hall. I hope we see many of you there.

May God bless all mothers and carers as they nurture and guide their children as they grow in faith and love.

A Prayer for Mothers

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and His ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love.

Amen

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Teresa

Acting Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
Mini Vinnies Winter Evening

What is this?
It’s an awareness night based on the important social justice issue of homelessness

Who is running it?
The lovely Rikki Kerr, a very experienced Vinnies youth worker along with parents from St Joseph's who volunteer with the Red Hill/Rosalie Vinnies group

What will happen on the night?
It will be an experiential and importantly a fun evening with age appropriate games and media on the homelessness theme. Children will be seated on their piece of cardboard and be served a very simple dinner

Who are we supporting?
Father Stanley is representing our Parish schools at the upcoming Brisbane West community Sleepout. He will be sleeping rough for the night. Click here to donate to Father Stanely’s cause. Money raised goes directly to the local Vinnies groups.

Details

When: Friday June 5, from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: School Hall, off Cecil Rd, St Joseph’s School Bardon

Who: Children from year 3-6 from St Ambrose, St Finbarr’s and St Joseph’s schools are invited to attend with their parents

What to bring: A piece of cardboard to sit on, a can of food and $10 to cover dinner and a donation to Vinnies.

RSVP: directly to St Joseph’s via linda_beckmann@hotmail.com or 0422 687 522 with your child's name, grade and school and any food allergies.

Please note there is no sleeping out! This is an evening only event.
St Joseph’s Chess Club

This morning in the Library the St Joseph’s Chess Club kicked off for another year. It was a busy morning with the children learning what the pieces are, how they move and exploring some strategies. The children are being coached by Robin and Marcus from Gardiner Chess.

Mrs Jane Robinson
Year 2 Teacher

The next Jamie Oliver is…

Tallulah Clarke in 5Brown entered the cooking competition ‘Are you the next Jamie Oliver?’ and has made it into the Top 5! She is competing against four other very talented young Australian chefs and she needs your support. Lula’s clip of her cooking her own recipe is posted on the Jamie’s Italian Australian Facebook page and the person with the most likes WINS! You must have a Facebook account to be able to vote. So please go to the link below, look for Lula and her ‘Pumpkin and Ricotta Ravioli with Sage Butter’ clip, click on LIKE (on the actual Facebook page), enjoy the clip and SHARE! Voting closes Friday 8th May 18:00, so we need your LIKES as soon as possible. Thanks!

https://www.facebook.com/JamiesItalianAU

Jubilee Parish participates in this year’s Vinnies Community Sleepout - 22 June 2015

The local St Vincent de Paul conferences are proud to be hosting the first ever Brisbane West Community Sleepout. On Monday, 22nd June, participants will be sleeping out and experiencing homelessness for one night at the GPS Rugby Ground, Ashgrove. We have a broad range of local teachers, business and community people who are taking up the challenge and sleeping out with us. Amongst them is our very own Father Stanley who will be representing Jubilee Parish. With the help of our sleepers we aim to highlight the issue of homelessness within our own community and help those at risk.

It can be hard to imagine that there are people around us who need this kind of help. As an example in a typical fortnight volunteers from our conference visit up to 60 families, couples and singles at risk in Paddington, Red Hill, Ashgrove, Bardon, Newmarket and Kelvin Grove suburbs. Family breakdown, domestic violence, prolonged illness and sudden job loss are common amongst those we assist.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! You can support the Sleepout in two ways:

• Support Father Stanley’s Sleepout: donate to Father Stanley’s page online: http://goo.gl/z7vtA or pop a donation into a specially marked envelope in church this weekend. (All donations over $2 are tax deductible.)

• Signup to Sleepout: Experience it for yourself, registration is free and all members of our local community are invited to participate. Visit http://brisbanewestcommunitysleepout2015.gofundraise.com.au or alternatively contact Richard Robinson 0434 072049, Alison Nicoll 0421365585 or Chris Cahill 0408560039 for details about the event.

A big thanks to local community members that have signed up already, including: Tom Forbes, Biarri; Graeme Chamberlain, Ashgrove State School; David Phillips, NAB Ashgrove; Susie Berkhut, Payne Road State School; Kurtis Pinotta, McGrath Estate Paddington, Cathryn Lloyd, Maverick Minds; Stuart Pullar, Mortgage Choice Ashgrove; Paul Blundell, St George Bank Ashgrove; Study Ninjas; Angela McGinnis; Tegan Welsh, Ashgrove State School and Timothy Cotter, St Peter Chanel Primary School, Lachlan Hastings, Premier Insurance Broker, Helen Henrich, Payne Road State School.

Term 2 School Fees

School fee accounts for Term 2 have been forwarded to parents earlier this week. Please note payment would be appreciated by 22nd May 2015.

If any family is experiencing difficulty with payment of their account, please contact Jan in the office.
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAY SURVEYS
Congratulations to the winners of last week’s Wednesday Active Travel Survey. It’s great to see so many classes challenging for the top spots. Keep up the good work!

4B – 78%
3B – 67%
3G – 56%

CONGRATULATIONS TO 4B, our winners of the Active School Travel Star Class award for April! 4B had the “Highest Percentage of Students Walking to School” in April and were awarded with a certificate and the Star Class Trophy at Monday’s assembly.

The next Star Class award for May will be for the class with the “Highest Percentage of Carpoolers”, and we’re encouraging parents to share the drive to school and take some of the cars off the road for the school drop off.

So find a friend and carpool to school. It’s an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child’s class or at music and sport to see who is going your way.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
Thanks to all the parents who have registered their children for the Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park. Every car taken off Cecil Road at pick up time really makes a difference.

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 April (meet at the office) or contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au

Music News
"Music is a magical gift we must nourish and cultivate in our children, especially now as scientific evidence proves that an education in the arts makes better math and science students, enhances spatial intelligence in newborns, and let's not forget that the arts are a compelling solution to teen violence, certainly not the cause of it!" Michael Greene, Recording Academy President and CEO at the 42nd Annual Grammy Awards, February 2000.

Musical
Our wonderful musical t-shirts have arrived for the students to wear on a Thursday for the musical rehearsals and also to wear for the performances. Many thanks goes to Mrs Vanderzee for organizing the sizings and the distribution of the shirts to all the students.

Choral Festival
Year 5 students will be travelling by bus to Acacia Ridge – Our Lady of Fatima Primary School – on Wednesday 3rd June for a whole day rehearsal of the Choral festival with the other 10 Catholic primary schools. A travel permission note will be sent home closer to the date for completion.

Year 3 Choir
On Friday 15th May the Year 3 choir will be performing a short concert in the hall from 2.15pm - 2:45pm. All are invited to come along and see our talented students performing. Many thanks to the Year 3 teachers for all their support given to me throughout the year.

Stay tuned!!
Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher
St. Joseph’s Bardon 2015 School Photos

Dear Families of St Joseph’s

Many of you will know me as Charli, Jordan or Jett’s Mum or may have attended a function that I have been photographing. For those of you who don’t, I am the person behind the camera at Mel Noonan Creative and I am honoured to have the privilege of capturing the St Joseph’s school photos for 2015.

I am an award winning portrait photographer accredited with the Australian Institute of Professional photographers, and all of my staff are also professionally trained. I believe that school photos should be more than a quick snap and should as best as possible capture your child’s personality and gorgeous smile so that the memory of them at this age can be retained! Attention to detail is of great importance to me and as such I will also be editing all the images to ensure any lunch crumbs are removed!

You are welcome to order via email and pay directly into my account or alternatively I have set up Paypal payment options on my website for you to use the convenience of credit card payments. Please look at all the options before purchasing as there are some packages that add sibling packs at a cheaper rate when added to a regular pack.

If you have any questions or special requests please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to meeting all of your children in the coming weeks

Kind regards

Mel Noonan
St Joseph’s Bardon
2015 School Photo Packages

**Inclusive Package**
Laminated class photo (approx. 8x11 inch)

PLUS
Individual photo pack including:
- One 6x9 inch
- Two 5x7 inch
- Four Wallet size

(Bonus digital file available via email) $35

**Class photo only**
Laminated class photo (approx. 8x11 inch) $20

**Individual Portrait pack (no class purchased)**
Individual photo pack including:
- One 6x9 inch
- Two 5x7 inch
- Four Wallet size

(Bonus digital file available via email) $25

**Individual portrait only**
One 6x9 inch portrait $20

**Sibling portrait pack (no individual pack purchased)**
Sibling photo pack including:
- One 6x9 inch
- Two 5x7 inch
- Four Wallet size

(Bonus digital file available via email) $25

**SIBLING PACK AVAILABLE AS ADD-ON TO ALL OTHER PACKS** $15

Payment options:
1. Email me your order and pay via Direct credit BSB 704865 ACC 00035108 M Noonan leaving your child’s surname as reference
2. Order online direct from my website and pay with your credit card via Paypal ($2 surcharge per order) go to [http://melnoonancreative.com.au/clients/stjosephs2015/](http://melnoonancreative.com.au/clients/stjosephs2015/) & you will see the pack options. **When directed to Paypal please leave your Child’s name & class as reference in the notes section that you open under your address**

INAUGURAL SPECIAL $2 from every Inclusive pack to be donated back to the P&F

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any special requests for your child’s portraits. All sibling portrait requests must be emailed to me by **22 MAY** at mel@melnoonancreative.com.au in order for these to be captured.

Photos will be delivered to the school approximately 4-6 weeks after photo day.
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday 23rd May
4.30pm - 8.30pm
St Joseph’s School Oval

Place Orders on Flexi-Schools

**CHILDREN $20/CHILD - LANYARD VALUE**

PACKAGE that includes: Gluten Free Hot Dog, Choc Top, Pop Corn, Illuminated Light Spring Water, Popper

**ADULTS TICKETS $7**

**Gourmet Cheese Hamper for Two** are also available for purchase. Hampers include a wonderful selection of cheese, Saba artisan bread and accompaniments for two (knife included)

Food available to purchase on the night

CASH BAR available on the night

Children’s Lanyards

EXCLUSIVE Grange Raffle Tickets

Buy MOVIE Tickets

Multiple raffles drawn on the night

Gourmet Hampers
EXCLUSIVE RAFFLE

GRANGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1951-2010

2010 VINTAGE
VARIETAL SHIRAZ
VINTAGE 2010

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON FLEXI-SCHOOLS WEBSITE

LIMITED TO 100 TICKETS $50 PER TICKET

VALUED AT $780

St Joseph’s Parents & Friends
Serving our Community with Humility, Care & Respect
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.

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.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Sale

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

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.stjosephsbardon.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 Can Too 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 Can Too 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:

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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